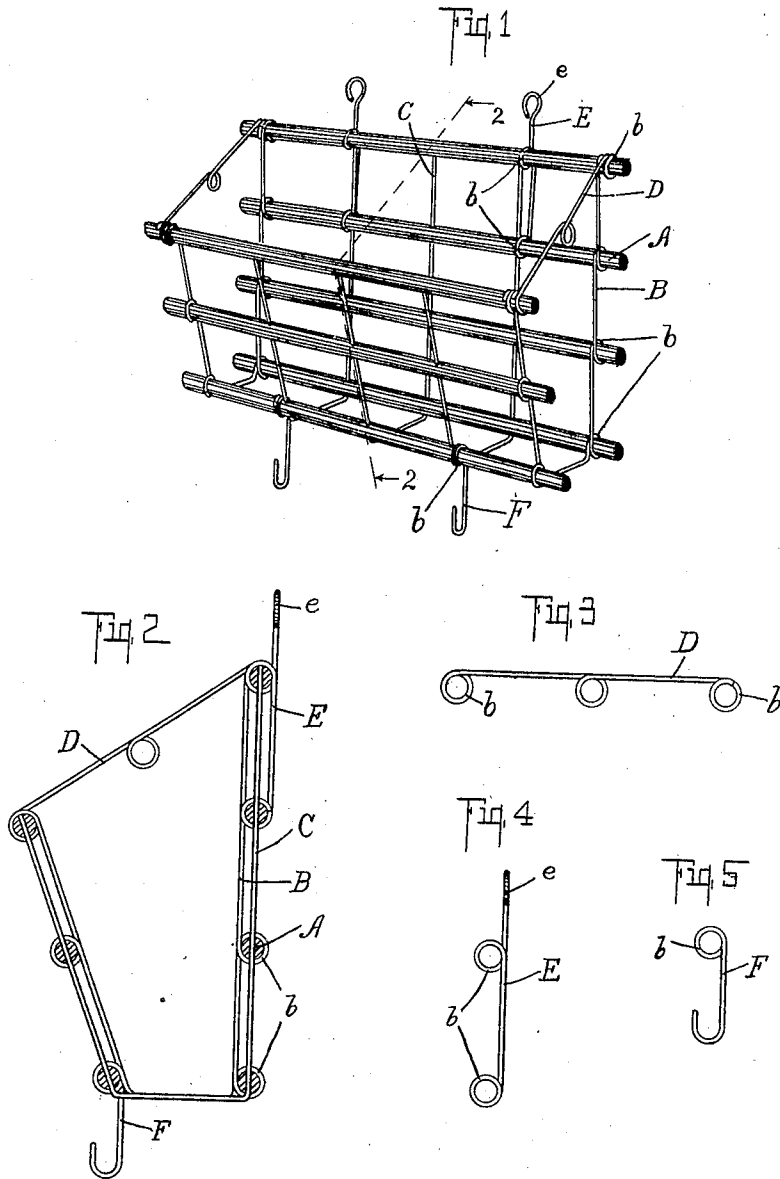


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNIE LEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Three Oaks, county of Berrien, State of Michigan, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Racks or Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in racks or holders.

10 My improved rack or holder is especially designed as a rack or file for papers and the like, although it is adapted for a great variety of uses.

The objects of this invention, are, first, to  
15 provide an improved rack or holder which is very simple and economical in structure and at the same time one which is attractive in appearance. Second, to provide an improved rack or holder which is so constructed that  
20 a number may be nested together while practically in the complete or assembled form, for the purpose of storage or shipping. Third, to provide an improved rack or holder which is very light in weight and at the same time  
25 strong and durable.

Further objects, and objects relating to structural details, will definitely appear from the detailed description to follow.

30 I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

The invention is clearly defined and pointed out in the claims.

35 A structure embodying the features of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved rack or holder. Fig. 2 is a cross-section taken on the broken line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an elevation of one of the end  
40 pieces B removed from the rack. Fig. 4 is an elevation of one of the hangers E removed from the rack. Fig. 5 is an elevation of one  
45 of the hooks F removed from the rack.

