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CLOTHES STAND.

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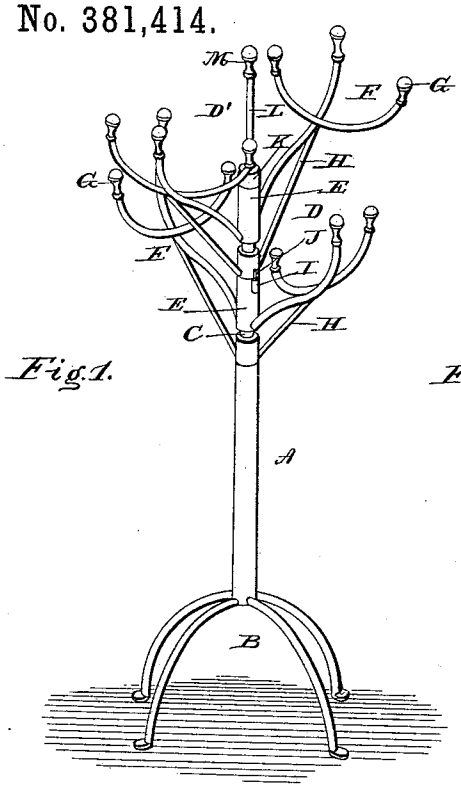


Fig. 1.

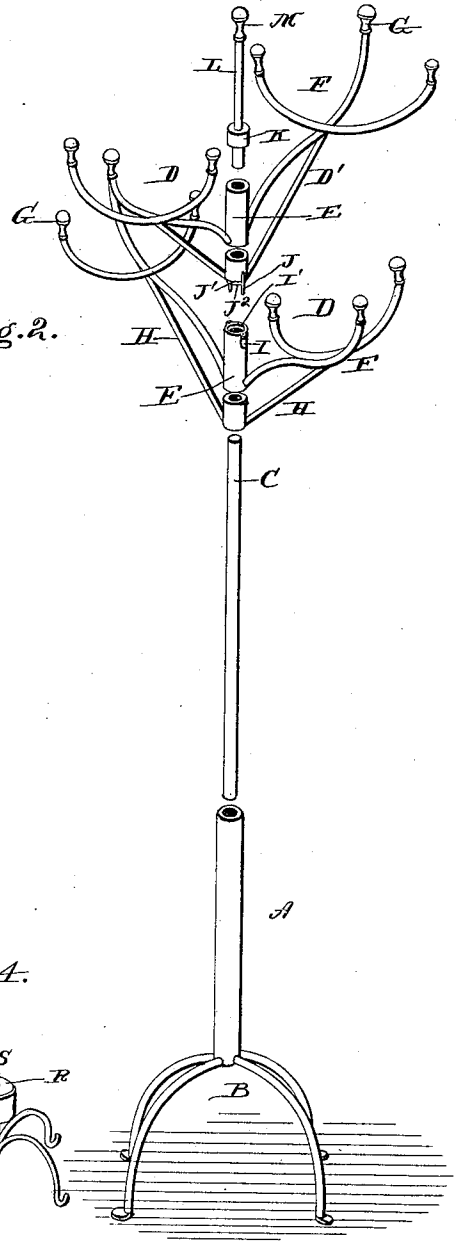


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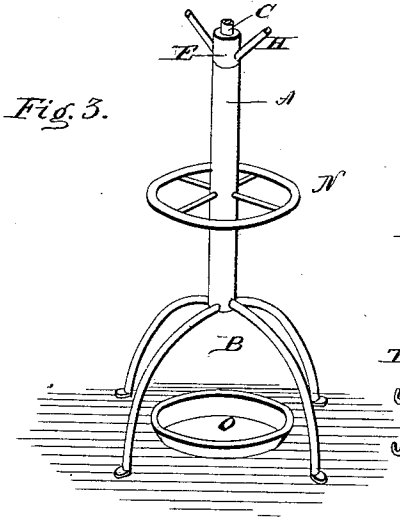


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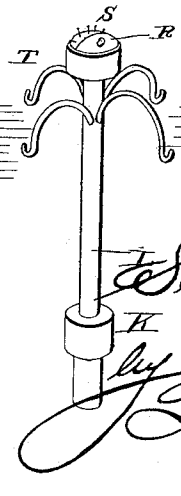


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CLOTHES-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SEWELL A. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of San José, in the county of Santa Clara and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Stands; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which--

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my new and improved clothes-stand. Fig. 2 is a perspective detail view showing the several parts of the stand separated from each other. Fig. 3 shows the stand arranged for use as an umbrella and hat stand, and Fig. 4 shows the top piece employed when the stand is adapted for children's use.

The same letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention consists in a new and improved revolving clothes stand which is also adapted to be used as a hat and umbrella stand, and my invention will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Referring to the several parts by letter, A indicates a tube or pipe of any desired length or size, which is supported at its lower end in a vertical position by the four feet B, and these feet may be provided with casters or rollers, if desired, for convenience in rolling the stand from place to place. Instead of these feet, the main pipe A could, of course, be supported on any suitable base without departing in the least from the spirit of my invention; but the curved feet B form a light and firm support, and I therefore prefer them.

