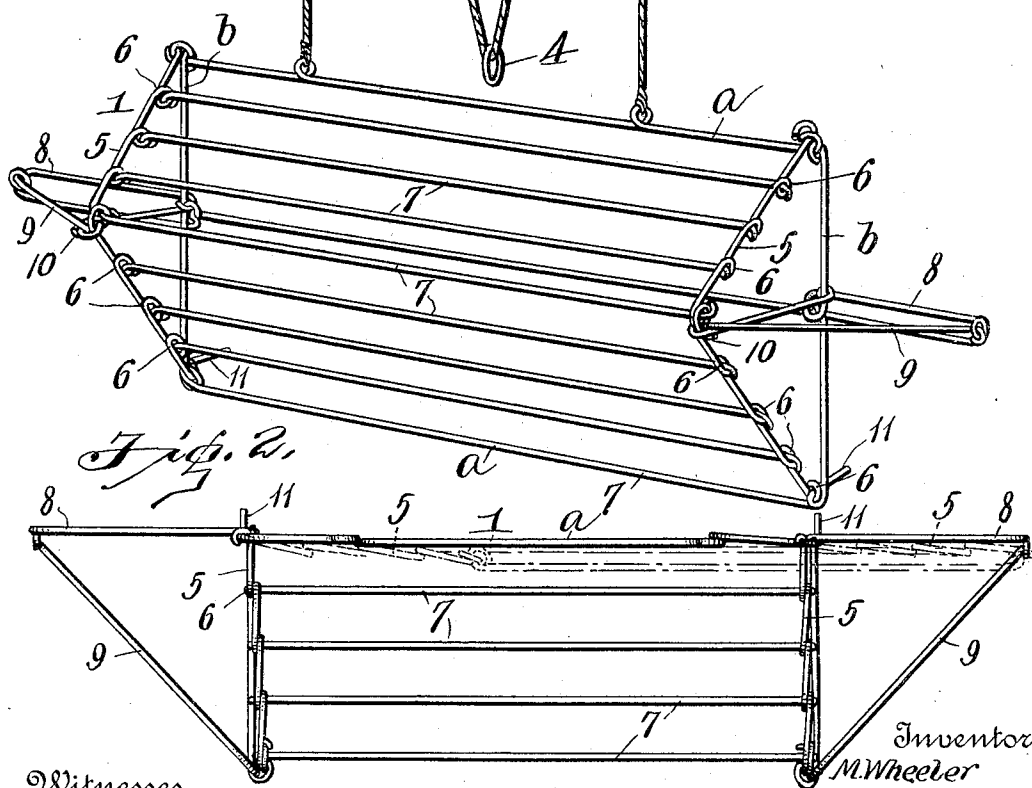
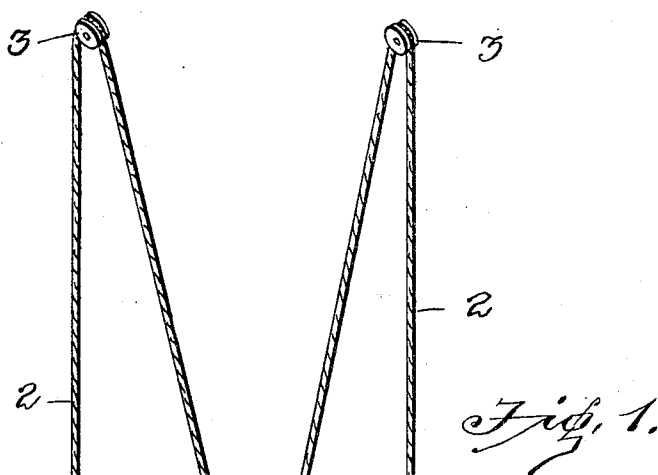


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MURWIN WHEELER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stephenson, in the county of Menominee and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Racks; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is an improved clothes-rack adapted to be raised and lowered to any desired vertical adjustment and also adapted to be folded flat against a wall to economize space when not in use; and it consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a clothes-rack constructed in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same, showing the rack extended in full lines and folded in dotted lines.

In the embodiment of my invention I provide a frame 1, which is here shown as rectangular in form, comprising side rods *a* and end rods *b*, and which is adapted to lie against a wall. The frame is suspended by cords 2 from pulleys 3 and is thereby adapted to be raised and lowered, the said cords being connected together by a ring 4, which facilitates the raising and lowering of the frame and the rack which it carries, as hereinafter described.

To the ends of the frame are pivoted V-shaped end bars 5, which are here shown as made of iron rods bent at their intermediate points to form eyes 6. Said end bars are connected together by rods 7, which are pivotally connected thereto by engaging the eyes 6 and serve as lines on which to hang the clothes or other articles, the said rods 7 being suitably spaced apart. Since the end bars are pivotally connected to the frame, and the rods 7, which connect the end bars, are pivotally attached to the latter, it follows that the said end bars and rods may be turned so as to be extended outwardly from the frame 1 or to be folded against the same. From each end of the frame 1 projects a rod or arm 8. A brace-rod 9 is pivotally connected thereto, and one end of the said brace-rod may be engaged with or disengaged from one of the end bars 5 of

the rack. It is here shown as having a hook 10 for this purpose. When the rack is extended, the brace-rod is engaged with the said end bar and holds the latter in extended position. In order to fold the rack against the wall out of the way, the brace-rod must first be disengaged therefrom, as will be understood.

The frame is provided at its lower corners with rearwardly-projecting studs 11, which serve to space the lower side of the frame a distance of a few inches from the wall to maintain the frame in a slightly-inclined position.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

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

1. A clothes-rack comprising a frame adapted to lie against a wall, bent end bars pivotally connected at their upper and lower ends to the frame, lines or rods connecting said end bars, and means to secure the latter when disposed at right angles to the frame.

2. A clothes-rack, comprising a frame adapted to lie against a wall, bent end arms pivotally connected at their upper and lower ends to said frame, rods connecting said end bars, a rod projecting from one end of the frame, and a brace-rod pivotally connected to the said projecting rod and adapted to be detachably connected to one of the bent end bars, to hold the end bars in a position at right angles to the frame, substantially as described.

3. A clothes-rack, comprising a frame adapted to lie against a wall, means to raise and lower the frame, end bars pivotally connected thereto, adapted to be extended from the frame and to be folded against the same, rods connecting said end bars, and means to secure the latter when disposed at an angle with reference to the frame.

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

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