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Fig.1

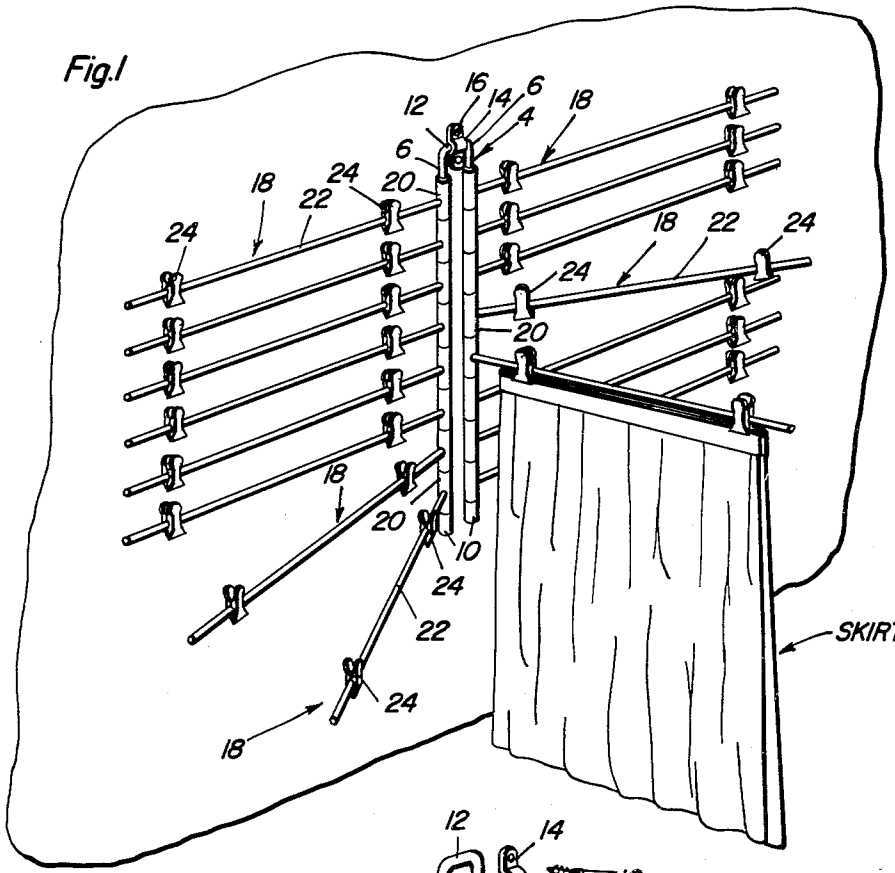
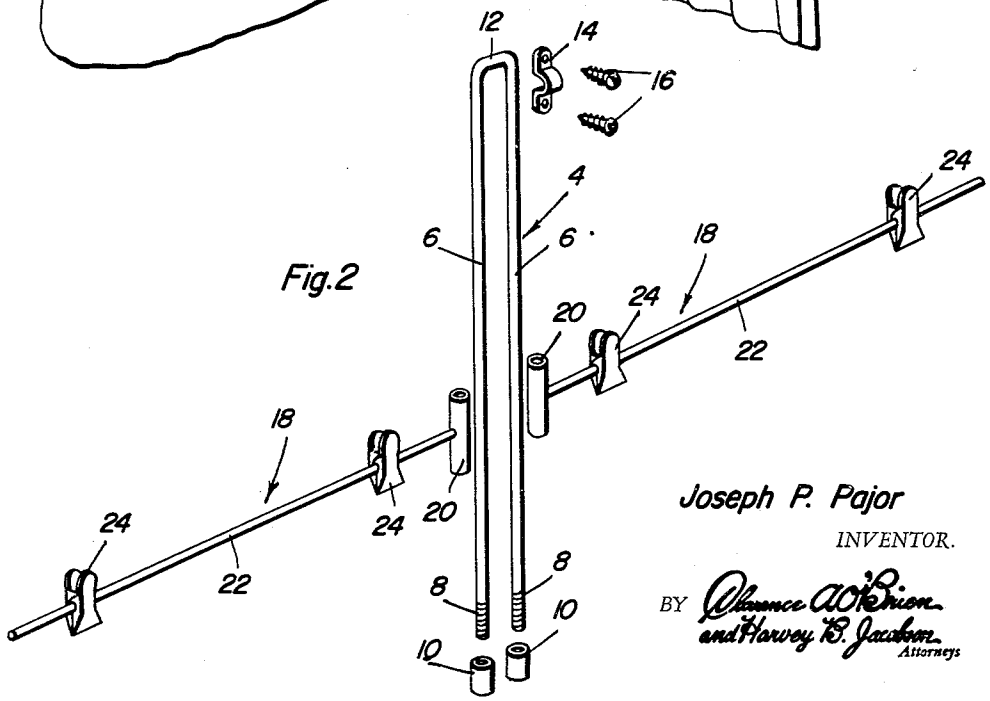


Fig.2



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The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a rack for a multiplicity of skirts, more particularly, a rack for permanent home use, and through the medium of which a user thereof may readily and systematically, as well as compactly, hang a multiplicity of skirts for ready and selective use.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the suspension of a multiplicity of skirts where space is limited, neatness is desired and ready accessibility is important, has always posed a problem. To be sure, many and varied styles and forms of garment hangers and even special purpose skirt racks have been evolved and produced by others, that a number of such racks are in widespread use. Nevertheless, it has been repeatedly found that a simple, practical, compact and convenient skirt rack is apparently not on the market. This situation gave rise to the instant concept and the construction utilized in reducing it to practice. In carrying out the principles of the instant invention an adaptation has been perfected which, it is believed, will meet with the economy requirements of manufacturers, unqualified endorsement by sellers and retailers, and highly acceptable use by all discreet girls and women.