In the drawing similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing, the longitudinal  
50 bars A are preferably formed of wood and are preferably round in cross-section, as in the structure illustrated. The cross-pieces B and C support these bars and hold them in spaced relation to each other. The cross-

pieces B and C are U-shaped in form and in  
addition to supporting the cross-bars, form  
the bottom of the rack. The cross-pieces C  
are inserted through suitable holes in the  
longitudinal bars, as clearly appears from  
the drawing, C being the intermediate cross-  
60 pieces and B the end pieces. The end cross-  
pieces D are provided with loops or eyes *b*  
adapted to receive the longitudinal bars. These end pieces serve to hold the longitu-  
dinal bars in their spaced relation. The end  
65 pieces B are also provided with eyes *b* adapted to be slipped upon the longitudinal bars. By removing these cross-pieces B a number  
of the racks may be nested together without  
disturbing any of the other parts. This is  
70 of great advantage in shipping or storing, as of course the racks are very bulky in proportion to their weight. The cross-pieces are formed of wire. The hangers E are also  
75 preferably formed of wire and have eyes *b* formed therein adapted to receive the longitudinal bars, the hangers being provided with nail-engaging loops *e* at the upper end. I also preferably provide hooks F, which  
80 have eyes *b* therein adapted to receive one of the longitudinal bars of the rack. These hooks are preferably slipped upon the lower of the front longitudinal bars. These hooks  
85 are of especial advantage where my improved rack is used as a hat and coat rack, the hooks forming supports for the coat while the rack serves as a hat or cap support, these racks being particularly adapted for  
use in the shops or schools to receive articles  
such as hats, rubbers, dinner-pail, and the  
90 like, of the user, and also as hangers for coats.

It is evident that my improved rack or holder is adapted for use in numerous other  
95 relations.

I have illustrated my improved rack or holder in detail in the form preferred by me on account of its structural economy and simplicity. The same is attractive in appearance and very light in weight in proportion to its strength; and, as before stated,  
100 may be nested together very compactly simply by removing the end pieces D.

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

1. In a rack or holder, the combination of a plurality of longitudinal bars of wood for

the front and rear of the rack; intermediate U-shaped cross-pieces formed of wire, arranged through said longitudinal bars; U-shaped end cross pieces formed of wire, having loops or eyes formed therein, adapted to receive the ends of said longitudinal bars, said cross-pieces forming the bottom of said rack; and detachable end pieces having loops or eyes therein adapted to receive one of the front and one of the rear longitudinal bars, for the purpose specified.

2. In a rack or holder, the combination of a plurality of longitudinal bars of wood for the front and rear of the rack; intermediate U-shaped cross-pieces formed of wire, arranged through said longitudinal bars; U-shaped end cross-pieces formed of wire, having loops or eyes formed therein, adapted to receive the ends of said longitudinal bars, said cross-pieces forming the bottom of said rack; end pieces having loops or eyes adapted to receive one of the front and one of the rear longitudinal bars; hangers formed of wire having eyes therein to receive the upper pair of rear longitudinal bars; and hooks having eyes therein to receive the lower longitudinal bar of the front of the rack, for the purpose specified.

3. In a rack or holder, the combination of a plurality of longitudinal bars of wood for the front and rear of the rack; intermediate U-shaped cross-pieces formed of wire, arranged through said longitudinal bars; U-shaped end cross-pieces formed of wire having loops or eyes formed therein, adapted to receive the ends of said longitudinal bars, said cross-pieces forming the bottom of said rack; end pieces having loops or eyes therein adapted to receive one of the front and one of the rear longitudinal bars; and hangers formed of wire having eyes therein to receive the upper pair of rear longitudinal bars, for the purpose specified.

4. In a rack or holder, the combination of a plurality of longitudinal bars of wood for the front and rear of the rack; intermediate U-shaped cross-pieces formed of wire, arranged through said longitudinal bars; U-shaped end cross-pieces formed of wire, having loops or eyes formed therein, adapted to receive the ends of said longitudinal bars, said cross-pieces forming the bottom of said rack; hangers formed of wire having eyes therein adapted to receive the upper pair of rear longitudinal bars; and hooks having eyes therein to receive the lower longitudinal bars of the front of the rack, for the purpose specified.

5. In a rack or holder, the combination of longitudinal bars of wood, there being a plurality of bars arranged at the front and rear of the rack; U-shaped end cross pieces having a plurality of loops or eyes formed therein adapted to receive the ends of said longitudinal bars, said cross pieces forming the supports for said longitudinal bars and coacting therewith to form a rigid frame; and intermediate U-shaped cross pieces formed of wire arranged through said longitudinal bars, said cross pieces forming the bottom of the rack.

6. In a rack or holder, the combination of longitudinal bars of wood, there being a plurality of bars arranged at the front and rear of the top; U-shaped end cross pieces having a plurality of loops or eyes formed therein adapted to receive the ends of said longitudinal bars, said cross pieces forming the supports for said longitudinal bars and coacting therewith to form a rigid frame.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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