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RECEPTACLE FOR CLOTHES IN SLEEPING CARS.

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Fig. 1.

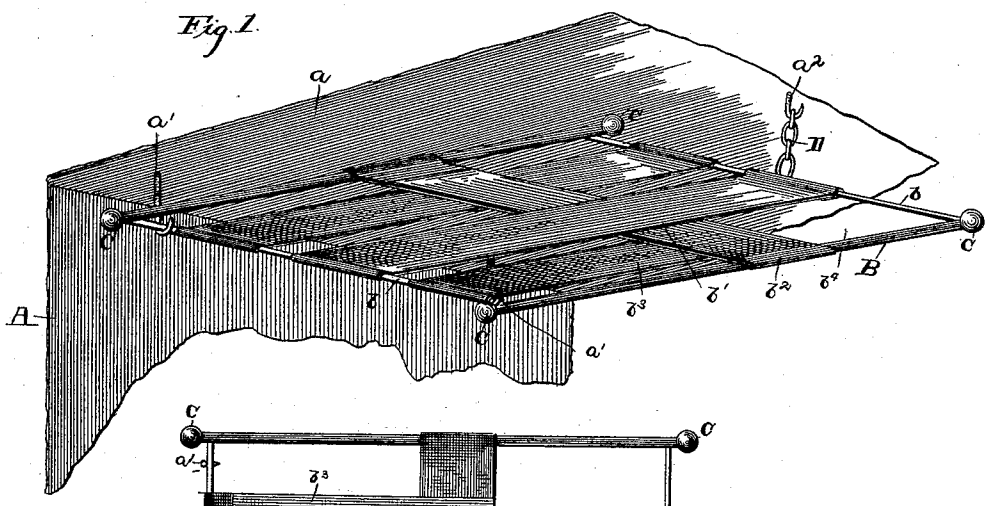


Fig. 2.

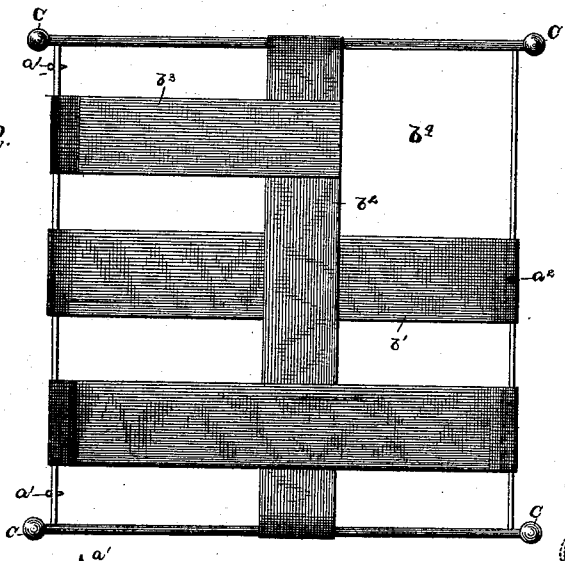
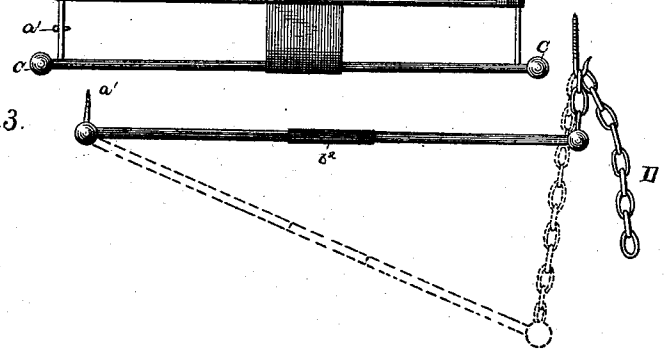


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PERKINS A. GORDON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Milan, in the county of Erie and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receptacles for Clothes in Sleeping-Cars, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention pertains to certain new and useful improvements in clothes-racks or retainers for passenger sleeping-cars, having for its object the provision of new and improved highly efficient means for securing or retaining in place the clothes or apparel of an occupant of a berth against the roof of the car.

The invention comprises the peculiar construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, substantially as hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view showing my invention as applied to the roof of a berth of a car. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof. Fig. 3 is an end view showing the racks or frame lowered or tilted, in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a sleeping-berth of a car and a the roof thereof, from which project two oppositely-disposed depending hooks, a' a', about midway between which, at the inner edge of the roof, toward the center of the car, is a third depending hook, a^2.

B is a preferably square frame of either wood or metal. The inner and outer side bars, b b, of this frame have connected thereto strips b' of, preferably, some elastic material, and transversely of these strips is a cross-strip, b^2, secured at its ends to the end bars of said frame. To this cross-strip b^2 is connected one end of a short strip, b^3, which is not extended beyond cross-strip b^2, so as to form an opening, b^4. The rear ends of the end bars of frame B are provided with cushions or elastic balls C C, to prevent the same from scratching the wood-work.

D is a chain connected to the inner side bar of frame A, and is designed to engage or be connected to hook a^2.

In practice, chain D is disconnected from hook a^2, and the inner end of frame B is permitted to tilt, as shown in Fig. 3, the hooks a' a' acting as fulcrums for the side bars of the frame. The occupant of the berth can then readily place his clothes or apparel upon the elastic strips of frame B, and his hat can be projected down through opening b^4 and held by its brim bearing on the inner side bar and cross-strip b^2.

After the clothes are all placed on frame B, the inner end thereof is raised by means of chain D, which, when said frame is raised the desired extent, is secured to hook a^2. The pressure of the frame in holding the clothes against the roof of the berth is sufficient to prevent the shaking and mussing of the clothes.

The frame B can be readily removed during the day and stored with the mattress of the bed, if desired.

I claim as my invention—

1. The frame herein described, having the elastic strips secured thereto and having an opening, as b^4, formed thereby, substantially as and for the purpose stated.

2. The combination, with the car having the depending hooks, of the frame secured by said hooks at one side, and the chain connected to said frame and engaging one of said hooks, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination, with the car having the depending hooks, of the frame secured by said hooks and having cushions and elastic balls secured to its end bars, substantially as shown and described.

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

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