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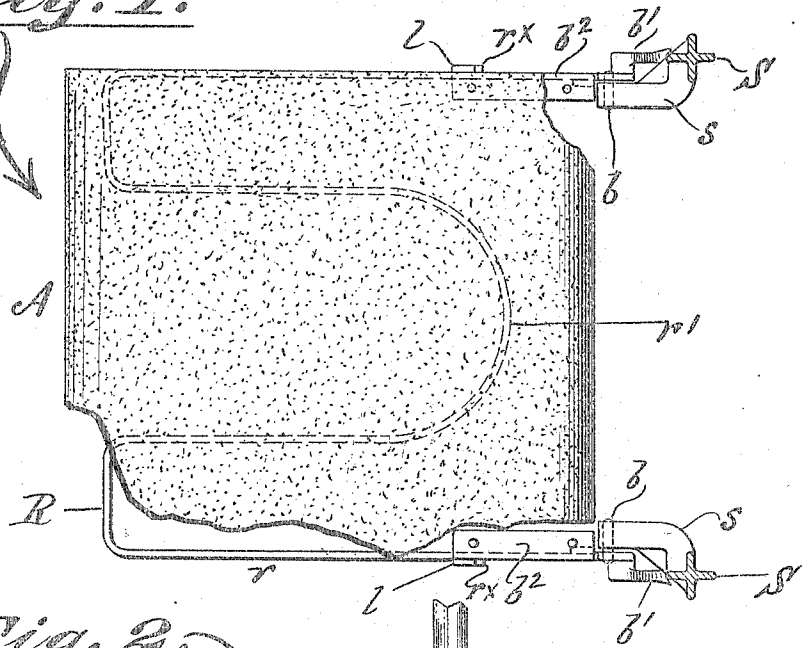


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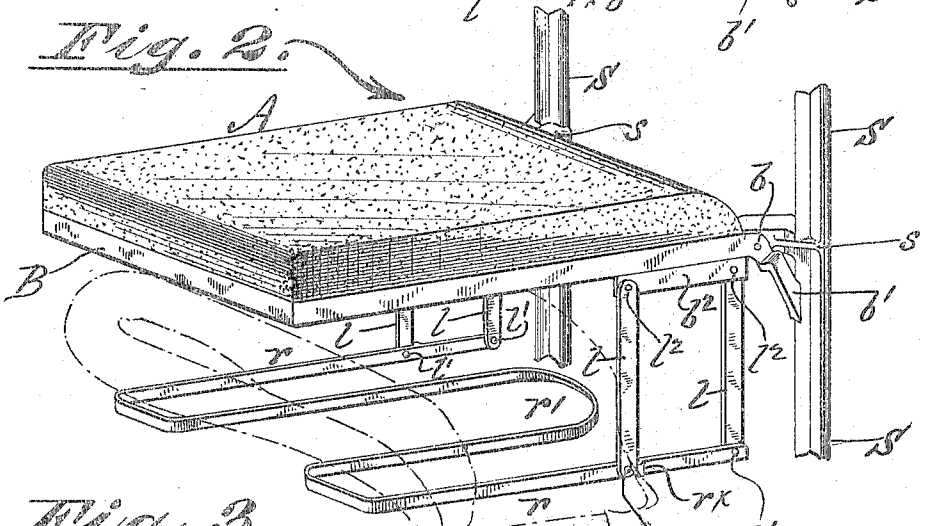
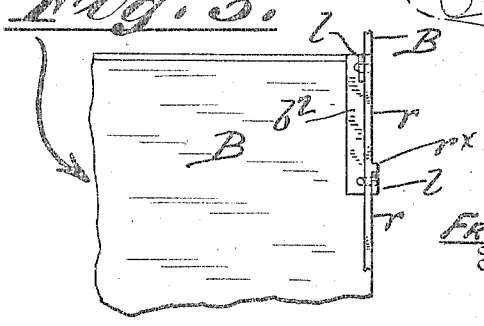


