

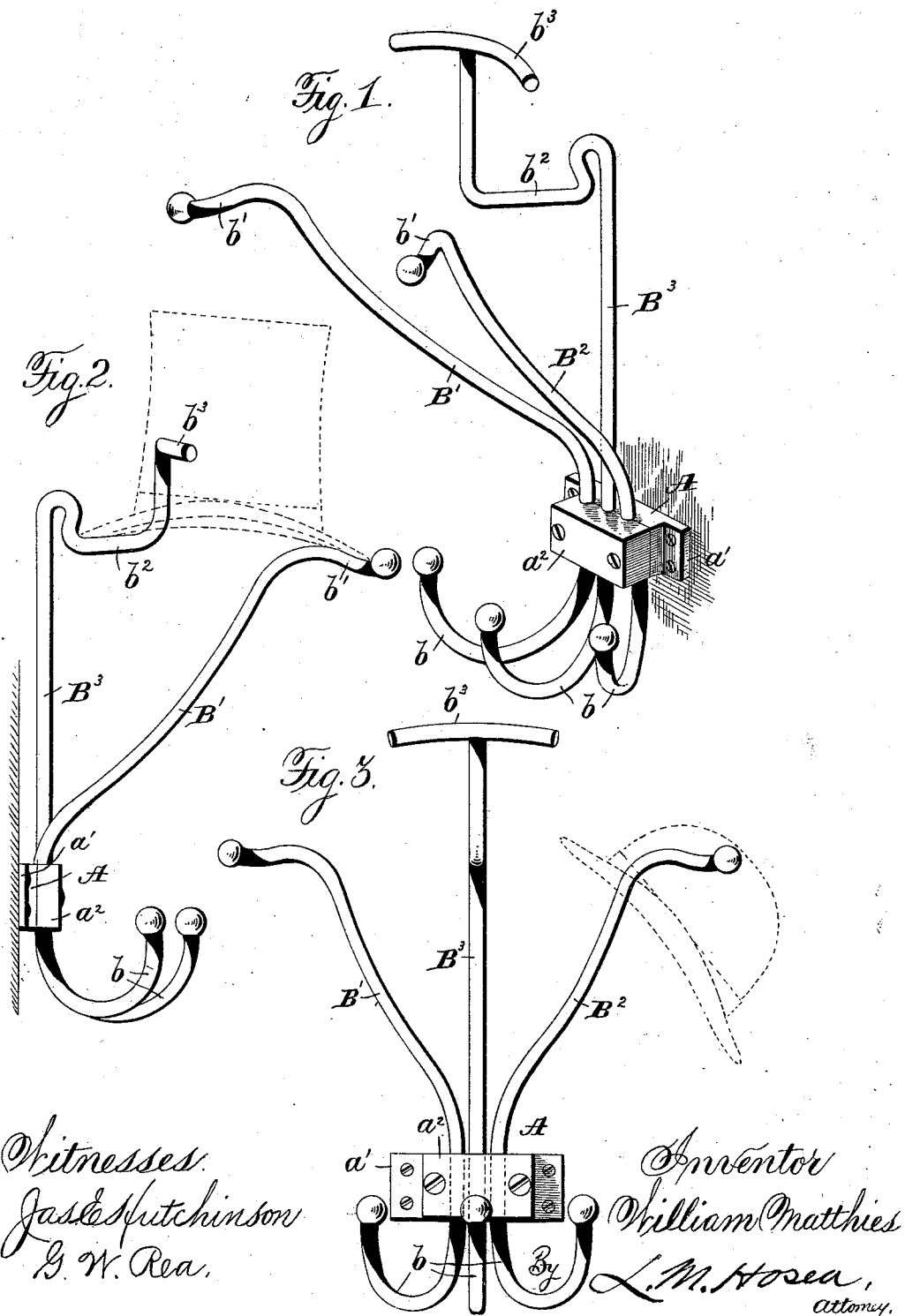
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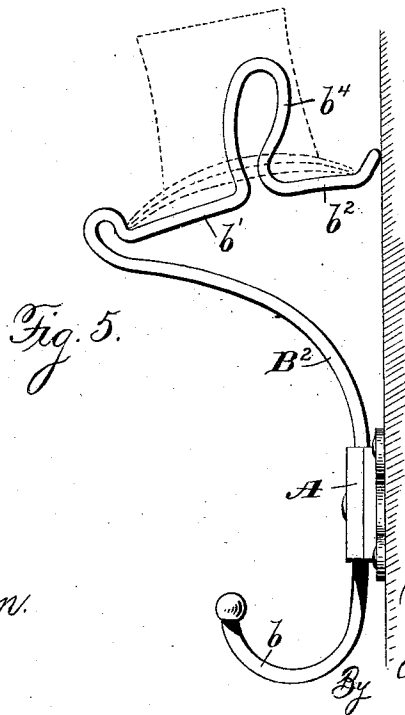
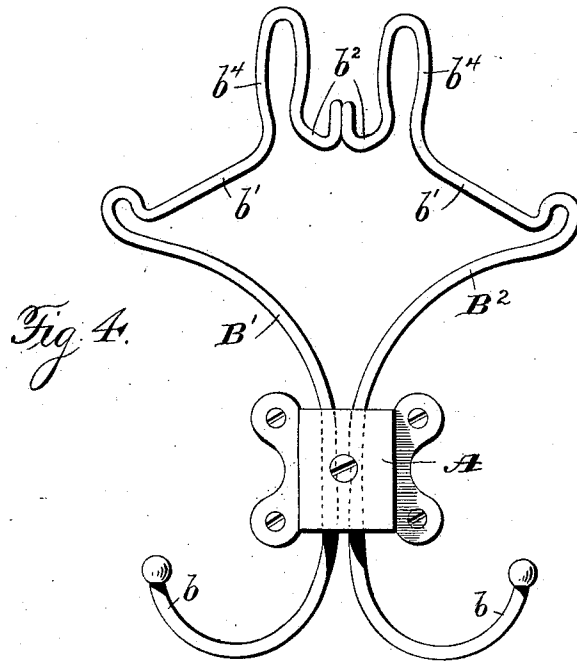
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MATTHIES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device in the nature of a bracket designed to be used as a hat and coat rack, its object being to produce a simple, inexpensive, convenient, and ornamental device adapted to be attached to a vertical wall of any kind to constitute a hat and coat rack.

