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Fig. 1.

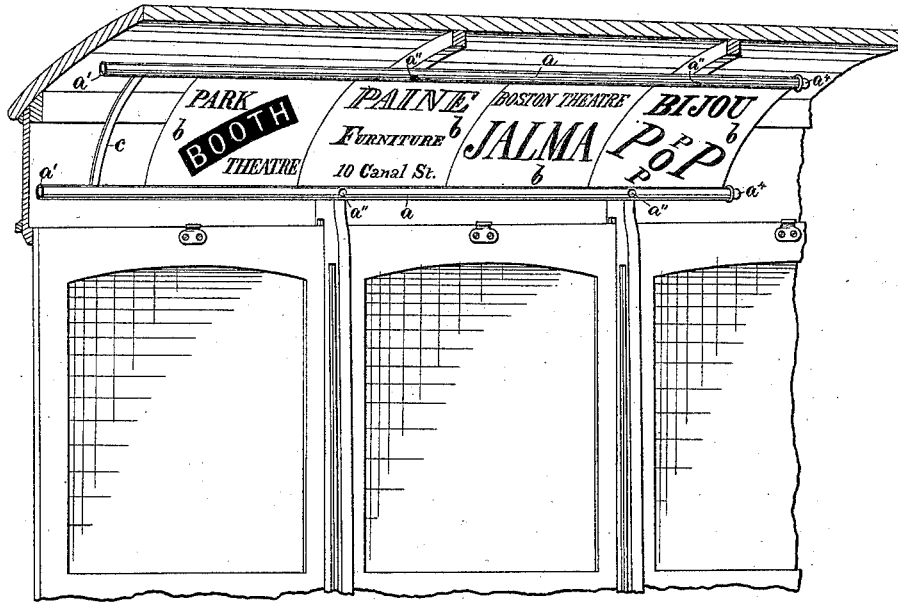


Fig. 3.

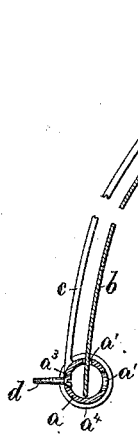
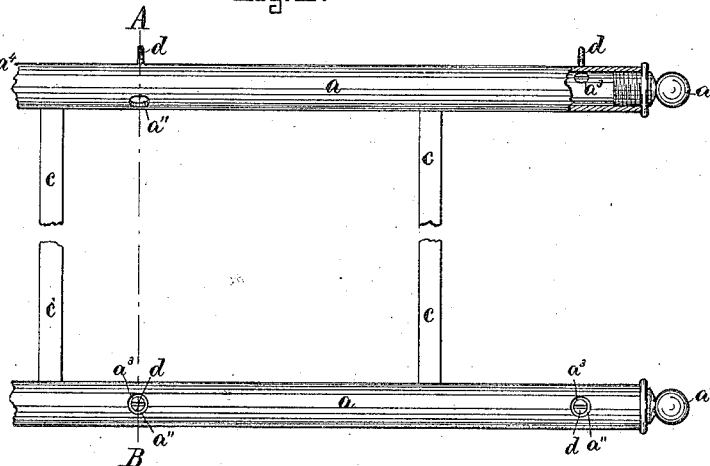


Fig. 2.



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ADVERTISING-RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN N. AKARMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Somerville, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising-Racks; and I do hereby declare that the same are fully described in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in advertising-racks, for the purpose of holding advertising or notice cards in public conveyances, or public or other places, and to enable such cards to be changed or removed and others replaced with great ease.

The invention is carried out as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, where Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the improved rack applied to the inside of a horse or steam car. Fig. 2 represents a partial front elevation of the same; and Fig. 3 represents a cross-section on the line A B, shown in Fig. 2.

Similar letters refer to similar parts, wherever they occur, on the different parts of the drawings.

The card-rack consists of a pair of hollow metal pipes or wooden bars, *a a*, which are secured on the inside of a car horizontally or in other directions a proper distance apart, according to the size of the cards that are to be held in the rack. Each pipe or bar is slitted from end to end on one side by means of a saw or rotary or other cutter forming a groove or slit, *a'*, on the under side of the upper pipe or bar, and on the upper side of the lower pipe or bar, as shown in Fig. 3.

b b represent the advertising-cards intended to be held in the rack. Such cards may be made of paper, pasteboard, leather board, or metal, or may be backed with metal, to strengthen them, if so desired, the upper and lower edges of such cards being inserted from the end of the pipes or bars *a a* into the slits *a' a'* in position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

c c represent stays or braces secured to the upper and lower slitted pipes or bars, *a a*, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, for the purpose of keeping said pipes or bars at the proper distance apart. At suitable distances apart are

made perforations *a'' a''* through the front portions of the pipes *a a*, such perforations being large enough to permit the head of the fastening-screws *d d* to pass through loosely. Diametrically opposite the front perforations, *a''*, are made smaller perforations, *a'''*, through the rear portions of the pipes *a a*, as shown in Fig. 3, which latter perforations are made only large enough to permit the body of the fastening-screws *d* to pass through, by which arrangement the pipes *a a* may easily be secured from the front, by means of ordinary wood-screws, to the wall or other object to which the rack is to be fastened. Each pipe or bar *a* is provided in its ends with screw-caps or plugs *a⁴ a⁴*, as shown in Fig. 2, to prevent the cards from working out at the ends of the slitted pipes *a a*. Such plugs may be screwed into the ends of the pipes or bars *a a*, or on the outside of the latter, as may be desired.

This invention has several advantages over ordinary card-racks, as it is very neat in appearance, it can be attached to a wall or detached from it with the greatest ease, the cards can be secured to it without waste of time and without the need of tacks, nails, or screws, and when in place the cards are held very firmly and not liable to get detached by jarring motions of the vehicle or conveyance in which the improved rack is used. It is particularly well adapted as an advertising-rack for horse-cars or similar vehicles, although it is equally useful for steam-cars, steam-boats, hotels, or public or other buildings, where advertising or notice cards are to be posted.

I am aware that it has been proposed to make a show-rack for watches by slitting a tube longitudinally, and after introducing a headed hook in said slit supporting the tube by passing its ends through upright posts. Under such construction, however, the slits are not in the opposing faces of the tubes, and the tubes must be detached from their supports every time the ring is inserted or withdrawn.

I am also aware that it has been proposed to set a cup, with a perforation through its bottom, into a stair-rod; then pass a headed screw through the cup with its head inside the same, and then close the mouth of the cup by an ornamental button or cap. My invention dif-

fers from the above in being adapted for other uses, and in the construction of parts and their combinations specified in the following claim.

5 Having thus fully described the nature, construction, and operation of my invention, I wish to secure by Letters Patent and claim—

In an advertising-rack, the combination of the slitted pipes or bars *a a'*, the braces *c c*,
10 front perforations, *a''*, rear perforations, *a'''*,

and fastening-screws *d*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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