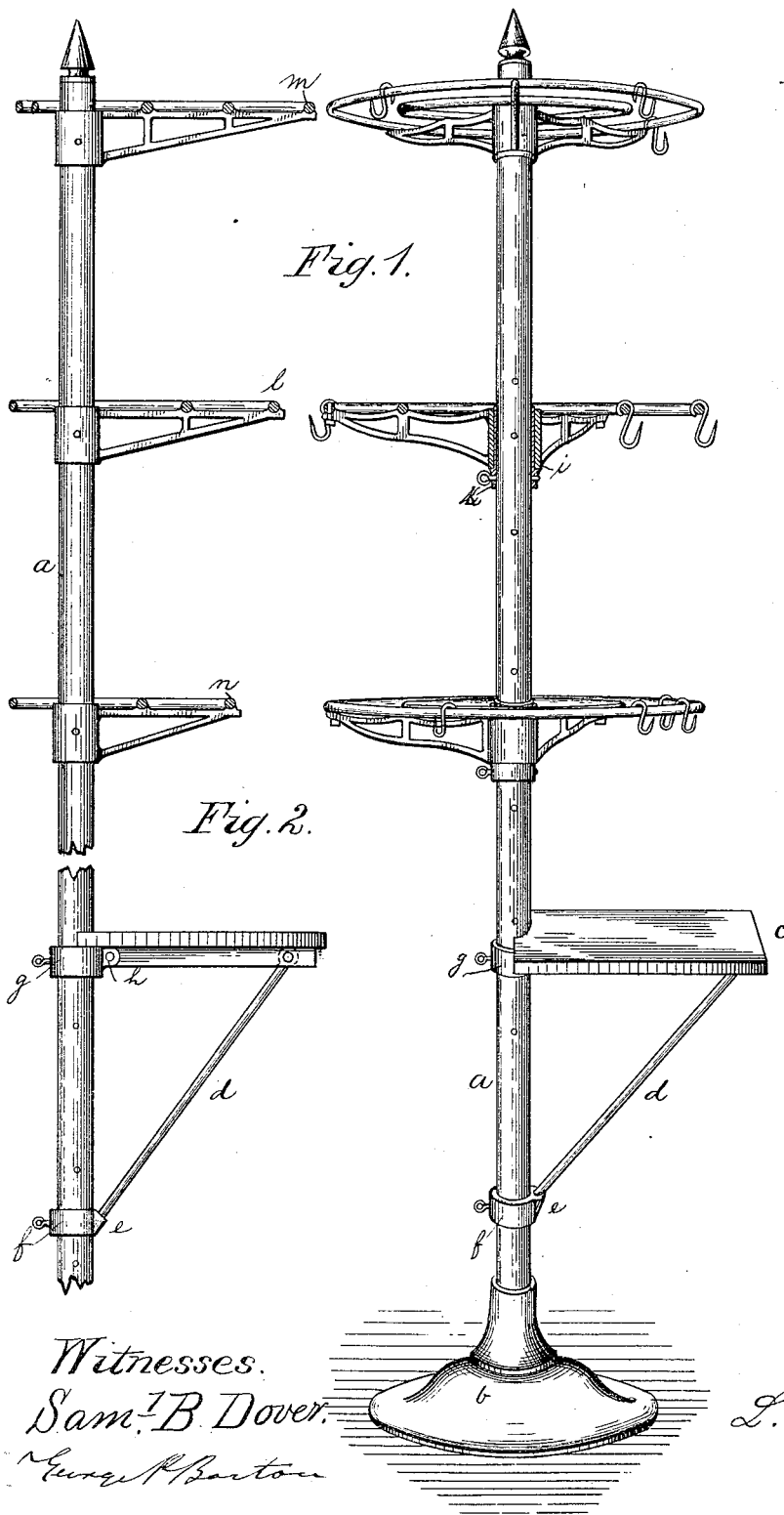


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUTHER M. EIRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combination Rack and Table, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to racks for hanging up meats, fruit, and other articles which are commonly offered for sale in grocery-stores; and it consists of a standard or pole with sets of concentric rings placed thereon, one set above the other, and so arranged that the rings of each set may be of different sizes from the rings of the set immediately following above or below.

My invention also consists in an adjustable table or leaf, in combination with the standard or support of the rack placed below the lower set of rings, and so arranged that articles as they are taken down may be placed upon the table and cut up or wrapped up, as may be desired.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a perspective view of my combination rack and table. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, partly in section, showing the upper sets of rings larger than the lower, so that articles hung upon the outer ring of one of the upper sets of rings may fall outside the outer ring of the set below.

Like parts are indicated by similar letters of reference in the different figures.

The standard or pole *a* is supported by the base *b*, which may be of the size required by the height and weight of the rack and the purposes for which it is designed. I preferably secure the base to the floor by screws, so that the rack may be stable at all times. The table-leaf *c* is shown extended horizontally, and supported in this position by the brace *d*, which is pivoted to the lower side of the table, as shown, while the lower end of said brace rests in the socket *e*, which is provided in the adjustable collar *f*. By means of a

set-screw or pin this collar may be secured at any desired height upon the pole. The corresponding collar, *g*, to which the table-leaf is pivoted at *h*, may in like manner be adjusted or moved up and down upon the pole and secured at any desired height thereon.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the hub *i* and the thimble *k* of the middle set of rings in section. It will be seen that the thimble is adjustable up and down upon the pole, and that the hub is free to turn upon the thimble in either direction. Any set of rings may thus be moved up and down and turned in either direction upon or about the pole.

In some cases I find it necessary to economize space as much as possible by placing the rings as near together as may be, so that articles hung upon the outer ring of one set may hang down below the outer ring of the next set below. I therefore preferably make the different sets of rings gradually diminish in size from the upper to the lower, so that the outer ring of any given set may come under and about midway between the two outer rings of the set immediately above. Thus, as shown in Fig. 2, the ring *l* of the second set has a radius less than the radius of ring *m* of the first set, but greater than the radius of ring *n* of said first set. Articles suspended upon ring *m* will thus fall outside of ring *l*. Other articles suspended upon ring *l* will hang in a circle around the outer ring of the lower or third set of rings.

Any required number of hooks may be secured upon the rings, as shown in Fig. 1. These hooks are preferably of the form shown, and bent down upon the rings, so that they may not fall off.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination, with the pole or standard *a*, of the sets of rings placed about the pole and adjustable thereon, the table-leaf placed under the rings and adapted to be adjusted up and down, and secured at any desired height with respect to said rings, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, with the pole or standard, of the sets of rings arranged concentric-

ally in each set, the rings of the upper sets being of greater diameters than the rings of the succeeding sets, whereby articles suspended from the outer ring of one set will be suspended in a circle outside the outer ring of the set next below, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. The combination, with the pole or standard *a*, of rings placed at different heights thereon and adapted to be adjusted up and down,

the table-leaf placed under the rings, and means for holding said leaf horizontally and at any desired height with respect to the rings, as and for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 26th day of February, A. D. 1886.

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