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Clothes Frame.

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Fig. 2.

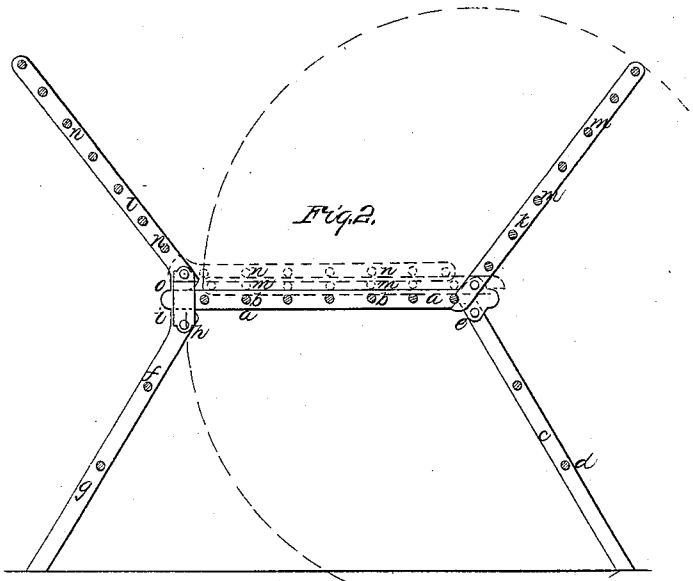


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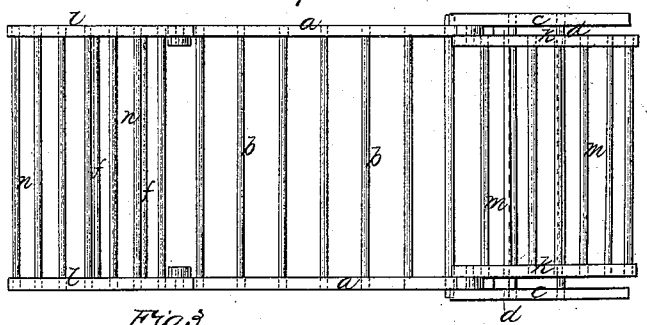
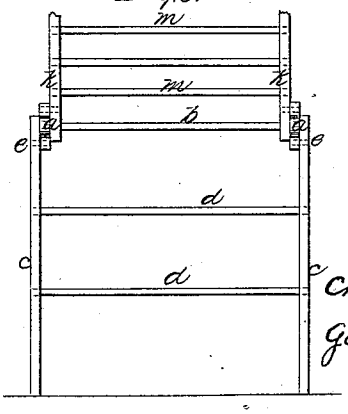


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED CLOTHES-DRIER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, MILES B. WHEATON, of the city and State of New York, have invented and made a certain new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Driers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan of said clothes-drier as unfolded for use.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, in a corresponding position; and

Figure 3 is an end view of the same.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

My invention consists in two pairs of folding legs combined with a horizontal frame, with cross-pieces, over which to hang clothes, and with a pair of folding frames, hinged so that they can be swung into an inclined position to the horizontal frame, and increase the capacity of the drier for holding clothes, when desired.

In the drawing, *a a* are the side-pieces, and *b b* the cross-rungs or slats forming a horizontal frame. *c c* are legs, joined by the rungs or slats *d d*, and hinged at *e* to the frame *a b*, so that it will fold up against the under side of the said frame, as indicated by the red arc. When opened, the upper ends of the legs *c* come against the end slats *b*, to prevent the legs turning further.

The legs *g g* are united by the slats *f f*, and hinged at *h* by the bracket-pieces, so as to fold up outside of the legs *c c* when swung together, as indicated by the blue line. A knuckle at *i*, coming against the under side of the frame *a*, prevents the legs *g* turning too far.

The swinging frames *k* and , united, respectively, by the cross-pieces *m* and *n*, are united near the ends of the frame *a*, and when folded in the position shown by the red and blue lines, the rungs or cross-pieces *m*, *n*, and *b*, are on line, one above the other, and when spread, the respective frames stand in the positions indicated by the black lines, the frame *k m* being sustained by the lower ends of the pieces *k* coming in contact with the end slat *b*, and the knuckles *o* on the frame *l n* taking upon the upper surface of *a*, sustain said frame.

This folding clothes-drier occupies but little space when folded, and when spread will receive and sustain a large amount of clothes while drying, or airing after being ironed.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The frame *a b*, with the two pairs of legs *c g*, one pair provided with knuckles *i*, the other resting against the rungs *b*, to admit of the parts being folded parallel, as shown.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature, this twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1868.

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