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Fig. 1.

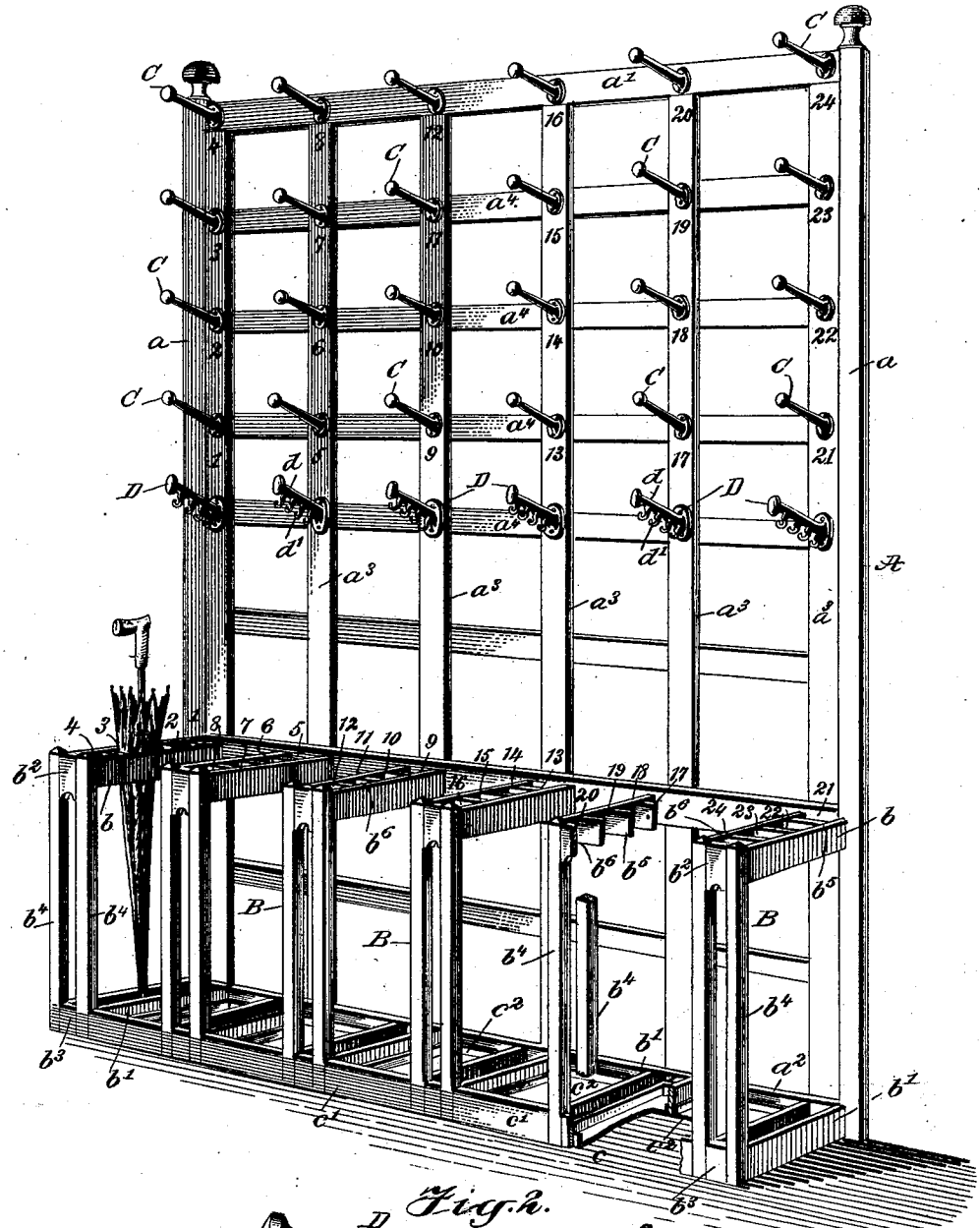
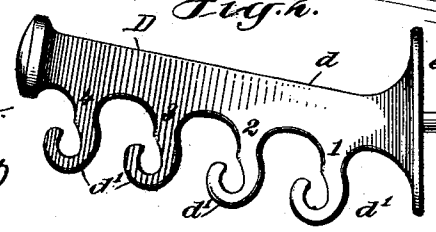


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES DOUBLAT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Rack, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to garment-racks especially adapted for use in cafés, hotels, and other places where a number of garments are to be taken care of and accounted for.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a rack so constructed that the hats, coats, or wraps and the umbrellas and canes of the various guests can be quickly and accurately arranged, classified, and returned in good condition to their owners without the liability of mistakes.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

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

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved rack, a portion thereof being broken away; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of one of the hangers employed in connection with the rack.

Primarily the rack consists of an upright main frame A and auxiliary frames B, which extend out from the main portion of the main frame and are adapted to rest upon the floor or other support for the rack. The main frame A usually comprises side uprights a, connected at the top and bottom by cross-bars a' and a^2, a series of intermediate uprights a^3, extending from the top to the bottom cross-bars, preferably at equal distances apart, and intermediate cross-bars a^4, also preferably at equal distances apart and which cross the back portions of the intermediate uprights a^3, being attached thereto in any approved manner.

