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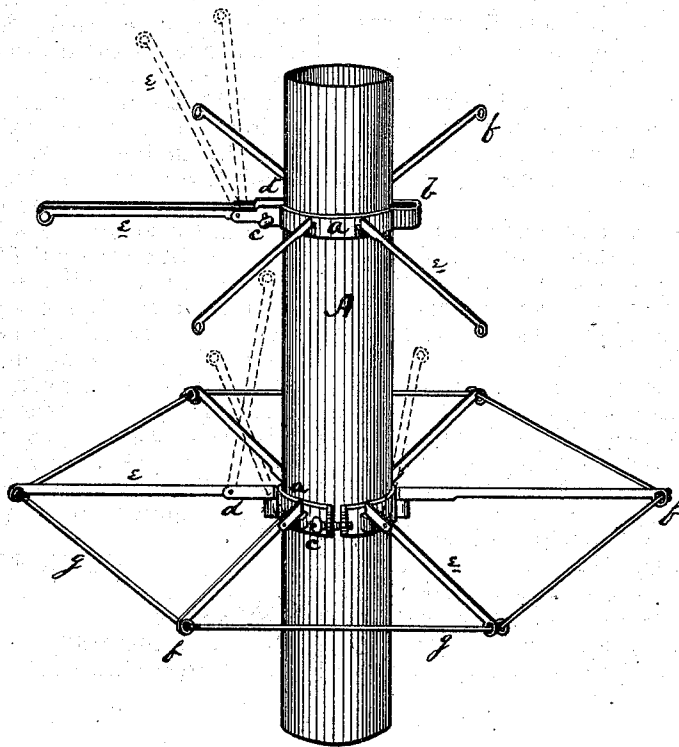


FIG. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GABRIEL FELIX COUTY, of Paris, in the Republic of France, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Racks for Drying Clothes; and I do hereby declare that the following specification, taken in connection with the drawing making a part of the same, is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention resides in so constructing a rack suitable for holding clothing to be dried that it can be conveniently attached to the pipe of a stove, and also in the further construction which allows the rack when not in use to be folded, so as to occupy but little space.

In the drawing, A represents the pipe of a stove. The clothes-rack consists of a band or strap, *a*, of metal in two parts, either hinged together or united by a flexible loop, *b*, so that the two parts composing the strap can be opened for the purpose of applying the clothes-rack to or removing it from a stove-pipe. Each member of the strap should have its end turned outward to form an ear, and these ears should be furnished with a screw and thumb-piece, *c*, for tightening the strap against the pipe. This part of the structure, therefore, consists simply of a

clamp. At convenient distances apart short arms, *d*, project radially from the surface of the clamp, and to these arms bars *e* are hinged, which bars are free to be raised, so that their ends will rest against the pipe, but are prevented from dropping below the horizontal plane by knuckles in the joints. The outer ends of the bars *e* may be furnished with eyes *f*, for the insertion of wire rods *g*, or a cord.

When the apparatus is to be used for holding clothes to be dried by the heat of the stove-pipe it is extended, as shown in the drawing; but when not in use, the rods *g* can be removed and the bars *e* be folded against the pipe.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An improved rack for drying clothes, which consists of the clamp *a*, radial arms *d*, folding bars *e*, in combination, substantially as described, the apparatus being so constructed that it can be applied to the pipe of a stove, as set forth.

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