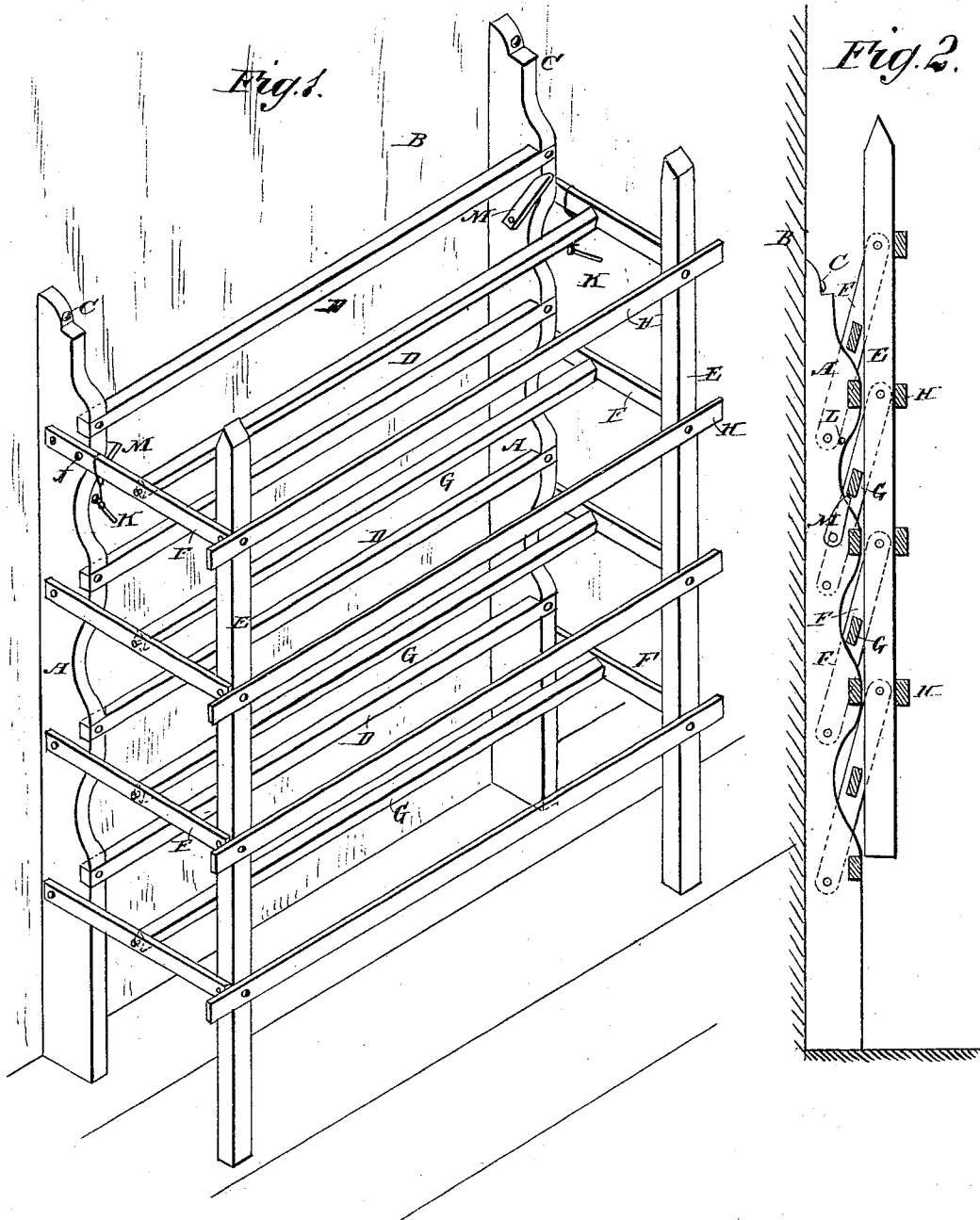


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HOMER MCKENZIE, of Waverly, in the county of Pike and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Clothes-Rack, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a folding clothes-rack which occupies but very little space and from which a large quantity of clothes can be suspended.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clothes-rack, showing it lowered. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same, showing it raised or folded.

The uprights or standards A are secured to the wall B by means of screws C, and are connected by a series of longitudinal bars or rods, D. With each upright A a standard, E, is united by a series of short transverse rods or bars, F, pivoted to the upright A and to the standard E. The transverse rods or bars F are connected by longitudinal rods or bars G, pivoted thereto at or near the middle. The standards E are united by a series of longitudinal bars or rods, H, which project slightly over the outer edges of the standards E.

The uppermost transverse bars or rods, F, are each provided with an aperture, J, near the inner end, or the end pivoted to the uprights A. The uprights A are provided with

an aperture, L, corresponding with aperture J when the rack is lowered. Pins K are held to the uppermost bars or rods, F, by strings, which pins K are passed into the apertures J and L when the rack is to be locked in a lowered position. To each standard A a button, M, is pivoted, which button serves to hold the rack in position when raised, as shown in Fig. 2. The projecting ends of the longitudinal bars or rods H serve for suspending skirts, shirts, &c.

As the rack has three or more vertical rows of longitudinal rods or bars when lowered, a large quantity of articles can be hung on the rack, and when not in use the rack can be folded so compactly as to occupy but very little space.

The rack need not necessarily be attached to the wall B, but can be made portable, if desired.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

In a clothes-drier constructed substantially as described, the combination of the uprights A, having aperture L, pivoted buttons M, and pins K, flexibly attached thereto, with the upper bars, F, apertured near the end and pivoted to uprights, whereby the hinged frames may be adjustably supported, as described.

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