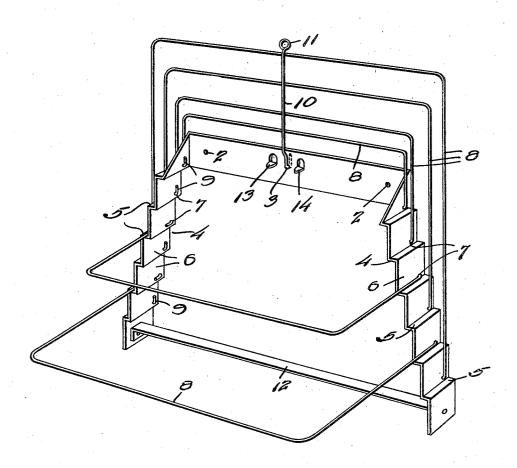
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC THOS. RICHARD-SON, resident of 25 Bleecher street, in the city of Toronto, county of York, Province 5 of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, manufacturer, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Racks; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The invention relates to an improved clothes rack as described in the present specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings that form part of the same.

The invention consists essentially in the novel construction and arrangement whereby one or more rails may be in use at any one time and support the clothes hanging in different vertical planes.

The objects of the invention are to devise a form of rack which may be hung on the wall and in its folded condition take up very little room, to facilitate the drying or airing of clothes and generally to provide a 25 neat, cheap and durable form of clothes rack.

The accompanying drawing is a perspective view of the rack showing two rails in their open position and the remaining rails closed.

Referring to the drawing 1 is the back of the rack having the holes 2 for securing it to the wall and the retaining rod hole 3 in the center thereof.

4 are the sides of the rack rigid with the back 1 at each end thereof, extending downwardly in the steps 5 in an outward direction and having in each lift 6 thereof the hole 7 immediately above each step and toward the rear end of each lift.

8 are the rails of substantially U-shaped form having the off-set ends 9 inserted in the holes 7, and preferably curled on the inner side of the lifts 6. The said rails 8 are made of several different sizes so that each one reaches across to its own lifts 6, thereby 45 in this arrangement the rails in their vertical position will all stand in the same plane whereas in their horizontal positions they rest on the steps 5.

10 is a retaining rod hooked in the hole 3 50 and preferably having the eye 11 at the upper end and adapted to hold one or more of the rods in their vertical position.

12 is a brace rigidly secured to the inner sides of the lower end of the lifts 6 and ex- 55 tending therebetween thus strengthening the structure and serving also as a towel rack.

The use of this device will be readily understood from the foregoing description of the details as one or more of the rails might 60 be brought to the lower position and rest on the steps 5 and it will be seen that if all the rails are in the down position the clothes will hang in so many different vertical planes while the retaining rod 10 will then 65 rest on the lug 13 or the lug 14 as the case may be. Besides the clothes are hung at different heights and therefore there will be more surface exposed to the air for drying purposes.

What I claim is:-

In a clothes rack, a back by which the rack is secured to a wall, sides depending from said back in a plane at right angles thereto, said sides being laterally stepped to form 75 substantially horizontal ledges, the ledges in one side being opposite the ledges in the other side and a plurality of U shaped rails each pivotally secured at its ends to said sides respectively, slightly above opposite 80 ledges and supported by said ledges in the down position.

Signed at the city of Toronto, this 16th day of September, 1912.

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