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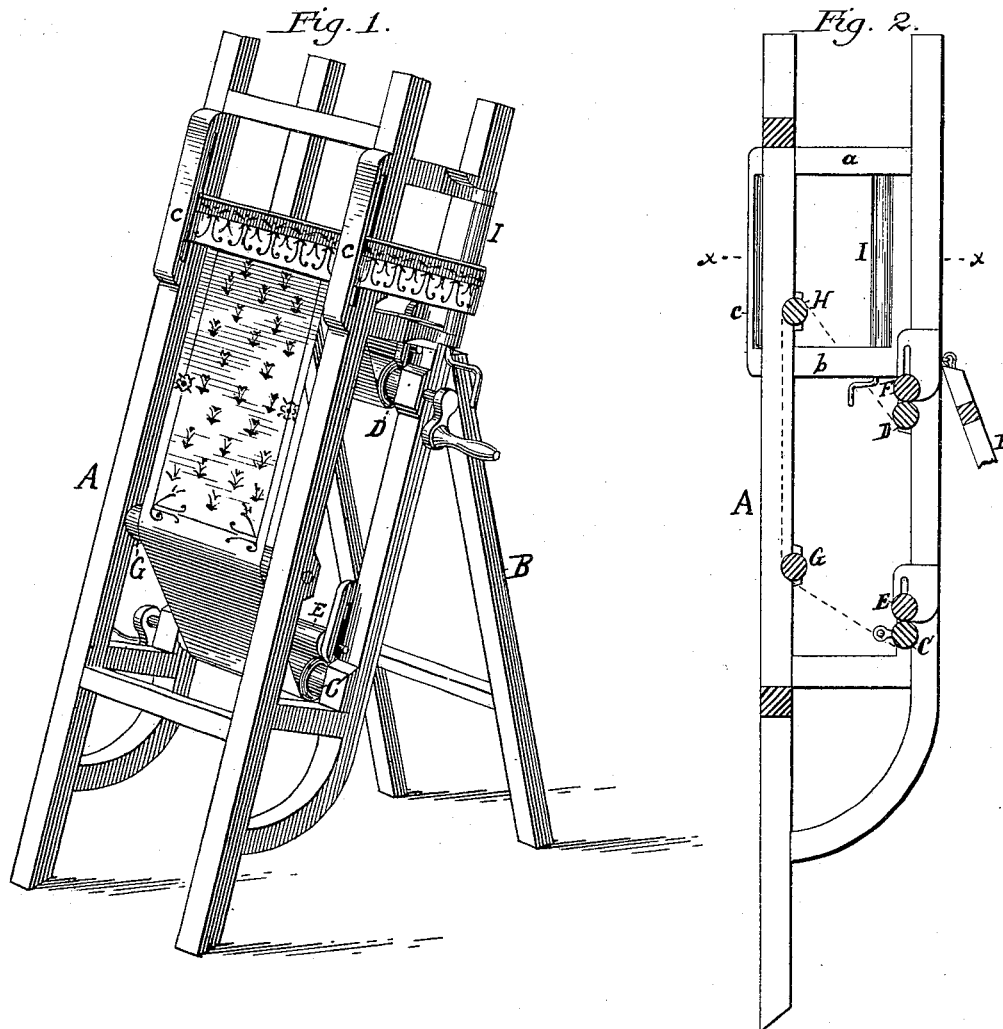
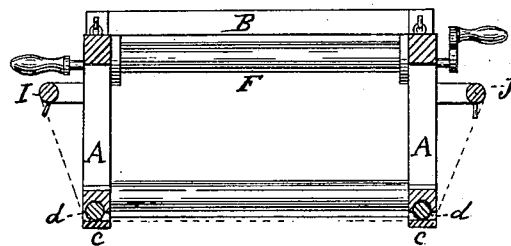


Fig. 3.



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## WALL-PAPER EXHIBITOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OCTAVIUS A. WRIGHT, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wall-Paper Exhibitors; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has for its object to produce an apparatus in which to exhibit an assortment of wall-paper and border in such relative position to each other that the purchaser can make his selections with expedience; and it consists of the arrangement of a series of rollers, over which pieces of the several designs of wall-paper, connected together by pasting so as to form a continuous sheet, are stretched and wound vertically, and, in combination therewith, of another series of rollers rectangularly placed to the other rollers, for guiding and winding horizontally over the upper edge of such wall-paper different designs of border, that are similarly connected and made continuous, in a manner to enable the exhibiting of either wall-paper with either border, all as hereinafter described and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the entire apparatus; Fig. 2, a longitudinal vertical section through the center of the same, and Fig. 3 a horizontal section on line *xx* in Fig. 2.

Corresponding letters in the several figures of the drawings designate like parts.

A denotes the main frame of the apparatus, which is composed each side of two timbers framed parallel with each other and connected together by suitable braces, and B the prop-frame that is hinged to the main frame.

To the rear timbers of the main frame are pivoted horizontally in suitable boxes two rollers, C and D, each having a crank to the end of one of its gudgeons by which to rotate it, and over these rollers C and D are pivoted in vertically-sliding boxes rollers E and F. Upon the rollers C or D the wall-paper is alternately wound or unwound, and the rollers E and F will act as tension-rollers for causing such paper to wind close upon such rollers C or D, and not to unwind of its own accord.

G and H are rollers pivoted in suitable bearings that are secured to the front timbers of frame A. These rollers G and H will guide the wall-paper intermediate of rollers C and D, so as to hold it stretched between the front timbers of such frame A.

Between the upper braces, *a* and *b*, of frame A are pivoted two rollers, I and J, each provided with a crank. Upon these rollers I or J is wound the border. This border is composed of pieces of the several patterns in the same manner as the wall-paper, and is passed through behind guide-strips *c* and over guide-rollers *d* in front of frame A, and in a position that such border will overlap and will be in close proximity with the upper edge of the wall-paper that is stretched over the guide-rollers G and H. By this arrangement, as will be readily understood, any sectional pattern of the border can be moved over any consecutive design of wall-paper, and vice versa, and it is thereby comparatively easy for the purchaser to make a selection that will suit his taste, and will therefore be convenient to such purchaser and time-saving to the dealer.

The apparatus can be made up in many fancy and ornamental styles, and so as to have an artificial and elaborate appearance, and the mechanical portions of the apparatus can be closed in; and the front may be provided with a glass door or cover, or with a screen for excluding dust and flies, for the purpose of keeping the paper clean.

What I claim is—

1. An apparatus for exhibiting wall-paper, having horizontal rollers for winding and guiding such wall-paper in a vertical direction and vertical rollers for winding and guiding the border transversely of the wall-paper and in close contact therewith, in order that such wall-paper and border may be exhibited in the position they would assume when in use, substantially as set forth.

2. An apparatus for exhibiting wall-paper, having rollers C, D, G, and H for winding and guiding such wall-paper and rollers I, J, and *d* for winding and guiding the border in a direction transverse to the line of travel of the wall-paper and in close contact therewith, the whole being constructed and arranged to operate substantially in the manner set forth.

3. In an apparatus for exhibiting wall-paper,

the rollers C and D, provided with cranks, the  
tension-rollers E and F, and the guide-rollers  
G and H, in combination with the rollers I and  
J, having cranks, and the guide-rollers *d*, the  
5 whole being arranged within a frame, A, sub-  
stantially in the manner and for the purpose  
set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
my invention I affix my signature in presence  
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