As will be hereinafter evident, the rack revealed is advantageous in that each skirt can be put on or removed from the rack without interference from the others no matter how many skirts are involved. The user will find that the improved rack enables the skirts to be neatly hung, checked from time to time, and removed for use in a minimum amount of time and wholly without clumsiness which has heretofore been attributed to currently marketed racks.

The construction utilized also promotes ready assembling of the components and equally expeditious dismantling for packaging sale, general handling and transportation.

The invention also features a construction in which a contributing factor is the simplicity of construction and design. Actually there are only two major units; namely, a fixture with means for bracketing it on a wall, door or other support surface, and the hanger or suspension units hingedly mounted on and extending laterally from the legs of the fixture.

More specifically, novelty is predicated on a vertically elongated U-shaped fixture formed from rod stock bent upon itself between its ends providing a pair of depending legs serving as assembling and hinging members. The lower ends of the legs are screw-threaded to accommodate nuts. The bight portion, which is short, places the legs in close spaced parallel relation. The skirt hanger units are of the utmost in simplicity. Each one comprises a sleeve-like knuckle and the plurality of knuckles are strong and hinged end-to-end on the respective legs of the fixture. Each knuckle has an integral outstanding rod attached to a median portion thereof. The rods serve as anchor arms and are provided with simple skirt clamping and suspending clips.

Utilizing a construction as herein shown and described enables the user to accommodate at least a dozen skirts in a small space. Then too, this type of a rack lends itself to acceptable adoption and use as a permanent fixture in the home. The hanger units stay in place in their given positions without added weight and each arm is a simple rod cylindrical in cross section.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter

described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

FIG. 1 is a view in perspective of a skirt rack constructed in accordance with the principles of the invention and showing how it is constructed and used; and

FIG. 2 is an exploded perspective view showing essential components.

As already mentioned one significant unit or part of the over-all combination is that referred to as a fixture and this is here denoted in FIG. 2, for example, by the numeral **4**. This part is preferably formed from bendable but rigid rod stock and it is of vertically elongated design. The legs thereof are denoted at **6** and each lower free end is screw-threaded at **8** to accommodate the readily applicable and removable sleeve nut **10**. The upper ends of the legs are joined by a relatively short rigid bight portion **12** which serves to readily accommodate a simple attaching bracket **14** which is applied and held in position by screw-threaded or equivalent fasteners **16**. With this arrangement it will be seen that the fixture may be effectually bracketed as shown in FIG. 1 on a wall, door or other support surface. A dozen more-or-less skirt hanger or suspension units are provided. Each unit is the same in construction and each unit is denoted by the numeral **18**. As already mentioned, the unit comprises a simple smooth-bore sleeve-like assembling and hinging knuckle **20**. This is made to be slidingly and hingedly mounted on the hinging member or leg **6**. Each sleeve is provided on one side with an outstanding cylindrical rod **22** of requisite length which in turn is provided with a pair of simple skirt clamping clips **24**. The hinging and assembling knuckles are simply slid over the screw-threaded end and are strung on each leg for swivelling or hinging action and the respective sleeves or knuckles abut each other, but not in a manner to interfere with individual hinging action. It follows that there are left and right multiple arm skirt racks with the arms of the respective racks hingedly mounted on an intervening fixture which is attached to a wall or other support and which provides a readily visible, usable, practical and efficient rack. The nuts at the bottom can be unscrewed to release the knuckles for easy transportation or if a hanger becomes damaged it can be replaced in this obvious manner.

It is believed that a careful consideration of the stated objectives, the description of the figures (FIGS. 1 and 2), the specification and claims will enable the reader to obtain a clear and comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. Therefore, a more extensive description is believed to be unnecessary.

Minor changes in shape, size, materials and rearrangement of the components may be resorted to in actual practice without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A rack for assembling and suspending a plurality of skirts comprising a fixture for attachment to and retention on a stationary support, said fixture embodying at least one vertical leg providing an elongated assembling and hinging member, a plurality of skirt hanger units each embodying an arm removably and hingedly mounted at an inner end on said member, said arms being horizontal, at right angles to said member and spaced apart, and skirt clamping and attaching clips carried by said arms, each arm comprising a linearly straight rod, said fixture being of elongated U-shaped form with the bight portion thereof provided with a wall bracket for attachment to and mounting on said stationary support.

2. For use in compactly assembling a multiplicity of skirts for ready suspension and selective use, a skirt rack embodying a fixture of elongated U-shaped form embodying a pair of corresponding coplanar legs cylindrical in

cross-section having their upper ends joined by a relatively short bight portion, the latter adapted to accommodate an attaching and supporting bracket, the lower ends of the legs being screw-threaded and each provided with a nut, a plurality of sleeve-like knuckles strung end-to-end on each leg and thus hingedly connected thereto and assembled and held in place by the associated of said nuts, each knuckle having a lateral rod joined to a median portion and extending at right angles therefrom and providing a skirt hanger arm, each rod having a pair of skirt clips thereon.

3. In a skirt rack, the combination of a fixture comprising an inverted U-shaped member having a bight portion and a pair of spaced cylindrical legs extending downwardly therefrom, bracket means provided on said bight portion for attaching said fixture to a supporting surface, a keeper element provided at the lower end of each of said legs, a set of tubular knuckles rotatably positioned in end-to-end relation on each of said legs and in abutment with the associated keeper element whereby to retain the knuckles on said legs, and a laterally projecting rod secured at one end thereof to the intermediate portion of each knuckle, each of said rods being adapted to have a skirt supported thereon.

4. The device as defined in claim 3 together with a pair of skirt clamps provided at longitudinally spaced points on each of said rods.

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