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Fig. 1.

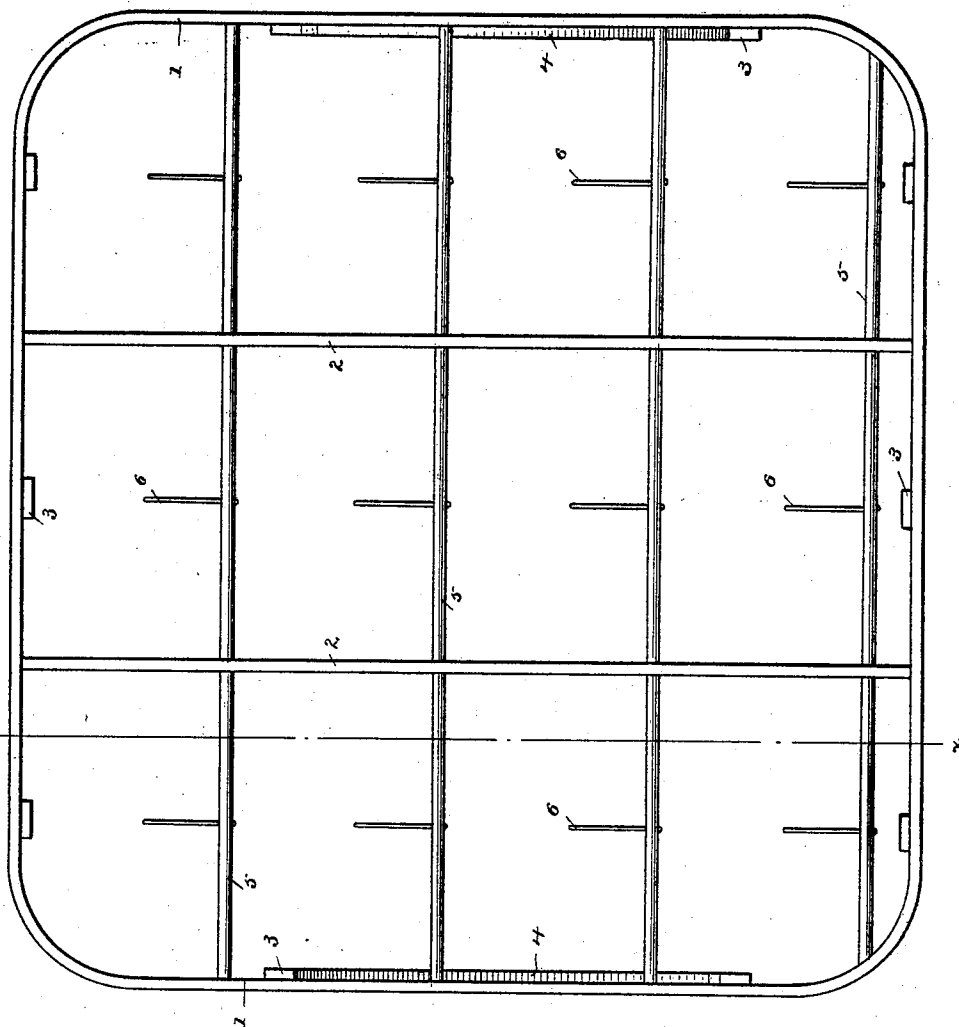
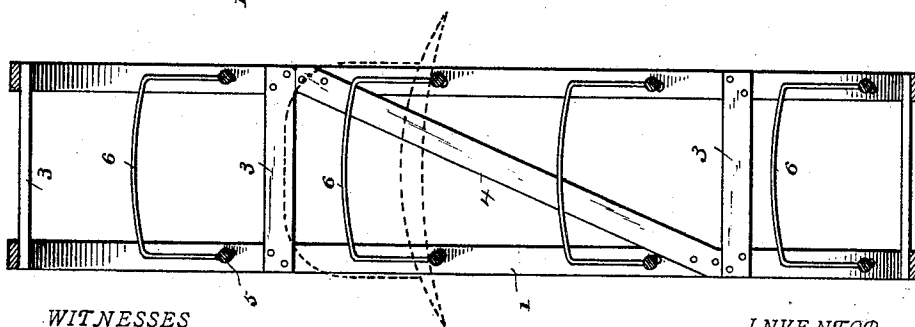


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADELBERT L. VAN BENSCHOTEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Danbury, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to produce a hat-rack which shall be simple and strong, very much more durable than the ordinary racks in use, which may be easily moved about the floor without lifting, and which shall be comparatively inexpensive to produce.

With these ends in view I have devised the simple and novel hat-rack which I will now describe, referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my novel rack complete, and Fig. 2 is a section on the line *xx* in Fig. 1.

1 denotes the side pieces of my novel rack, which are made of continuous strips of hard wood bent so as to be rounded at the corners. The side pieces are supported by uprights 2, cross-pieces 3 at top, bottom, and ends, and diagonal braces 4 at the ends, said diagonal braces running in opposite directions, as indicated in Fig. 1. This construction enables me to produce a rack which will stand an almost unlimited amount of hard usage without breaking and which may be easily moved about the floor without lifting, no feet being required, the rack resting simply upon the side pieces, which are rounded at the corners. 5 denotes longitudinal strips extending from end to end of each side piece and passing through the uprights, four of these strips being ordinarily used, the racks holding a dozen hats each. The longitudinal strips in each side piece are directly opposite each other, as shown in Fig. 2.

6 denotes hat-holders, preferably made of wire, the ends of each holder being secured to

opposite longitudinal strips and the wire of each holder extending upward a suitable distance from one longitudinal strip, then across and down to the other longitudinal strip, as is clearly shown in Fig. 2.

In practice I carry the holders straight up from the longitudinal strips a suitable distance to hold the hat securely in place, the inward bend of the wire being abrupt, so as to leave a rounded corner, but not a curve. The object of this is to prevent the possibility of the hats slipping off the rack and becoming soiled by contact with the floor when the racks are moved carelessly about the shop.

The position of a hat upon a rack is shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2. It will be seen that ordinary moving about or even tilting of the rack will not displace the hats, as they will simply come in contact with the straight ends of the holders and be retained thereby in position on the rack.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A hat-rack consisting of side pieces formed from continuous strips of wood bent to shape and rounded at the corners, uprights in each side piece, cross-pieces connecting the two side pieces, diagonal braces at the ends, and longitudinal strips extending from end to end of the side pieces and passing through the uprights.

2. The combination, with the side pieces, uprights, cross-pieces, and longitudinal strips of a hat-rack, of hat-holders extending from each longitudinal strip across to the opposite longitudinal strip, said holders extending upward from one strip and then across and down to the other strip, the ends of said holders being high enough to engage the interior of the hat and prevent it from slipping off should the rack be moved quickly or tilted.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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