A series of pins C is carried partially by each intermediate upright a^3 and the upper cross-bar a'. The pins C of each series are shown equal in number, and the pins of a series are in vertical alinement; but the number of pins C in a series may be varied and the pins may be omitted from the upper cross-bar a', if desired. The pins C are secured to the frame A in any well-known manner and are preferably given more or less of an upward inclination, so that the hats they are intended to receive will be more safely supported.

In the drawings four pins C constitute a series, and each pin—commencing, for example, at the lower left-hand pin of the rack—is given a number visibly placed, and these numbers are shown commencing with "1" and ending with "24." Below each series of hat-supporting pins C a garment-supporting hanger D is secured to each intermediate upright a^3, and the garment-hangers D, as is shown in Fig. 2, each consist of an upwardly-inclined pin-body d and a number of hooks d' integral with the pin-body and extending downwardly therefrom. The number of hooks d' corresponds to the number of hat-supporting pins in the series above a garment-hanger, and said hooks are correspondingly numbered, as is shown in Fig. 2, wherein the numbering conforms to that of the first series of hat-supporting pins C.

An auxiliary or front frame B is provided for each series of hat-supporting pins C and accompanying garment-hangers D, as shown in Fig. 1, and said frames B extend outward from the intermediate uprights a^3 at right angles thereto. Each frame B usually consists of upper parallel side boards b, lower parallel side boards b', upper and lower end boards b^2 and b^3, and forward corner-posts b^4, extending from top to bottom of the frame B, together with partitions b^5, extending from one upper side board b to the other and dividing the upper portion of the frame B into compartments b^6, corresponding in number to the number of hat-supporting pins C in the series above the frame and the number of hooks in the garment-hanger D of such series, and the said compartments b^6 are numbered to correspond to the numbering of the series of pins and hooks in the hat and garment supporting devices immediately above the frame B, as is clearly shown in Fig. 1.

A tray c is located in the base portion of

each auxiliary frame B, and a cane or an umbrella, or both, can be placed in each compartment b^6 of the auxiliary frame, the ferrule ends of which canes or umbrellas rest on the trays *c*.

Front flush boards *c'* are provided, which connect the lower portions of the front frames B, and between two opposing front frames B a tray c^2 is constructed, adapted as a receptacle for overshoes.

The preferred manner of attaching a hat-supporting pin C and garment-hanger D to the main frame A consists in providing them with flanges *e* at their inner ends, adapted to bear against the frame A, and with attached bolts *e'*, adapted to be passed through the frame, which bolts have suitable nuts e^2.

In operation, the rack being empty, the first person arriving is given, for example, the check-number "1." The hat of such person is then hung on the pin designated "1" and his coat on the hook of the garment-hanger of the same series designated "1." If the party has an umbrella and cane, such articles are placed in the compartment in the frame B belonging to the selected series of pins and garment-hanger, which compartment in the frame B will also be designated as "1," so that when the patron desires the return of the article the attendant may quickly and conveniently and without danger of confusion or mistake restore all the articles to their owner in proper condition, as the coat or wrap need not be folded, but is held suspended. Each cane or umbrella is prevented from chafing against another, and the hat is securely and safely held on the pin assigned to it.

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

1. A garment-rack comprising a support, hat-supporting pins secured to the upper part of the support in series, the pins of each series being in vertical alinement, a garment-hanger secured to the support below and in alinement with each series of hat-pins, said hangers being provided with hooks corresponding in number to the pins in the series below which it is arranged, a series of cane and umbrella holders, one for each series of pins and accompanying hanger, said holders projecting from the lower front portion of the support and each provided at its upper portion with a series of open-ended and alined compartments corresponding in number to the number of hat-supporting pins of the series, and in its lower portion below the said compartments with a tray, and trays arranged in the lower portions of the cane and umbrella holders between the trays thereof, substantially as described.

2. A garment-rack, consisting of a frame, hat-supporting pins secured to the frame in series, the pins of each series being arranged in vertical alinement, and a garment-hanger secured to the frame below the pins of each series and in alinement therewith, said hangers being provided with hooks corresponding in number to the number of pins in the series, substantially as described.

3. A garment-rack, consisting of a frame, hat-supporting pins secured to the frame in series, the pins of each series being arranged in vertical alinement, and a garment-hanger located below each series of pins, and in alinement therewith, each garment-hanger consisting of an upwardly-inclined body and hooks extending downward from the under edge of the body, the said hooks corresponding in number to the number of pins in the said series, corresponding hooks and pins having corresponding designations, substantially as described.

4. A garment-rack, comprising a main frame, hat-supporting pins secured to the main frame in series, the pins of each series being arranged in vertical alinement, a garment-hanger secured to the frame below each series of pins and in alinement therewith, each garment-hanger comprising a body-section and hooks extending downward from the body-section, the number of hooks of each hanger corresponding in number to the pins in the series, corresponding hooks and pins having corresponding designations and a series of auxiliary frames secured to and extending outward from the lower front part of the main frame, one for each series of hat-pins and garment-hangers, each frame being provided with a tray at its bottom and with a series of open-ended compartments at its upper portion above the trays, the said compartments being in alinement and corresponding in number to the number of pins in the said series and the number of hooks on the garment-hanger, corresponding compartments having similar designations to corresponding pins and hooks of the hanger, substantially as described.

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

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