

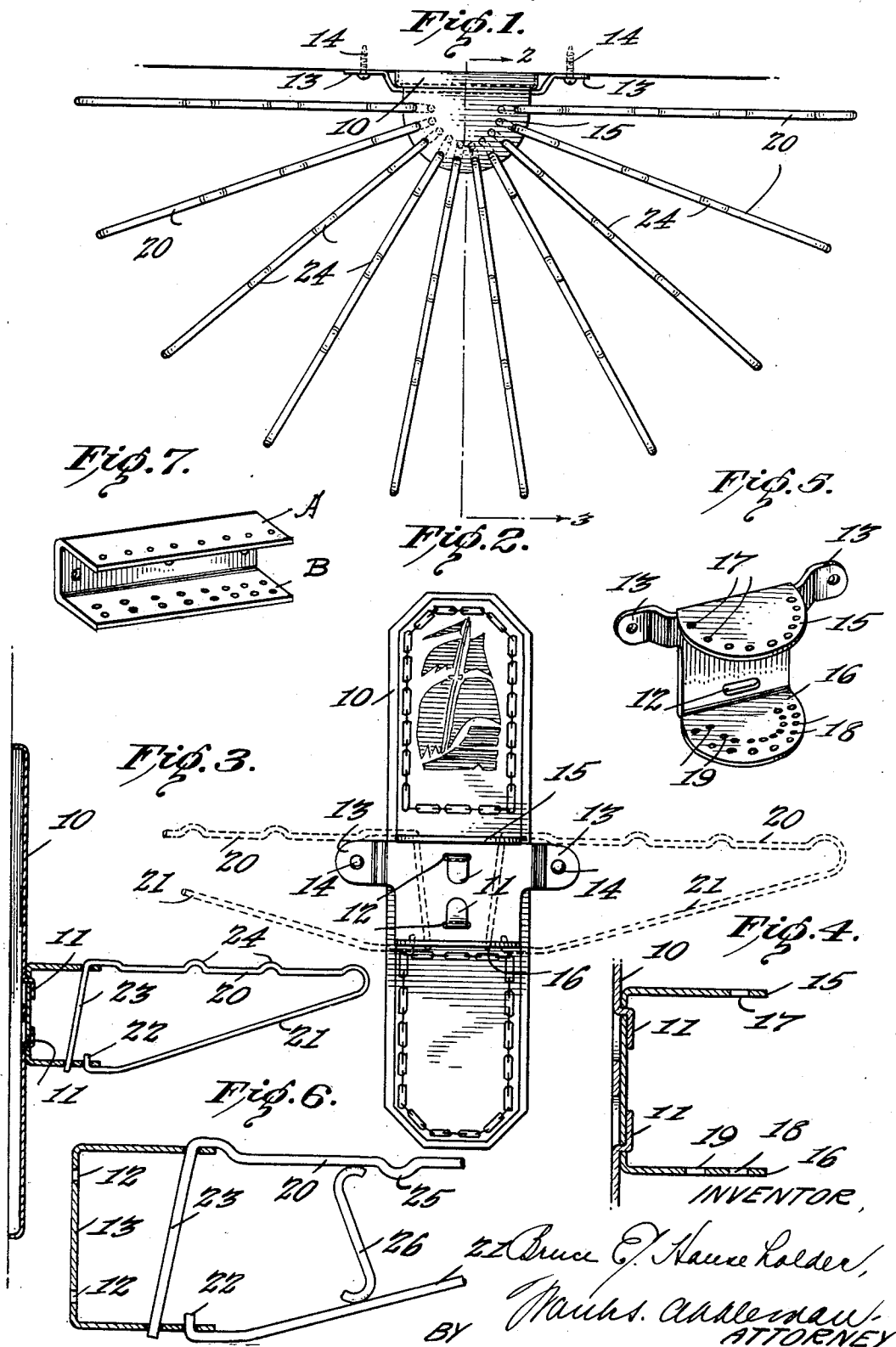
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1 Claim. (Cl. 211—96)

This invention relates to garment supports or racks, the same being of utility for holding or displaying commodities of different character, such as neckties or accessories of different kinds, and it may also be used as a rack for supporting coats and other types of clothing.

It is an object of this invention to provide a support comprising one or a plurality of frames or arms oscillatably supported in order that they may swing approximately horizontally within a comparatively wide range, the said device being provided with means whereby the frames or arms will be retracted after they are manually moved, unless restrained by the engagement of a garment or other element therewith.