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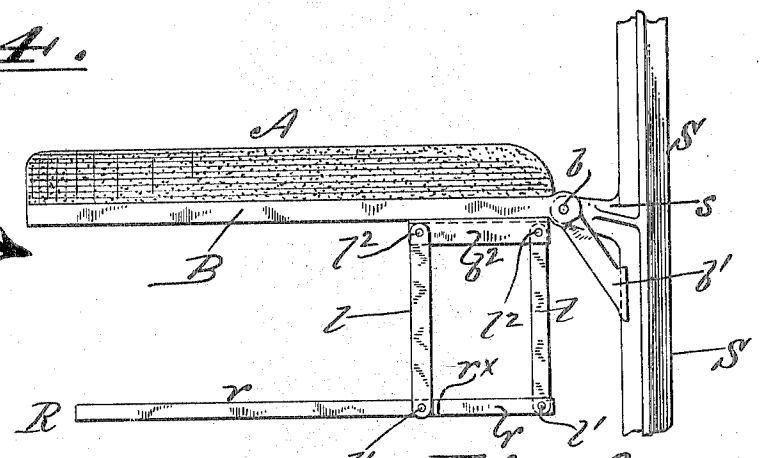


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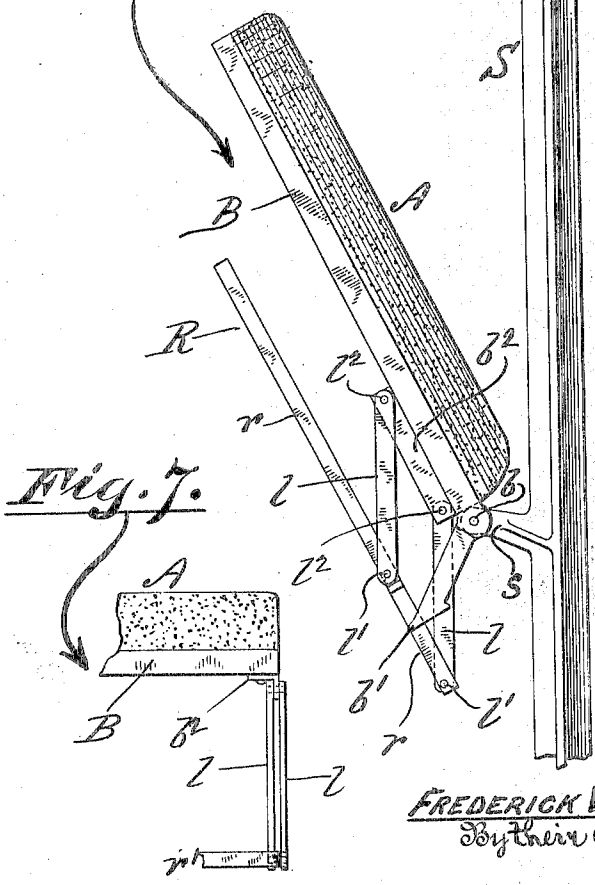


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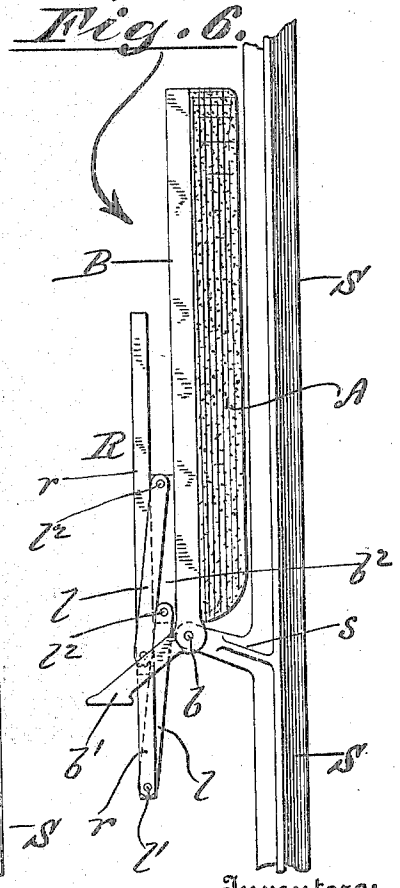


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FREDERICK W. ZEIDLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jersey City, county of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, and CARL HALPERN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Hat and Garment Supports for Foldable Seats, of which the following is a specification.

While applicable for use wherever foldable seats and economy of space are desiderata, our improved seat is designed and adapted particularly for use in places of amusement and auditoriums generally, and as an auxiliary seat for automobiles and other vehicles.

