

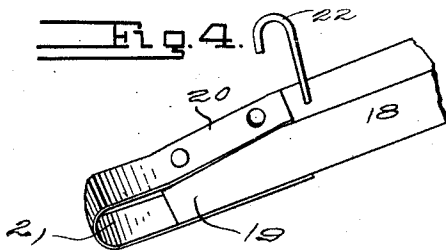
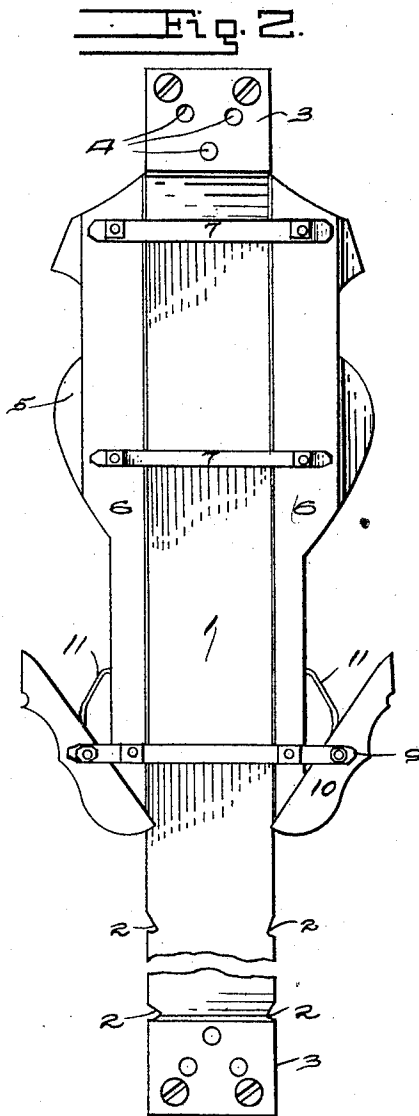
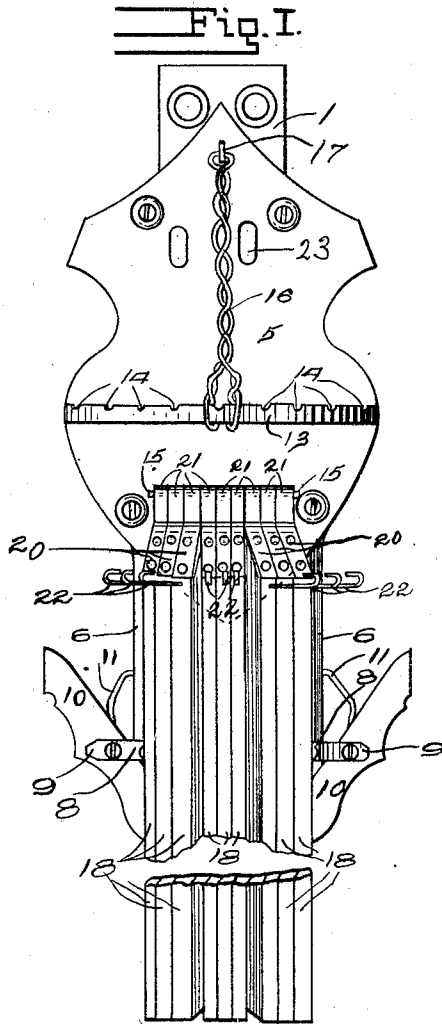
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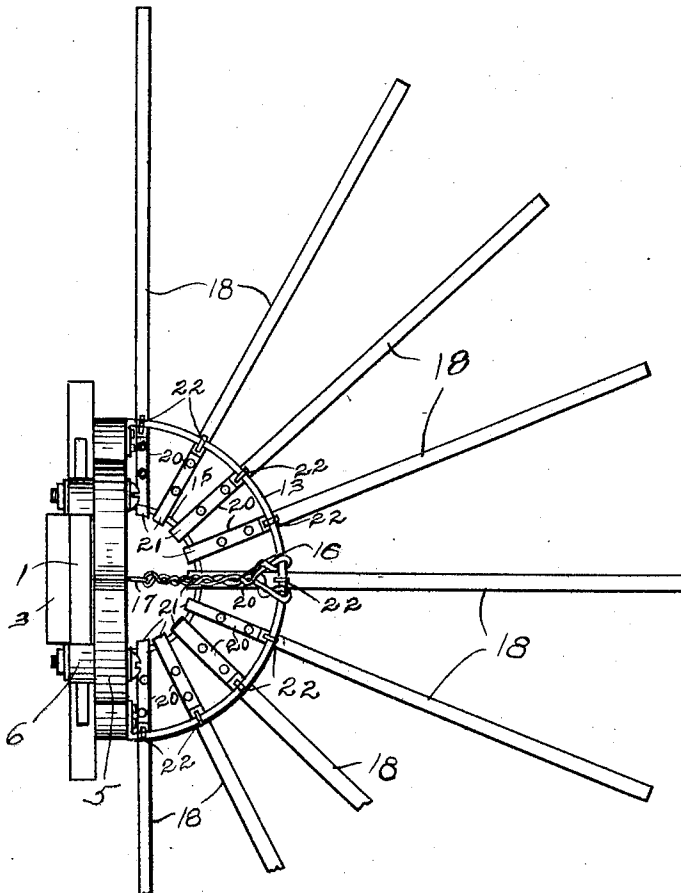
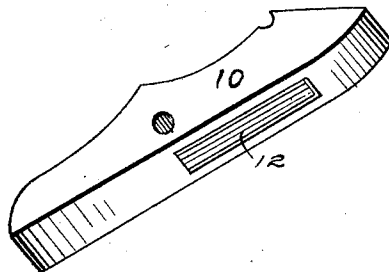


