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HAT RACK.

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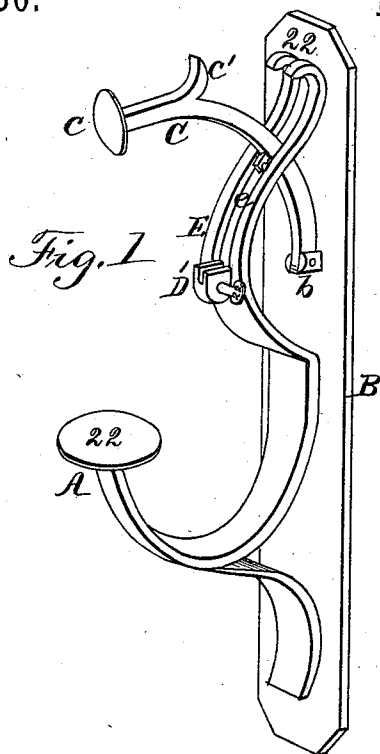
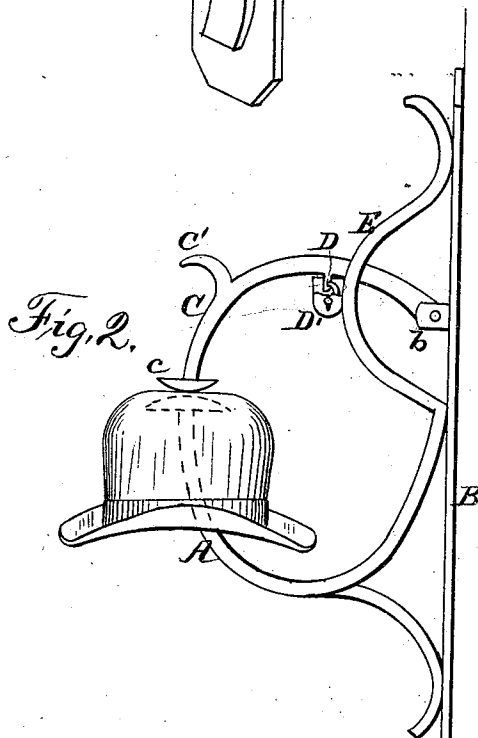
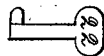


Fig. 3.



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HAT-RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT E. GLEASON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stillwater, in the county of Washington and State of Minnesota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in hat-racks in which a pivoted retaining-arm and lock are combined for the safe-keeping of the hat or other article; and the object of my improvement is to provide a simple attachment for the hat-racks in common use which may be locked to secure the article by a key held by the owner of the article, and marked to designate the particular rack from the others. For instance, where a series of such racks are used and each consecutively numbered and provided with a different locking mechanism having a key correspondingly numbered, and articles—such as satchels, light bundles, shawl-straps, overcoats, hats, &c.—placed upon any one of the racks and locked in place and the key taken by the person placing the article upon the hook, said articles cannot be removed by unauthorized parties.

The particular improvement which I have made in such devices I will now describe preparatory to a designation of the specific improvement claimed by me.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a view in perspective of my locking-rack. Fig. 2 shows a side view of the rack as locked to secure the article thereon. Fig. 3 shows the numbered key.

The hanger or hook A is of usual form, and is preferably supported on a base or plate, B, which likewise forms a support for the retaining-arm C, which is pivoted at one end thereto, and has its opposite or free end adapted to bear upon or rest against the end of the hook A and retain the article placed thereupon. The retaining-arm is provided with a lock part, D, of any approved construction, to hold it when bearing upon the hook. This arm may be pivoted at any desired point relative to the hook, that shown being preferred, which is directly above and in line with said hook, as by this construction the base-

plate B may be very narrow and a minimum amount of material be used in the construction of the device. The retaining-arm is preferably curved and pivoted at its inner end to lugs b, projecting from the plate B.

The fastening end is provided with a knob, c, to prevent injury to the articles placed over the end of the hook. Midway the ends of the arm a thumb-piece, c', projects to facilitate moving the arm to and from the hook. The arm C is guided in its movements by a guard, E, which is slotted or bifurcated at its upper end, through which slot e the arm projects and is held thereby from lateral displacement. It is preferably curved, as shown, and forms an ornamentation and a support for the fixed part of the lock D, which is located at the lower end of the slot and adapted to receive a staple or projection extending from the arm to lock the latter in place when at its lowest position. The guard is an integral part of the hook, as shown; but it may be separate therefrom and be attached to the plate at each end, if desired. The former construction is preferred, as it is more durable and economical.

I do not claim a hanger provided with a fixed arm to support a hat and a pivoted arm to secure the hat, which pivoted arm can be locked by a key, as such construction is old.

I claim—

1. In a hat-rack, the combination, with the hook or hanger, of a retaining-arm pivoted to said hanger part, a guard projecting from said hanger part, having a slot through which said arm projects and by which it is laterally supported, and having also a lock for said retaining-arm, arranged to receive a locking projection of said arm at a point between the ends of the latter in the line of the slot, substantially as described and shown.

2. The combination of the hanger, the guard forming an integral part and slotted at its upper end, a lock located at the lower end of the slot, and a retaining-arm passed through the slot in the guard, pivoted at its inner end and held at its lowest position by the lock, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

3. The combination of the base, the hanger,

a curved guard located above and in line with the hanger, and slotted at its upper end, a curved retaining-arm passed through the slot and pivoted at its inner end to the base between the ends of said guard, and a lock supported by the guard at the lower end of the slot to hold the retaining-arm in position, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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