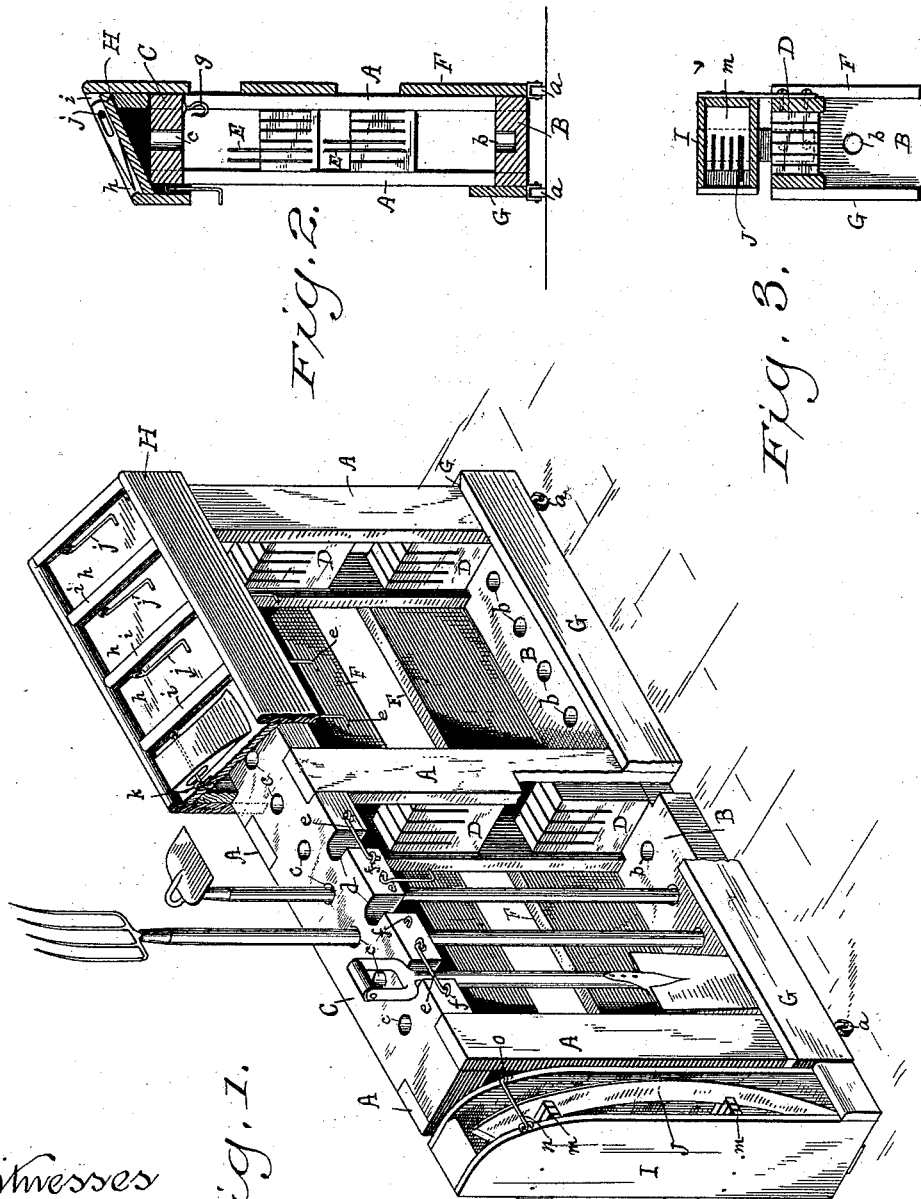


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERMAN C. BESSE, of Butternut, in the county of Ashland, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks for Tools; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to display-racks for tools; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts, to be hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my device partly broken away; Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section, and Fig. 3 a horizontal section, of a portion of said device.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A represents a series of standards mortised or otherwise secured in pairs to a base B and top C, the standards being braced by blocks D, that are vertically grooved to form supports for saw-blades E. Longitudinal braces F are preferably employed to connect the rear ones of the standards A, and a molding G is extended along the front and ends of the base B. I also prefer to attach casters *a* to the base B, the latter being provided with a series of sockets *b*, that correspond with a series of openings *c* in the top C, to receive the handles of hoes, pitchforks, ax-handles, and other agricultural tools. The top C is also provided upon its front edge with a series of recesses *d*, that receive the handles of spades, &c., the latter being retained in place by means of hooks *e* and eyes *f*, as is best illustrated in Fig. 1. Depending from the under side of the top C are hooks *g*, on which to hang small tools of various kinds, one of these hooks being shown in Fig. 2.

Detachably connected to the top C of the rack is an inclined frame H, divided into spaces *h* by means of cross-strips *i*, these spaces being for the reception of ax-heads held in place by means of hooks *j*, passed through their eyes and engaged by staples *k*, as is best shown in Fig. 1. When the inclined frame is employed upon the rack, the latter will only be used to display ax-handles

and saw-blades, said frame being detached when said rack is employed for the purpose of displaying hoes, pitchforks, and other tools having long handles.

Detachably connected to the one end of the rack above described is a casing I, provided upon its interior with grooved blocks *m*, for engagement with scythe-blades J, the latter being retained in the casing by a hook *n* and eye *o*, connected to the front edges of said casing, as shown in Fig. 1.

The inclined frame H and casing I are detachable from the rack as a matter of convenience, and can be set up for themselves, if found necessary or desirable.

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

1. A display-rack for tools that comprises a series of standards, a base, top, and a series of grooved braces joined to the standards, the base provided with a series of sockets and the top with a series of perforations corresponding to said sockets, substantially as set forth.

2. A display-rack for tools that comprises a series of standards, a base, top, and series of grooved braces joined to the standards, a molding extended around the base, the latter provided with a series of sockets, the top provided with a series of perforations corresponding to said sockets and recessed at intervals along its front edge, eyes connected to said front edge of the top, and hooks for engagement with the eyes to close the recesses, substantially as set forth.

3. A display-rack for tools that comprises a series of standards, a base, top, and series of grooved braces joined to the standards, the base provided with a series of sockets, the top provided with a series of perforations corresponding to said sockets, an inclined frame detachably connected to said top, and hooks and eyes arranged at intervals on said frame, substantially as set forth.

4. A display-rack for tools that comprises a series of standards, a base, top, and series of grooved braces joined to the standards, the base provided with a series of sockets, the top provided with a series of perforations corresponding to said sockets, a casing de-

tachably connected to one end of the rack,  
grooved blocks arranged within the casing,  
and a hook and eye connected to the front  
edges of said casing, substantially as set forth.

5 5. A display-rack for tools that comprises  
the standards A, the base B, top C, and blocks  
D, joined to said standards, the inclined frame  
H, detachably connected to said top, and the  
10 casing I, similarly connected to an end of the  
rack, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I  
have hereunto set my hand, at Butternut, in  
the county of Ashland and State of Wisconsin,  
in the presence of two witnesses.

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