

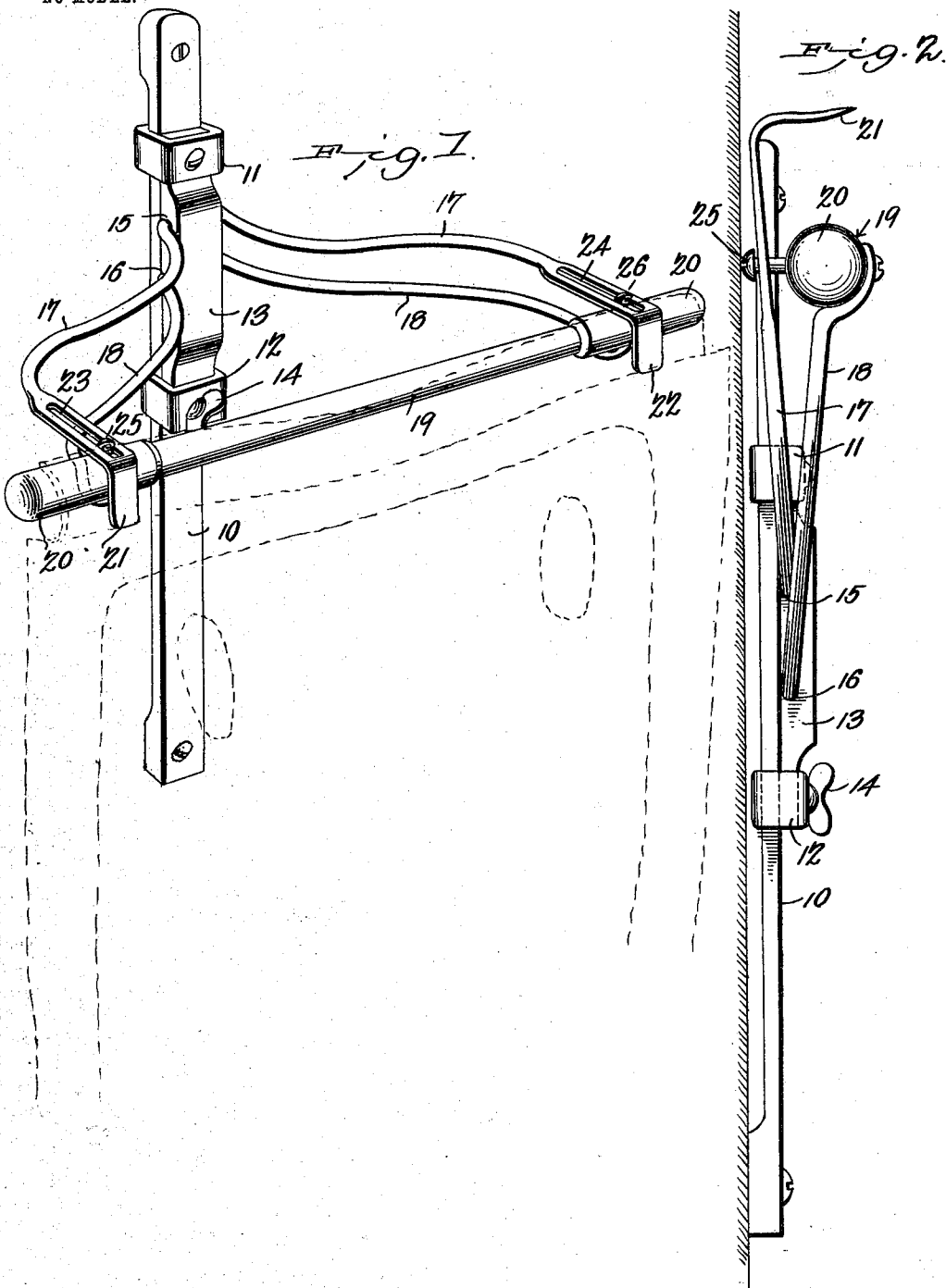
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEREMIAH LINN SEITZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at McPherson, in the county of McPherson and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Coat-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices employed for holding overcoats and similar garments and to aid in putting them on, and has for one of its objects to provide a supporting device so constructed that the weight of the coat will maintain it firmly in operative position and which is releasable by elevating the coat in the act of drawing it over the shoulders.

