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Fig. 1.

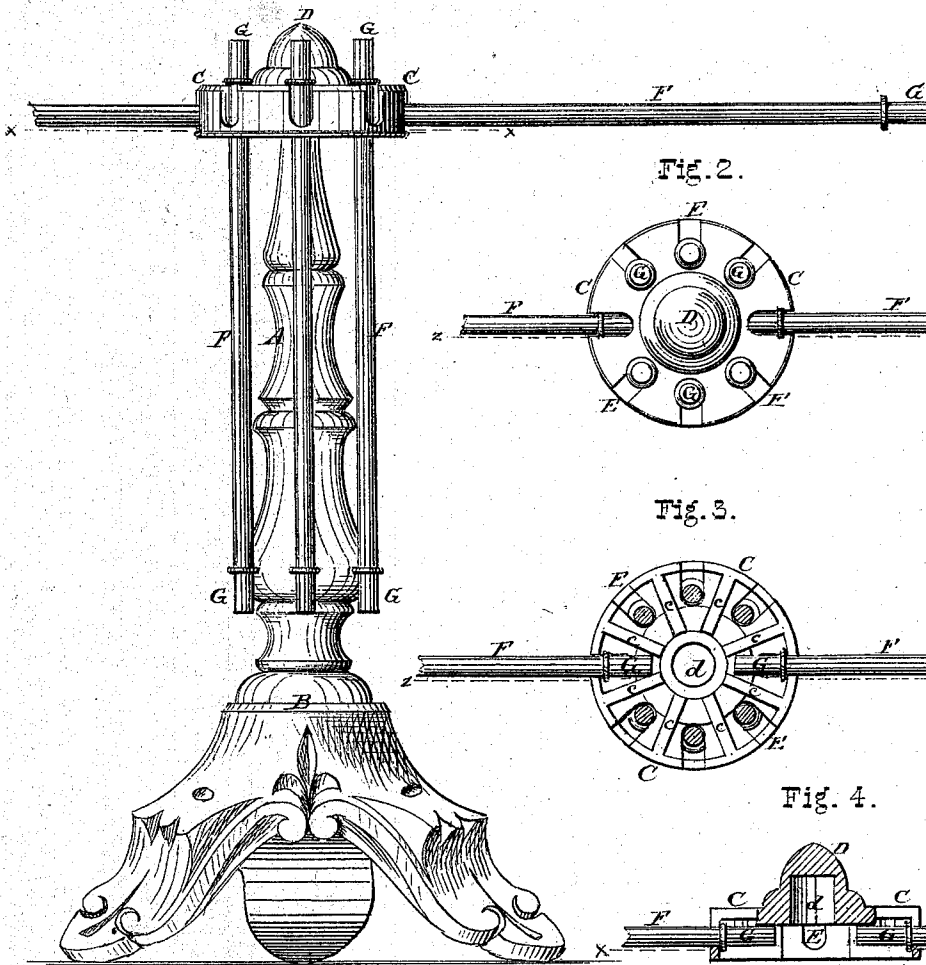


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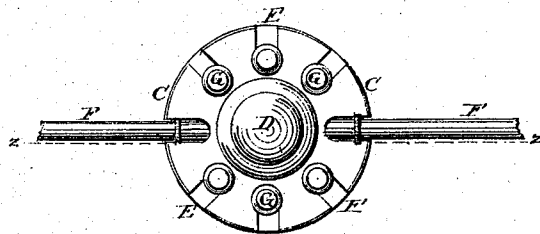


Fig. 3.

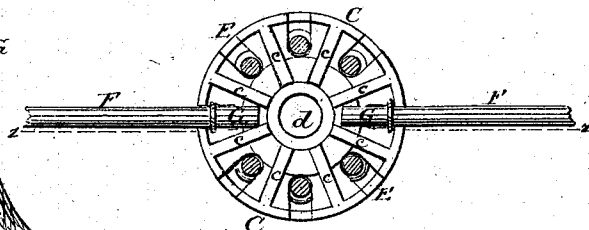
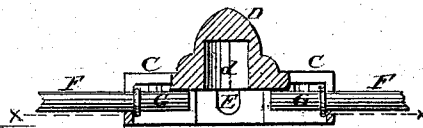


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOWEL-RACKS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, PETER A. SNYDER, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and in the State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Towel-Racks; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved device;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the upper or socket end of the same;

Figure 3 is a horizontal section of said socket end on the line *xx* of figs. 1 and 4; and

Figure 4, a vertical central section of the same on the line *zz* of figs. 2 and 3.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The object of my invention is to furnish a convenient and portable towel-rack that, while occupying but little space when not in use, shall be capable of sustaining a large number of towels; and

It consists in the peculiar construction of the socket-head, and of the bars or arms pivoted within and combined with the same, substantially as hereinafter shown.

In the annexed drawing—

A represents the standard or support, formed of any suitable material, and having its lower end secured within a stand or base, B, constructed of metal, and provided, preferably, with three feet.

Secured to or upon the upper end of the standard A is a metallic disk, C, having a circular form vertically, and provided with a raised center, D, within the lower side of which is formed the socket *d* for the reception of said standard.

The lower side of the disk is provided with a recess, shown in fig. 4, that corresponds in shape with the exterior of said disk, and into the same is cut a series of vertical and horizontal openings, E, which, coinciding with each other radially, are arranged at equidistant points around said disk, and are thrown

together in pairs by the removal of the intervening metal.

Within each opening E is placed a round bar, F, having a diameter corresponding to the width of the same, and provided upon each end with a head or enlargement, G, which prevents said bar from passing out of said opening in either direction.

When not in use the bars are suspended in a vertical position by means of their heads, which rest upon the upper surface of the disk, upon opposite sides of the openings; but when required for holding towels, said bars are drawn upward and turned outward and downward until each reaches a horizontal position, and rests within the lower outer side of its opening, with its inner end bearing against the upper side of the recess in rear, radially, of the inner side of said opening.

In order that the outer ends of the bars may be prevented from moving laterally, their inner ends are confined by means of a series of vertical diaphragms, *c*, extending radially outward between the openings, the lateral space left between the inner ends of each two diaphragms being sufficient only to contain the head of a rod or bar.

As thus constructed the device is complete, and furnishes an ornamental as well as a compact and efficient means for suspending towels or other similar articles of household linen.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention,

What I claim as new is—

The hereinbefore-described towel-rack, consisting of the disk C, secured to or upon a suitable standard, and provided with the openings E, and combined with the bars F G, constructed as and for the purpose shown.

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