The invention consists in the specific construction and arrangement of parts described and claimed, the distinctive features being the skeleton configuration of the foldable garment rack having a medial hat loop and side members formed in one piece, and the method of articularly supporting it on the under side of the seat by means of parallel suspending links positioned at the rear of the seat and rack, and adjacent to the pivotal support of the seat, so as to afford unobstructed frontal and side spaces between said rack and seat whereby a garment to be shelved may be folded loosely and allowed to protrude on either side of the rack, as hereinafter fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings,

Figure 1, is a top view of our improved foldable seat, extended horizontally and broken away in part;

Fig. 2, is a perspective view of the same, illustrating by dotted lines the method of supporting a garment thereon;

Fig. 3, is a view of a portion of the under side of the seat looking in the direction indicated by the arrow 3, Fig. 2;

Fig. 4, is a side elevation of our improved foldable seat extended horizontally;

Fig. 5, is a side elevation of our seat partly raised;

Fig. 6, is a side elevation of the seat in its raised or retracted position;

Fig. 7, is a front elevation of a portion of the seat when in horizontal position.

S, S, represent fixed standards on which the seat A, is pivotally supported, although this construction is only shown by way of exemplification, since the seat A, may be pivotally connected with any suitable or desired means of support. With this understanding, the base frame B, of the seat A, is shown as pivotally attached at b, b, to bracket arms s, s, on the inner sides of the standards S, S, as shown more particularly in Fig. 1, of the drawings, and the base frame B, is formed with rear extensions b', b', which, when the seat A, is positioned horizontally, as in Figs. 1, 2 and 4, rest against the standards S, S, and sustain the seat in that position.

We are aware that folding and other types of seats have heretofore been formed with hat holders or racks rigidly attached to their under sides, and we make no claim thereto in a broad sense, the novelty of our new and improved form of folding seat consisting in combining with it an apparel rack R, of special skeleton construction, formed with the medial hat loop r', in one piece with the side members r, r, and in attaching said rack to the seat by means of parallel suspender links l, l, positioned at the rear, and adjacent to the pivotal supports b, b, of the seat, so as to afford unobstructed frontal and side spaces between said skeleton rack and seat, when the latter is lowered, for the accommodation of a loosely folded garment which may protrude laterally as related to the rack and seat, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2, of the drawings.

To this end our skeleton garment rack R, consists essentially of the side bars r, r, and the medial loop r', the latter for the accommodation of a hat crown, the rim of the hat being supported on the side members of said loop r', in a manner well known in the art as related to the hat loops heretofore attached rigidly to the under side of seats.

The suspender loops l, l, are pivotally attached, as at l', l', directly to the rear portions of the side bars r, r, of the rack R, and indirectly as at l^2, l^2, to the rear portions of the seat base B, by means of brackets b^2, b^2, upon the under side of the latter, although said brackets b^2, b^2, are not an essential feature of our construction and arrangement of parts.

By reference to Fig. 6, it will be seen that when the seat is raised into vertical position, the protrusion of our rack R, beyond the seat base B, is no greater than that of the usual rigidly attached hat rack hereto-

fore in vogue in connection with folding seats.

The collapsible rack and connections operate automatically when the seat is raised or lowered, the links *l*, *l*, conforming by gravity to any change in position of said seat. Hence in order to limit the rear thrust of the rack R, stop means are provided for the purpose, as for instance, shoulders r^x, r^x, on the side members *r*, *r*, of the rack arranged to contact with the suspender links, *l*, *l*, when the seat is lowered, as in Figs. 2 and 4.

It is to be understood that by the term wearing apparel as used herein we mean to include head wear as well as garments, either or both, being supportable on our rack.

Our skeleton rack is simple, unobstructive and inexpensive, and well adapted to the requirements of moving picture and other auditoriums where economy of space is essential.

What we claim as our invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In combination with a folding seat of the character designated, a skeleton rack, for the support of wearing apparel, suspended on the rear portion of the seat adjacent to its pivotal support by gravitating parallel suspender links pivotally connected with both seat and rack, thereby affording unobstructed frontal and side spaces between seat and rack for the accommodation of a garment and means limiting the rear thrust of said rack.

2. In combination with a folding seat of the character designated, a skeleton rack, for the support of wearing apparel, suspended on the rear portion of the seat adjacent to its pivotal support by parallel suspender links pivotally connected with both seat and rack, thereby affording unobstructed frontal and side spaces between seat and rack for the accommodation of a garment, said skeleton rack being formed with a medial hat loop, for the purpose described.

3. In combination with a folding seat of the character designated, a skeleton rack for the support of wearing apparel comprising side members and a medial hat loop formed in one piece, and gravitating parallel suspender links pivotally connected with both seat and rack and means on the side members of the rack engageable with said links, when the seat is lowered, to limit the rear thrust of the rack.

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