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REVOLVING COAT FORM.

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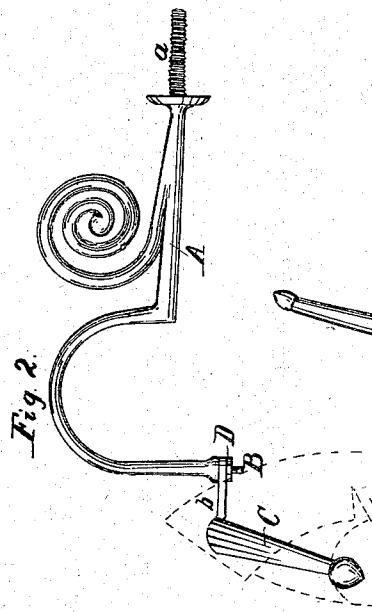


Fig. 2.

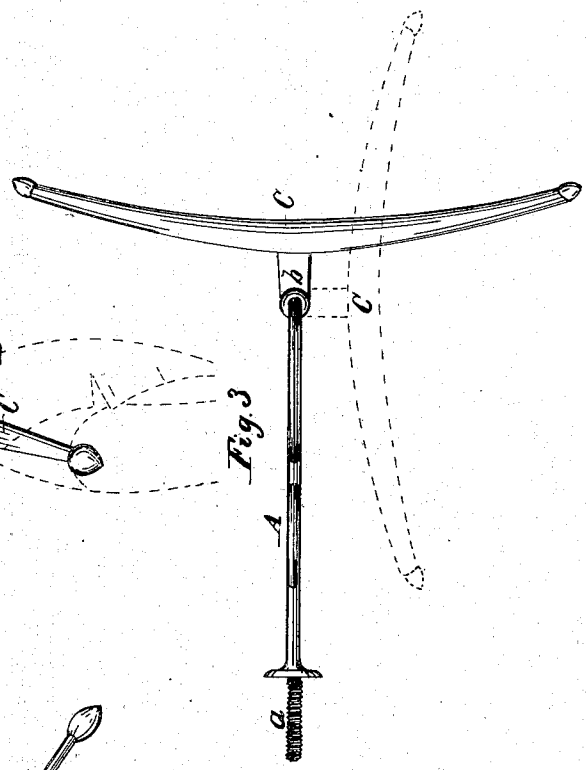


Fig. 3

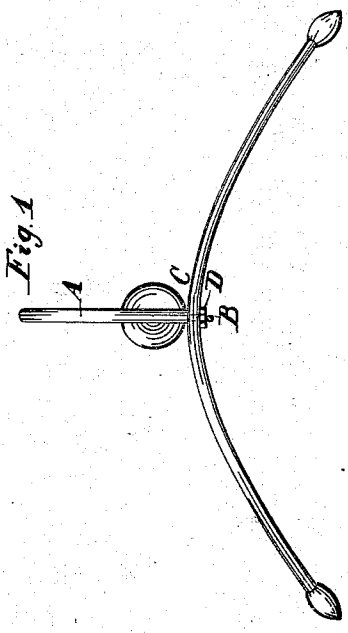


Fig. 1

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COAT-FORM.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 8,858, dated April 6, 1852.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. OLDS, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coat-Forms Upon which to Hang Coats or other Garments Without Injuring their Shape; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a front view. Fig. 2, a side view and Fig. 3, a top view of one of my improved coat forms.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the several figures.

This invention, which I denominate "Olds revolving coat form," consists in a bow or arc of metal or other material having a shank on one side opposite to its vertex, or at the middle of its length. This shank is pivoted to a bracket which is secured in a wall, or to any stationary standard or pendants, which will not interfere with its revolution horizontally upon the pivot. The shape and size of the bow are such that when a coat is hung upon it, it extends from shoulder to shoulder, and keeps the collar in very nearly the same shape as it has in wear, preserving it from any injury. The bow being capable of turning around in any direction affords great convenience for brushing, and particularly well adapted for exhibiting garments in stores.

To enable others to make and use my invention I will proceed to describe more fully its construction and operation.

A, represents a bracket which is intended to be secured in a wall by a screw *a;* it may be suitably ornamented and of any shape that will allow the bow to turn completely around, and is provided with a vertical pivot B, upon which the bow is hung.

C, is the bow, whose length is about equal to the ordinary width of a man's shoulder. The length may however be varied. Its form is nearly that of an arc, resembling the outline of the shoulder. The shank *b*, which is bored near its end to receive the pivot B, is attached to the said pivot by a nut D, which fits on its screwed end. The bow C, as is seen in Fig. 2, does not stand in a vertical position, as its ends incline slightly toward the back of the coat, which preserves its shape better. In the last named figure a sketch of a coat is partly given for the purpose of rendering the explanation more intelligible.

The only coat form in common use, consists in a bent stick suspended at about the middle of its length by a string, which draws upon the collar and injures its shape. The above named difficulty is entirely obviated by suspending the bow C, at a point, some distance in front of it, as the collar is then allowed to curve over the vertex of the bow, without which it can never assume its proper shape. This, the shank *b*, allows it to do, and with the backward inclination of the ends of the bow, gives the whole collar and shoulders, as nearly as possible, the same form as if on the wearer.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The bow C, in form substantially as described, suspended by a shank *b*, at a point distant horizontally from its vertex, on a pivot B, or its equivalent which is stationary in a bracket, or any suitable standard or pendant, so placed or constructed as to allow the bow to turn around in any direction, as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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