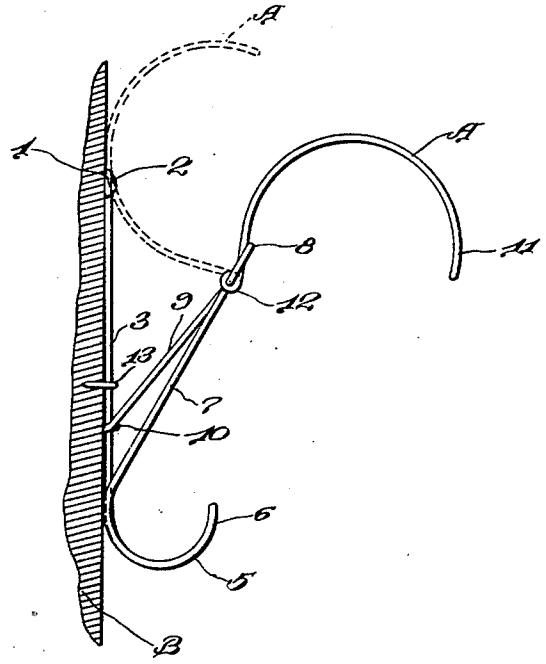
Dec. 22, 1925. 1,566,859

H. D. GUNTHER

COAT AND HAT RACK

Filed Nov. 2, 1923

Fig. 1.



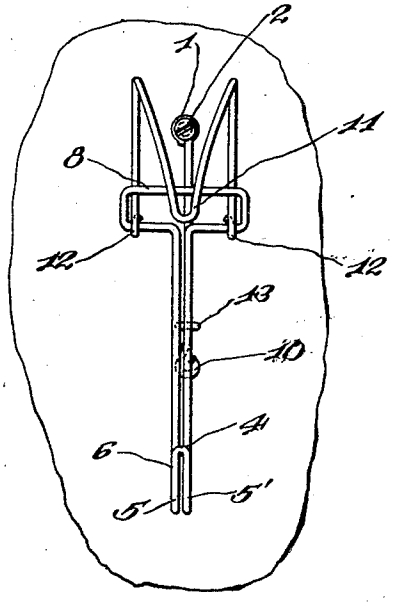


Fig. 2.

Hiram D. Gunther
INVENTOR

BY Victor J. Evans
ATTORNEY

Patented Dec. 22, 1925. 1,566,859

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

HIRAM D. GUNTHER, OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

COAT AND HAT RACK.

Application filed November 2, 1923. Serial No. 672,350.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM D. GUNTHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Coat and Hat Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved combination coat and hat rack, the main object of the present invention being the provision of a combined coat and hat rack of simple construction and wherein the hat supporting member is mounted for pivotal movement above the coat hook whereby the same may be readily swung back out of the way so as not to interfere with the placing of a coat in position upon the hook provided therefor, and when desiring to use the hat supporting member it may be readily swung back into an operative position for supporting a hat above the coat.

A further object of the present invention is the provision of a combined coat and hat rack which may be formed of a suitable weight wire bent into shape to provide a coat hook and a supporting member above the hook upon which is pivotally mounted an arcuately curved hat supporting element which may be readily swung to an operative or inoperative position without making any relative changes in the position of the coat hook.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel features in construction, the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in the claim and shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a combined coat and hat rack constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation.

In the construction of my improved coat and hat rack I employ a suitable weight wire and provide one end with an eye as at 1 whereby the device may be suspended in any suitable location by means of a screw or other suitable fastening member 2. The wire adjacent the eye 1 provides a main shank 3 which may be of any desirable length and at the end of the shank 3 opposite the eye 1 the wire is bent upon itself as at 4 to provide the parallel portions 5 and 5'. These parallel portions 5 and 5' are adapted to be arcuately curved to form a coat hook 6.

After the coat hook 6 has been formed the end of the wire is then extended upwardly at an oblique angle with respect to the shank portion 3 to form a bracing member 7. The wire at the upper end of the bracing member 7 is bent to form a substantially rectangular supporting bracket 8 while the remaining end of the arm extends inwardly toward the shank 3 to form a second bracing member 9 and the extreme end of the wire is looped around the shank 3 as at 10 so as to securely support the bracket 8 in its proper relative position with respect to the hook 6. From this construction it will be apparent that I have provided a coat hook 6 which will eventually support suitable weight as the inner side of the hook 6, when the device is supported in an operative position as shown in Fig. 1, will bear against the surface of the wall upon which the device is suspended, which in connection with the two brace members 7 and 9 will rigidly support the entire device in an operative position.

In order to provide means for supporting a hat in a position above the coat hook 6, a single piece of wire of the proper length is bent upon itself to form an intermediate loop portion 11, the sides of the U shaped member formed by bending the wire are arcuately curved longitudinally while the ends thereof are diverged with respect to the loop 11 and the extreme ends are provided with the loops 12 which are mounted for pivotal movement upon the lower longitudinal portion of the bracket 8. The lower longitudinal portion of the bracket 8 is formed by having the outer ends of the two brace members 7 and 9 bent inwardly toward each other and disposed in abutting relation as shown in Fig. 2.

In Fig. 1 I have illustrated in full lines the hat supporting member A in an operative position for supporting a hat thereon. In order to provide for easy access to the coat hook 6, the supporting member A may be swung rearwardly upon its pivot, and arranged in an inoperative position as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1. Attention is called to the fact that when the hat supporting member A is disposed in an operative position as shown in Fig. 1, the side portions of the member rests against the upper longitudinal portion of the bracket 8 so as to limit the swinging movement of the support-

ing member A and to support the same in an operative position so that said supporting member will define a semicircle when in its operative position as shown in Fig. 1. In placing a hat on the supporting member A the hat engages over the supporting member and encloses the same. If found desirable the shank 3 may be rigidly secured to the supporting element B by embracing the same with a staple 13, the staple engaging with the supporting element B to rigidly retain the shank 3 in position and prevent any lateral movement on the part of the entire rack. It will be apparent that should it be found desirable, the fastening member which is herein shown as in the form of a screw for engagement with the supporting element, may be replaced by a sharp pointed thumb tack or the like fixed to the eye 1 so that the rack may be attached to any supporting surface constituting a material which can be penetrated by the pointed member for supporting the device in position.

While I have shown and described the preferred form of my invention it will be understood that various changes in the construction of the device may be carried out without departing from the spirit of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

A device of the character described including a shank portion, brace members extending upwardly from the shank at an angle relative thereto, a substantially rectangular bracket at the upper end of the brace members, a U-shaped supporting member arcuately curved longitudinally and having its ends pivotally mounted upon the lower longitudinal portion of the bracket with its side portions engaging the upper portion of the bracket when in an operative position to limit the outward swinging movement of the supporting member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

HIRAM D. GUNTHER.