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Fig. 1.

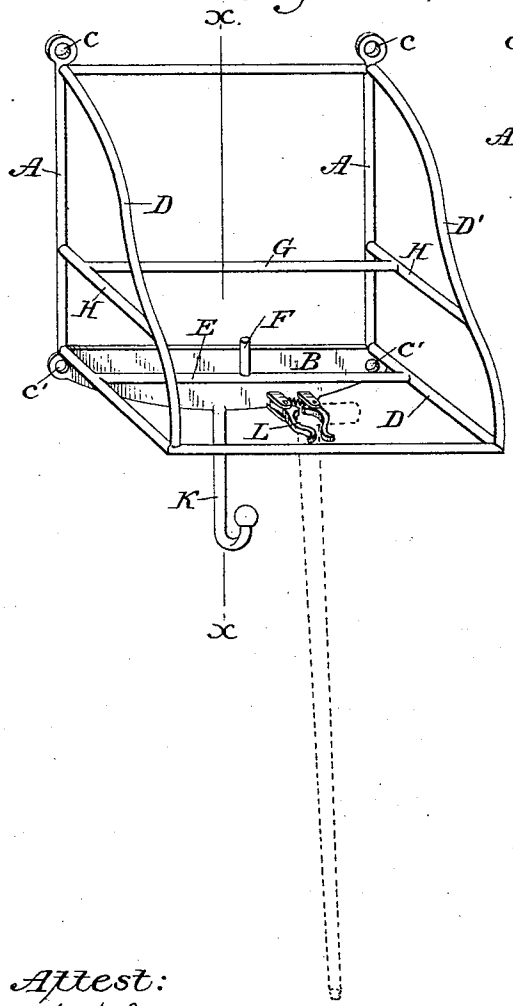
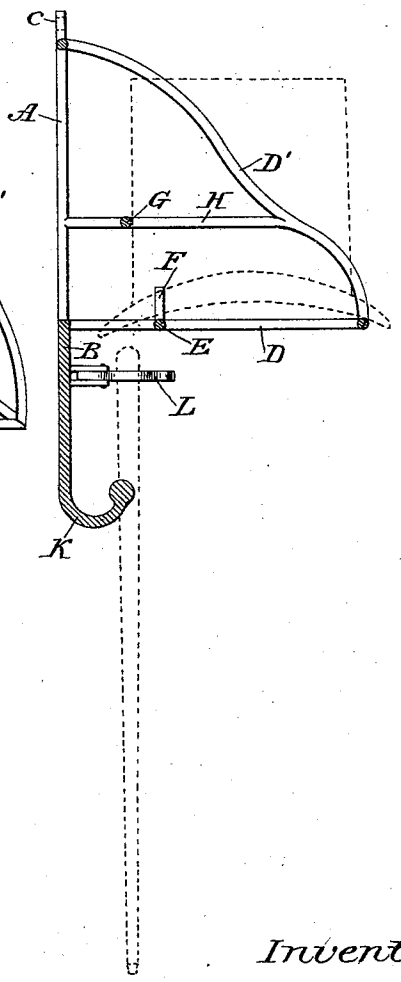


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. MATTHIES, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wall Hat-Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a device for supporting a gentleman's hat, coat, and cane, and has for its object to provide a neat, light, and inexpensive rack adapted to receive and retain the hat, in connection with a hook for an overcoat and a holder for a cane or umbrella.

It consists in a structure, substantially as hereinafter described and claimed, adapted to said purpose.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved hat-rack, and Fig. 2 a section thereof in line $x\ x$ of Fig. 1.

The rack or bracket for the support of the hat is constructed by preference of rods of metal or of rattan united to form a wall-frame A, preferably rectangular in form, as shown in Fig. 1, and having a wall-plate B, attached to its lower end and connecting its two vertical side bars. The upper ends of these side bars terminate in eyes $c\ c$, and similar eyes c' c' are formed in the ends of the wall-plate B, by means whereof the rack may be attached to the wall. From the lower end of the wall-frame A a rack or frame-work D is made to project horizontally far enough to furnish a support for a hat, and is braced by lateral diagonal rods D′ D′, extending from each corner thereof to the upper corners respectively of the wall-frame. A transverse bar E is fitted between the lateral rods of the horizontal frame at such distance in front of the wall-frame as to afford support to the brim of the hat placed in the rack, and a pin F is made to project vertically from the center of this transverse bar E to pass up within the rim of the hat, and thereby prevent the hat from accidentally slipping forward and dropping off the rack. A second transverse bar G is also placed parallel with the bar E at a height above it to afford a suitable stay or support for the body of the hat as it rests upon the rack, (see the dotted lines in Fig. 2,) said second stay-bar being attached at its ends to lateral rods H H, extending from the wall-frame A to the diagonal brace-rods D′ D′, parallel with the rack-frame D.

The device is rendered more complete for general use by means of a coat-hook K, fixed to depend from the lower end of the wall-frame, and of a spring-actuated clasp L, also fitted to project horizontally from the lower end of the wall-frame and adapted to seize and hold the handle of an umbrella or cane.

The hat placed upon this improved supporting-bracket rests lightly on the cross-bars of the frame D, and is held by the upright pin F, so that it may not slip or be accidentally knocked off of the rack.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, in a wall hat rack or bracket, of a horizontal frame having transverse bars fixed in position to support the rim of a hat at opposite points thereof, a pin projecting from the rear bar in position to pass up within the hat placed upon said bars, an upper cross-bar mounted parallel with the rear bar at a height to stay the body of the hat, and means for supporting and suspending said horizontal frame and cross-bar, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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