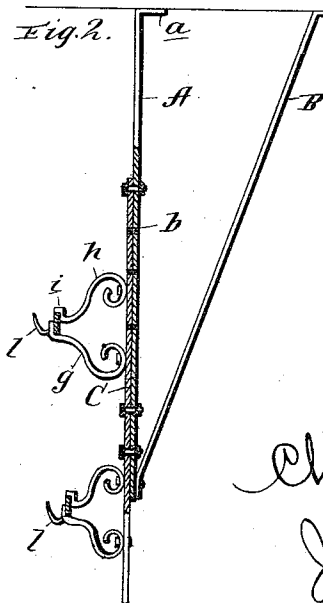
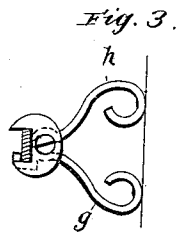
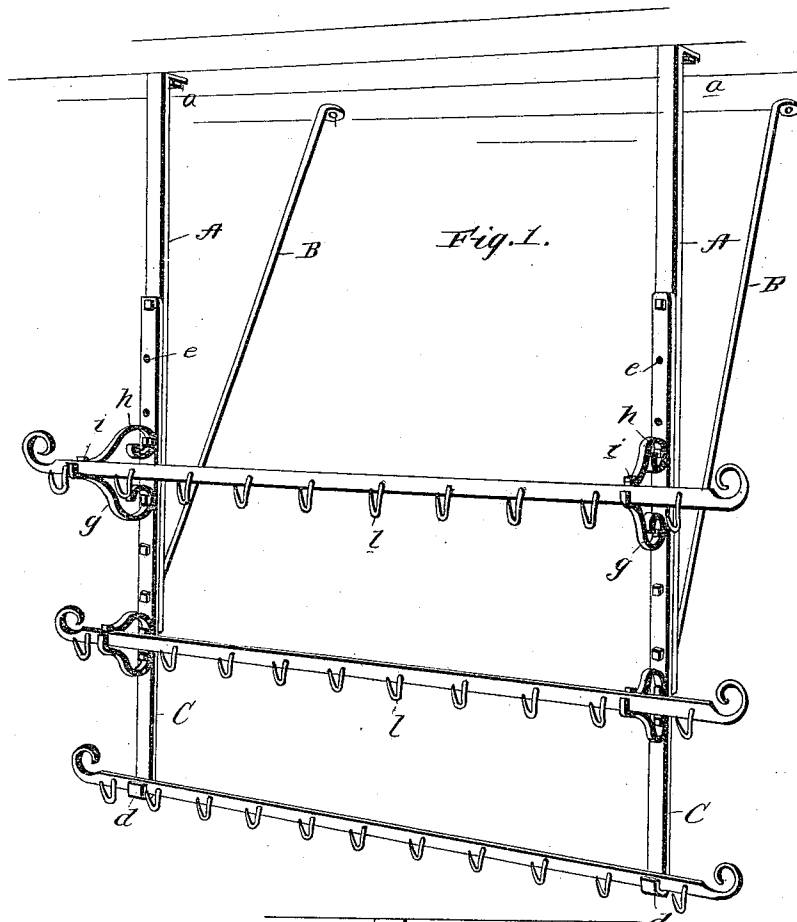


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. GLOEKLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Meat-Racks; and I do 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.

This invention has relation to improvements in meat-racks designed for use in stores, market-houses, and the like; and it has for its object to provide at a minimum expense a rack which may be suspended from a ceiling or other means of attachment, and in which an adjustable suspension may be had as well as an adjustment of the supporting-brackets and the hook-bars.

The invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims, when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved rack, showing the same suspended from a ceiling; and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view in detail of the supporting-bracket.

Referring by letter to said drawings, A indicates two vertical bars of metal or other suitable material. These bars have their upper ends adapted to be secured to the ceiling of a room or other means of attachment, and said upper ends are preferably formed with rectangular portions *a* and perforated to receive a securing-screw, although it is obvious that other means may be employed for securing said bar in a depending manner. These bars A are arranged at a suitable distance apart and are designed to support the rack-bars and other parts, as will be presently explained.

B indicates brace-rods which are secured at their upper ends to the ceiling in a manner similar to the bars A, and their opposite ends are secured to the lower ends of said bars; said bars assuming vertically oblique positions and bracing A in a vertical position. The bars A are provided for a sufficient distance at their lower ends with a plurality of perforations *b*, to receive bolts for the adjustable attachment for the rack-frame, presently described.

C indicates two similar bars which have their lower ends bent outwardly and upwardly, as shown at *d*, to seat the lower transverse hook-bar D, and their upper ends have perforations *e*, corresponding in number and position with the perforations *b* in the depending bars A. By this construction it will be seen that the rack-frame may be raised or lowered and adjustably secured in position by the employment of bolts *f* and nuts or other suitable fastening devices. The brackets for securing the hook-bars are composed of two parts, the lower part *g* having its outer end turned upwardly to seat the lower edge of the transverse hook-bars, and the upper part *h* has its outer end terminating in an angular portion *i*, to engage the upper edge of the hook-bars and also the side thereof opposite to that engaged by the outer end of the lower section of the bracket. The bracket-sections are respectively secured at their inner ends to the suspended bars C.

In the present illustration of my invention I have shown brackets for seating two hook-bars; but it is obvious that a greater or less number may be employed.

The transverse bars D, which are preferably formed of flat bar-iron, carry a suitable number of hooks *l*, and the ends of said bars may terminate in any ornamental design.

After the bars A have been secured in position and braced by the rods B, as shown, it will be seen that the bars C can be secured to the depending support in an adjustable manner by the application of bolts and nuts in the perforations *b* and *e*.

To raise the rack from the position shown, it is simply necessary to remove the bolts and nuts and lift the bars C without removing the rack-bars until the desired perforations have been made to coincide with the perforations in the bars A, after which the bolts and nuts should be replaced.

A rack thus constructed will be found very convenient and the metal may be turned so as to present a neat and attractive appearance.

By reference to Fig. 3 it will be seen that the bracket is adapted to receive a screw which secures a plate *m*, having a notch *n*, to engage the hook-bar. By this construction it is obvious that should weight be placed on one end of the hook-bar the opposite end of said bar

will be prevented from rising out of its seat or leaving the opposite bracket, and in this latter construction the hook-bars may be removed and replaced by simply removing the screw and taking off the plate.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A meat-rack consisting of bars having their upper ends adapted to be secured to the ceiling and their opposite ends perforated, brace-rods having the upper ends adapted to be secured to the lower ends of the bars, the vertical bars having their lower ends terminating in hooks or loops and their upper ends perforated and secured to the depending bars, the brackets composed of the two parts and secured to the suspended bars, the hook-bars seated in the outer ends of the brackets, and the hook-bar seated in the lower ends of the suspended bars, substantially as specified.

2. In a meat-rack, the combination, with vertical bars or supports, of the brackets composed of the two parts secured at their inner

ends to vertical bars and their outer ends adapted to seat the rack-bars, substantially as specified.

3. The combination, with bars adapted to be secured at their upper ends to a ceiling and having their lower ends perforated, of a rack-frame having vertical bars also perforated, and bolts for adjustably securing the rack-frame to the depending bars, substantially as specified.

4. The combination, with the bars C, having their lower ends terminating in hooks or loops and their upper ends adapted to be secured to a support, of a rack-bar seated in said loops, brackets secured to the bars C, and hook-bars seated in the brackets, substantially as specified.

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

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