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. MCGEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Covello, in the county of Columbia and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Racks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to clothes drying racks, and the principal object of the same is to provide a strong and serviceable structure that can be adjusted and in which supporting arms are provided for the clothes which can be readily swung to a clothes supporting position and rigidly retained in such position, said arms being connected to the body of the drier so that when not in use they will lie close to and substantially parallel with the body, and thereby permit the drier to be stored in the minimum of space.

In carrying out the objects of the invention generally stated above it will be understood, of course, that the essential features thereof are necessarily susceptible of changes in details and structural arrangements, one preferred and practical embodiment of which is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of the improved drying rack, the arms thereof being folded. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof. Fig. 3 is a top plan view, the arms being in clothes-supporting positions. Fig. 4 is a detail fragmentary perspective view of one end of one of the clothes-supporting arms. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of one of the pawls forming a part of the invention. Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, it will be seen that the improved clothes drying rack comprises a standard 1 the vertical sides of which are provided with regularly spaced teeth 2 in their lower portions. At the rear, said standard 1 is provided with abutments 3 at each end, the ends of said standard and said abutments having aligned transverse openings 4 formed through them for the reception of fasteners to attach the standard to a wall or other support.

A flat body 5 is provided for the improved rack, said body having its rear surface equipped with spaced parallel cleats 6 which provide a guideway through which the standard 1 extends, and which permits

the body 5 to be adjusted longitudinally of said standard. The cleats 6 are connected by the straps 7 which are bolted or otherwise rigidly but detachably fastened to said cleats and straddle the standard 1. The cleats 6 extend below the lower end of the body 5 and their lower ends are connected at the rear by one of the straps 7, and also at the front by a similar strap 8. The lower straps are parallel and their ends 9 project beyond the outer longitudinal sides of the cleats 6. Said projected ends 9 have the dogs 10 pivotally mounted between them and which engage the teeth 2 to prevent a downward movement of the body 5. Springs 11 are carried by the cleats 6 for holding the dogs 10 in engagement with the teeth 2, said springs being preferably of the leaf type and adapted to seat in the recesses 12 of the dogs, when said dogs are manually released from said teeth 2.

Body 5 is provided with a laterally projecting semi-circular bar 13 which projects laterally from the front surface thereof and is equipped with regularly spaced teeth 14. Below said bar 13, a smaller semi-circular pivot bar 15 projects laterally from the body 5. Bar 13 is preferably formed of strap metal and has a brace connection 16 with an eye 17 at the upper portion of body 5. The brace connection has been shown as formed of twisted wire, but it will be clear that any other type of brace can be employed.

A plurality of supporting arms 18 are employed for suspending clothes to be dried, said arms having tapered inner ends 19 which are overlapped by the straps 20. Said straps project well beyond the tapered ends of the arms 18 and are provided with loops 21 which pivotally engage bar 15. The arms 18 are provided with laterally projecting hooks 22 for engaging the teeth 14 of bar 13 to hold the arms in horizontal positions and in radiating relation relative to body 5, which is their clothes-supporting positions. When released from said bar, the said arms drop to the positions shown in Fig. 1 so that but the minimum of space is required.

As has been stated, the body 5 slidably engages the standard 1, the movements of said body being limited by contact of the straps 7 with the abutments 3.

The straps 7 are detachably fastened to the cleats 6 so that when unfastened the

body 5 is free from standard 1. This permits the body 5 to be used without said standard and when so used the body is supported by means of suitable fasteners which are passed through the transverse openings 23 in the upper portion of said body.

What I claim as my invention is:—

A clothes rack comprising a flat body, clothes hanging means carried thereby, elongated spaced parallel cleats carried by the rear of said body and projecting below the lower end thereof, straps connecting said cleats and spanning the rear of said body, a standard slidable on the rear of said body between said cleats, said standard having its lower vertical edges provided with teeth,

the lower strap having its ends projecting beyond the outer edge of said cleats, a front strap connecting the lower portions of said cleats and having projecting ends that are arranged in spaced parallel relation to the projecting ends of the lower rear strap, dogs pivotally mounted between said parallel ends, and springs carried by said cleats and engaging said dogs to hold said dogs in positions to engage said teeth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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