Another object of the device is to provide a supporting device of this character which is adjustable vertically to adapt it to persons of different heights.

The invention consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter shown and described, and specified in the claims.

In the drawings illustrative of the invention, in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device complete and in operative position. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same in inoperative position.

The improved device consists of a supporting bar or bracket 10, adapted to be connected to a wall, the inner side of a closet-door, or to any other suitable support and spaced therefrom, as shown. Slidably disposed upon this bracket are spaced clips 11 12, connected by a holding-bar 13, and with a set-screw 14, tapped through one of the clips and operating to clamp the holding-bar at any desired point upon the bracket. The holding-bar is provided with spaced recesses 15 16 in its rear side, opening against the bracket and adapted to receive supporting members 17 18, as shown. These members are formed with oppositely-extending arms, the arms of the lower member being connected by a transverse bar 19, having extended preferably rounded ends 20, and the extremities 21 22 of the arms of the upper member are bent at an angle thereto and extend downward in front of the bar, and the arms of the upper member are provided with longitudinal apertures 23 24, through which pins 25 26, rising from the bar 19, project, as shown.

The members 17 18 and their attachments will be so proportioned and relatively arranged that when in their downturned operative positions, as in Fig. 1, the depending ends 21 22 will closely engage the front and upper sides of the bar 19, which forms the lower jaw member, and when moved into their upper position the apertures 23 24 will move over the pins 25 26 and cause the ends 21 22 to move out of engagement with the bar, as shown in Fig. 2. By this means it will be obvious that a coat-collar may be hung over the rounded ends 20 of the bar 19 when the device is in its elevated position, and then when drawn downward the ends 21 22 will form clamping means to firmly grip the coat and hold it suspended, and if the coat be placed in position with the lining outward it will be supported in precisely the same position as if held by an assistant, the weight of the coat maintaining the "grip" and retaining the coat in position. Then when the wearer inserts his arms into the sleeves and raises his shoulders in the same manner as when putting on a coat under ordinary conditions or when it is held by an assistant the members 17 18 will be elevated with the coat and ends 21 22 moved upward and the coat released. The holder-bar 13 will be adjusted vertically to bring it into proper position relatively to the height of the wearer of the coat, and by simply loosening the set-screw 14 this adjustment may be very quickly accomplished, so that the same device may be employed for persons of various heights and without loss of time, as the adjustment can be very quickly made. This vertical adjustment, therefore, is an important and valuable feature of the invention and adds materially to its efficiency.

The parts are very simple in construction, the device easily applied and operated, and will be found very convenient and useful for the purposes described.

The extended ends 20 of the bar 19 materially assist in the operation, as they form supports for the coat and render it an easy matter to place it in position, as it is only necessary to hang the ends of the collar of the coat with the lining outward over the ends 20 and then allow the weight of the coat to depress the members 17 18, when the ends 21 22 will grip the collar upon the bar 19 and

firmly hold it, as before stated. The placing of the coat in position thus requires no nice adjustments of parts and can be done without loss of time and can be operated in the dark or in a dim light with very little practice.

5 All the parts will preferably be of metal except the bar 19, which may be of wood, and the metal parts gilded, plated, or otherwise ornamented and protected. The bar 19 may
10 be of polished metal also, if preferred, and of suitable size and length.

The parts may be modified in minor details without departing from the principle of the construction or sacrificing any of its advantages.

15 Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A coat-holder comprising spaced members mounted for oscillation, one of said members having a transverse bar connected to the free ends thereof and the other of said members terminating in depending ends closely engaging said bar when the members are in one position and releasable therefrom when the members are in their other position, substantially as specified.

2. A coat-holder comprising spaced mem-

bers having a transverse bar connected to the free ends thereof and the other of said members terminating in depending ends closely engaging said bar when the members are in one position, and provided with longitudinal apertures through which pins extending from said bar project, whereby said bar and depending ends are guided in their movements to and from each other when the members are operated, substantially as specified.

3. A coat-holder comprising vertically-spaced members mounted for oscillation, one of said members being connected to a transverse bar having laterally-extended ends, and the other of said members terminating in depending ends closely engaging said bar when the members are in one position and releasable therefrom when the members are in their other position, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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