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Fig. 1

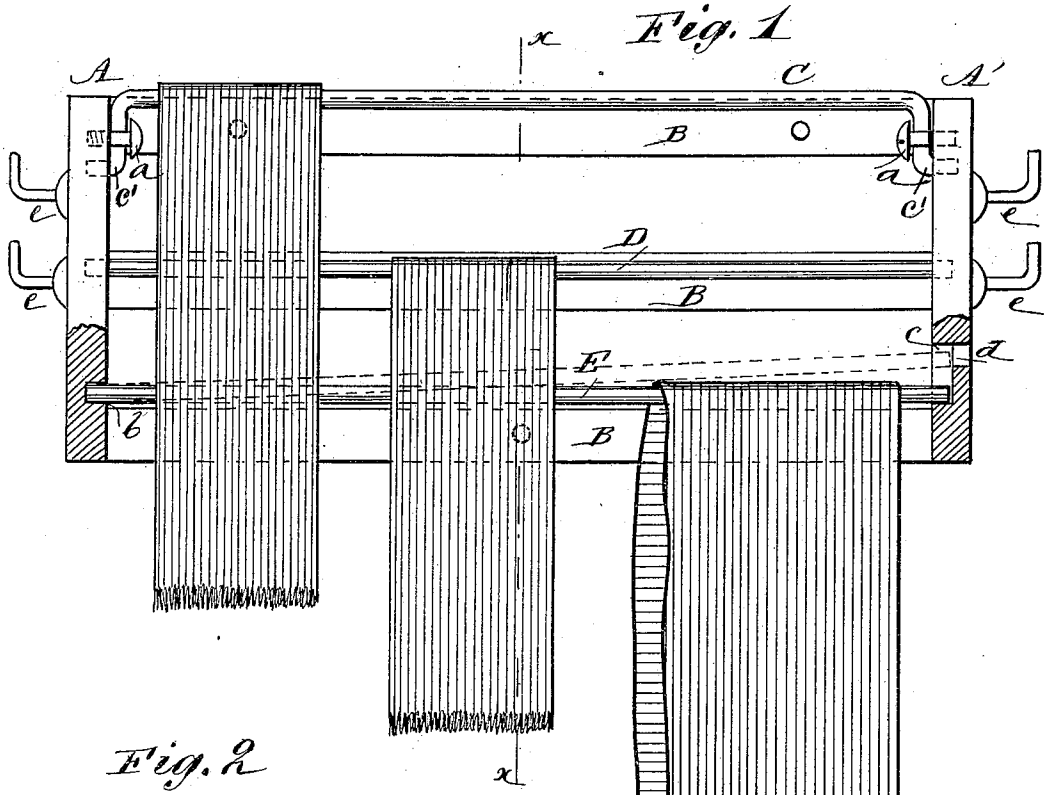


Fig. 2

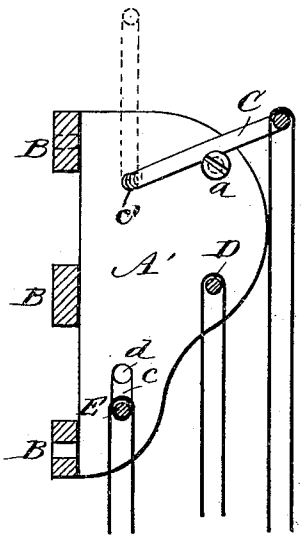
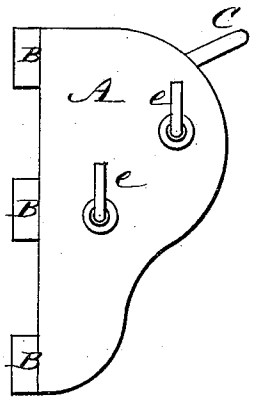


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELBRIDGE LLEWELLYN SCRIBNER, of Amesbury, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combination-Racks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, partly in section. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section taken on line *x x* in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an end elevation.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device for use either as a towel-rack, newspaper-file, or hat-rack.

My invention consists in a bracket formed of end pieces, preferably of wood, connected by wooden slats on the rear edges thereof, providing a back, and supporting three rods of metal or wood for receiving the articles to be held, the lower rod being designed for receiving a roller-towel, the upper rod being offset or cranked for convenience in placing articles on the lower rods, all as hereinafter more fully described.

The end pieces, A A′, are connected by the three slats B, secured to the rear edges of the end pieces and arranged parallel with each other. The end pieces, A A′, are preferably of ogee form, and near the upper ends of the end pieces are journaled the ends *c′* of an offset or double-cranked rod, C, which may be turned back against the wall, which supports the rack, or let down upon stop-pins or screws *a*, projecting from the inner faces of the end pieces. At a point about opposite the middle slat B is secured a fixed rod, D, for receiving towels and other articles.

A removable rod, E, is received at one end loosely in a hole, *b*, bored partly through the end piece A and at the opposite end in an oblong vertical recess, *c*, formed in the inner face of the end piece A′, as shown in Fig. 1. A hole, *d*, is bored through the outer face of this end piece, into the upper end of the recess *c*, to admit of withdrawing or inserting the rod E when it is desirable to place on it or remove therefrom a roller-towel. On the outer faces of the end pieces, A A′, are secured hooks *e*, for receiving various articles, such as clothes-brushes, dusters, &c.

When it is desirable to place towels on the rod D, the cranked or offset rod C will be turned back, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. When the rod C is let down upon the screws *a*, as shown in full lines in Fig. 2, it may receive a towel, or it may serve as a support for a hat. By raising the end of the rod E in the recess *c*, then passing the rod through the hole *d* in the end piece A′, the roller-towel it is designed to support may be placed on the rod E. Then passing the rod E back through the hole *d*, dropping the end of the rod in the recess *c*, places the rod E in position with roller-towel attached ready for use. Towel removed by reverse operation. The upper and lower slots B are provided with apertures for receiving the screws by which the rack is fastened to the wall.

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

1. In a combination-rack, the combination of an end piece, A, having a hole, *b*, in its inner face, an end piece, A′, formed with an oblong vertical recess in its inner face, and having a hole, *d*, through its outer face into the upper end of the recess, a removable rod, E, occupying loosely the hole *b* and recess *c*, and the back B, substantially as shown and described.

2. A combination-rack comprising a back, B, end piece A, formed with rod-holes, end piece A′, formed with rod-holes, oblong vertical recess *c*, and holes *d* into the recess, double-crank rod C, stop-pins *a*, fixed rod D, and loose removable rod E, substantially as shown and described.

3. A combination-rack comprising a back, B, end piece A, formed with rod-holes, end piece A′, formed with rod-holes, oblong vertical recess *c*, and hole *d* into the recess, double-crank rod C, fixed rod D, loose removable rod E, and hooks *e* on the end pieces, substantially as shown and described.

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