It is an object of this invention furthermore to provide a bracket in which the inner ends of the arms are partially rotatable, in order that the outer ends of the arms may swing in the arc of a circle for purposes of adjustment or the like; and it is furthermore an object of the invention to provide arms which are irregular in contour, whereby neckties or other articles supported by the arms will be held against accidental movement longitudinally of the arms, for in this way a better display of the commodities applied to the arms will be had.

It is a still further object of this invention to provide a device of the character indicated which is comparatively inexpensive to manufacture, and the parts thereof may be produced by the well known metal working and stamping processes which result in economical mass production.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this application, wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 illustrates a plan view of the garment support embodying the invention;

Figure 2 illustrates a view in front elevation thereof with the arm shown in dotted lines;

Figure 3 illustrates a vertical sectional view of the bracket with one of the arms in elevation applied thereto;

Figure 4 illustrates an enlarged sectional view of a fragment of the bracket;

Figure 5 illustrates a perspective view showing a bracket of modified construction;

Figure 6 illustrates a sectional view of a frag-

ment of the bracket with an arm of slightly modified construction; and

Figure 7 illustrates a perspective view of a modified form for the attachment of the arms.

In the drawing, 10 denotes a backing plate which, in the present embodiment of the invention, has ears 11 struck therefrom, which ears are inserted in slots, such as 12, of a bracket having apertured extensions 13 which terminate beyond each edge of the plate so that the assembly, that is to say, the plate and the bracket may be secured to store furnishings or the like, in order that it will present a neat and attractive appearance, it being understood that the extensions will be anchored by suitable fastenings 14, such as are ordinarily employed for the purpose.

It is shown that the bracket also comprises upper and lower plate-like extensions 15 and 16, respectively, the former of which has a plurality of apertures 17 formed therein and arranged concentric to the curved edge of the said extension. The extension 16 has a plurality of apertures 18 near and concentric to its edge and another set of apertures 19 rearwardly of the apertures 18 which are also preferably arranged concentric to the curved edge of the extension.

The frames or arms, in the present embodiment of the invention, are each formed of a single length of wire doubled on itself to a degree that the upper run 20 thereof will stand approximately horizontally when the arm is in use, whereas the lower run 21 thereof will extend downwardly and rearwardly from the front end toward the bracket, its end being upturned to form a pintle 22 which is inserted through one of the apertures 18 from beneath the extension 16. The inner end 23 of the run 20 stands at an angle to the horizontally disposed portion and it constitutes a pintle which is inserted in one of the apertures 17 and one of the apertures 19 so that it occupies a position diagonal to the face of the plate 10 or to the axis of the pintle 22, and it is obvious from an inspection of Fig. 3 that when the arm is oscillated, torsion will develop in the pintle 23 and that it will act to maintain the arm in normal position or return it to its normal position if manually moved and released, although of course it will be possible for the user to move the arms into close proximity to one another so that two or more may collectively support a garment.

It is shown that the bracket in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 is provided with shoulders 24 which will serve to prevent displacement of articles placed on the arm between the same and of course these may

be increased or diminished in number to suit particular requirements.

In the modification shown in Fig. 6, the arms are formed in substantially the manner shown and described in connection with the illustration in Fig. 3, except that the material of the bracket may be shaped to form depressions, such as 25, which will act to separate the articles placed on the arm and, as a means for strengthening the arms, the upper and lower run of each arm may be provided with a brace 26 secured in any appropriate manner, as by spot welding or the like. Otherwise the construction of the arm and its relation to the support is the same as that heretofore described.

Owing to the fact that the arms are preferably made of resilient wire, they are retained in place, although they are readily replaceable individually without removing another part.

In Figure 7 the ends of the runs are applied to apertures in the flanges A and B in the same

manner in which they are applied to the apertures 17 in the other figures of the drawing.

I claim:

In a garment support, a bracket, upper and lower parallel extensions formed as a part of the bracket, the upper extension having apertures therein and the lower extension having apertures near the edge and other apertures located in the rear thereof and out of line with the apertures in the upper extension, and an arm comprising a length of material bent on itself, one portion thereof being diagonally disposed with relation to the other, the said diagonally disposed portion being shaped to form a pintle extending into one of the front apertures of the lower extension, and the other portion of said arm terminating in a diagonally disposed pintle occupying one of the apertures of the upper extension and one of the rearmost apertures of the lower extension.

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