To this end it consists, essentially, of a bracket adapted to be fastened to a wall or other suitable support carrying two or more metal rods in vertical relation, the lower ends of the rods being curved upward and outward to constitute coat-hooks and being branched outward and upward above the bracket in such manner as to form approximately horizontal ledges for the rim of a hat, with a vertical projection between the ledges to enter within the crown of the hat and retain it in position.

In the drawings herewith, illustrating my invention, I have shown the device as constructed in the first case of three separate rods and in the second case of two separate rods, both, however, embodying the same essential constructive principles.

In the drawings, Figures 1, 2, and 3 represent the device constructed of three rods, these figures being a general perspective view, a side elevation, and a front elevation, respectively, of the device as constructed of three rods. Figs. 4 and 5 are a front and a side elevation, respectively, of the device as constructed of two rods.

Referring now to the drawings and to the form of the device exhibited in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, A designates the holding-bracket, and B¹ B² B³ the three rods, which when bent to form, as shown, constitute, in connection with the bracket, a hat and coat rack adapted to be furnished complete as an article of sale and use adapted to be attached to a vertical wall of any kind.

The bracket consists of two parts—a wall-plate a', provided with screw-holes for attachment to the wall, and with three vertical

parallel grooves across its face for the reception of the three rods B¹ B² B³, which are firmly secured in position by a cap a², formed with corresponding grooves and secured to the plate by screws or otherwise, thus constituting a clamp to firmly hold the rods in position. The lower projecting ends of the rods are curved outward and upward, as shown at b, to form hooks for hanging clothing, &c. The two outer rods as they emerge above the bracket branch outward, and at their upper extremities are turned into horizontal projections b' to constitute two of the rim-supports for a hat. The central rod is carried vertically upward adjacent to the wall for a short distance and is then bent back upon itself and turned outward to form a third resting-support b² for the rim of a hat, and is thence bent upwardly and preferably terminated by a curved cross-bar b³, intended to enter within the crown of the hat and prevent its lateral displacement when resting upon the ledges b' b². The position of the hat in relation to these parts is shown in Fig. 2. In Fig. 3 the fact is indicated that each one of the projections may be utilized also as hat-holders.

The form of the device exhibited in Figs. 4 and 5 embodies, essentially, the same constructive principles. In it, however, are employed but two rods B¹ B², which are branched upward and outward from the bracket to a convenient height and are then bent back upon themselves and carried convergently back toward the wall to form the supporting-ledges b', thence upwardly in return bends b⁴, and thence rearwardly to form the ledges b². It will be seen that substantially the same character of a rim-support is thus provided for a hat and that the device is substantially the same in other characteristic features of usefulness.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. A combined hat and coat rack, embodying a plate or bracket adapted to be attached to a wall, and two or more metal rods secured side by side in vertical relations to said bracket, said rods being bent outward divergently below into coat hooks, and above to form supporting hooks and also a resting sup-

port for a hat about a central upward projection adapted to enter within the crown, substantially as set forth.

2. The improved hat and coat rack, consisting essentially of a group of two or more metal rods terminated by spherical knobs, and secured in vertical relations detachably to a wall plate, and each bent in a single plane; said rods (or the outer rods of the group) being divergently branched above to form hanging supports and to constitute (with the other

rods of the group) a resting support for a hat, and being curved outward and upward at their lower ends to form additional hanging supports, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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