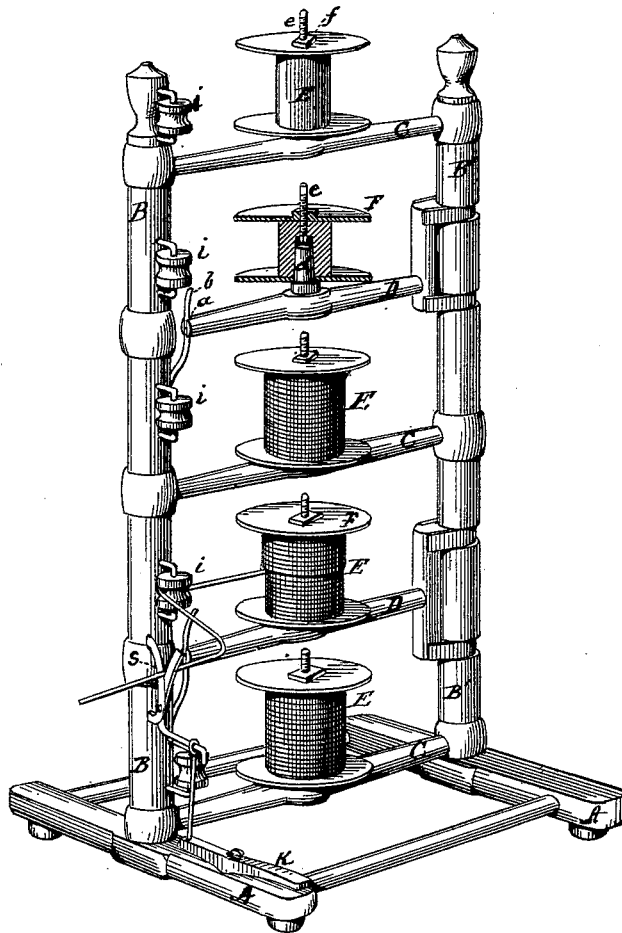


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## IMPROVEMENT IN ROPE-HOLDING DEVICES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT B. WHITE, of Chetopah, Labette county, State of Kansas, have invented a new and Improved Rack and Spools for Holding Rope; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part of this specification, in which the figure is a perspective view of my invention.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient means for holding rope; and it consists in a series of reels mounted on spindles set on cross-supports in uprights, each alternate cross-support being movable to accommodate the removing and replacing of the reels and rope.

In order that those skilled in the art may make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawing, A is a frame-base, from which rise two supports, B B', provided with cross fixed supports C C and swinging supporting-brackets D D, arranged alternately with bars or supports C C, and hinged to the upright B'. The loose ends of brackets D D are provided with grooves *a a*, which engage in springs *b b* on upright B, and keep them in position when closed. Each of the cross-pieces C and D is provided at its center with an upright spindle, *d*, on which is placed loosely a reel, E, for containing the rope. The upper flanges F of these reels are removable by means of screws *e* and nuts *f*, so the coil of rope can

be set over the roller of the reel and the upper plate then screwed down. On standard or upright B, opposite each reel, are pulleys *i*, through each of which is rove the end of the rope on the corresponding reel. At the base of standard B is a pair of heavy cutting-shears, S, constructed as shown, and connected to a foot-treadle, K, to operate them and cut the rope as lengths are measured off.

It will be apparent that when the reels on supports or brackets D D are empty, the supports can be swung around and the spools or reels removed for placing on a new coil of rope. When the brackets D are so swung out of position it affords room to lift off the reels from the fixed supports C C for the same purpose.

I thus provide a very convenient and useful rack for holding various sizes of rope when it is desired to measure off and sell irregular lengths.

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

1. The supports B B', in combination with a series of fixed and swinging supports and spindles for holding reels, substantially as described.

2. The swinging supports or brackets D D, in combination with supporting-upright B', reel E, and spindle *d*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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