C indicates the removable pivot-rod or smaller tube, and may be formed of a tube of sufficiently small diameter, or preferably of a solid rod round in cross-section. The lower half of this rod fits down removably within the main tube A, with its upper half or end projecting up above the upper end of the said tube A, as shown. On this projecting upper end portion of the rod C fit and turn the revolving brackets, D indicating the lower bracket and D′ the upper bracket, each of the said brackets consisting of a central vertical sleeve or sleeves, E, of the same diameter as the main tube A, and the projecting arms F F, on which the clothes are supported. These arms may vary in number, as a greater or less number than that shown in the drawings may be used, as desired. These arms curve outwardly and upwardly, as shown, and their upper free ends are preferably finished with the ornamental knobs G, while the two main arms are strengthened and braced by the curved braces H H, which may be cast in the form of an ornamental scroll and finished in any ornamental manner desired to give the stand a handsome and artistic appearance.

The lower bracket, D, is first placed in position on the upper end portion of the pivot-rod C and slips down the same until the lower end of its central tube rests upon the upper end of the main tube A, which thus holds the said bracket in position and forms an easy seat on which it revolves. The upper end of the central tube or sleeve, E, of the lower bracket is provided with two small sockets, I I, and it is recessed around its inner edge to form the annular shoulder I′. The lower end of the lower sleeve of the upper bracket, D′, is formed with two downwardly-projecting pins, J J, and is recessed on its lower edge to form the outer annular shoulder, J′, and the inner projecting annular flange, J^2. When the upper bracket is placed in position on the rod C, the annular flange J^2 will fit down within the recessed upper end of the sleeve E of the lower bracket, while the two downwardly-projecting pins J J will fit down in the two sockets I I, and thus prevent the upper bracket from turning independently of the lower bracket, so as to prevent the arms of the upper bracket from crossing (coming over) the arms of the lower bracket, thus holding the clothes suspended from the said arms of the two brackets always free and clear of each other. The upper bracket having been thus placed in position over the lower one, with the lower end of its lower central sleeve resting upon the upper end of the upper sleeve of the lower bracket, and with the pins and sockets holding the two brackets together, as described, a shouldered cap-piece, K, is fitted in the upper open end of the top sleeve of the upper bracket, and this cap-piece

has a vertical rod, L, rising from its center, the upper end of which rod is finished in an ornamental knob, M.

The use and operation of my invention will be readily seen and understood from the accompanying drawings, taken in connection with the foregoing description. The clothes-stand is placed in the bed-room of the user, and its owner stands by it when undressing, and instead of placing his clothes in one pile on a chair, in the usual manner, hangs each article, as he removes it, on a separate knob of the branching arms, while the rod L, rising from the cap-piece, will serve to support his hat. The brackets can be readily turned or revolved, so as to bring each arm in front of the user, and, again, when dressing, the person can stand in one spot and turn the brackets on the stand so as to bring each arm and the article which it supports conveniently to his hand without the trouble of walking around the stand, thus rendering the device exceedingly convenient in use, as the person can bring any article on any arm of the stand directly to his hand without moving.

The stand can also be made in a small size for the use of babies and small children, in which case the cap-piece K is removed and replaced by the top piece shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, at the top of which cap-piece are supported the powder-box and pin-cushion R S, while from around these project the four hooks T, on which the infant's shoes, stockings, &c., can be hung when wet.

The stand can be readily adapted for use as a hat and umbrella rack or stand by forming or providing it with a round arm or ring, N, at a suitable distance from the ground to hold the handles of the umbrellas and placing a pan, O, beneath it to receive the drip from the umbrellas, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, operation, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

It will be seen that my new and improved stand is simple and strong in construction and exceedingly convenient and efficient in use, and also that it can be easily taken apart by any person and packed in a trunk or box, while by forming it in the several parts shown if any part should become broken it can be readily replaced at a small cost. Both brackets can be cast in the same mold, when the parts are cast, and the pins and sockets added to them.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The combination of the main tube having the supporting-legs, the removable pivot-rod, the lower bracket consisting of a sleeve having the diverging arms and having the sockets at its upper end, and the upper bracket consisting of the sleeve having the diverging arms and having the retaining-pins at its lower end, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the main tube having the supporting-legs, the pivot-rod, the brackets formed each with the central sleeves, the diverging arms, and the braces, and having, respectively, the sockets and pins at the meeting ends of their sleeves, and the cap-piece having the projecting hat-support, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the main tube having the supporting-legs, the pivot-rod, the lower bracket consisting of a central sleeve having the diverging arms, formed at its upper end with the annular interior recess and the small sockets, and the upper bracket consisting of the central sleeve having the diverging arms and formed at its lower end with the outer annular recess, and the retaining-pins, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination of the main tube having the supporting-legs, the pivot-rod, the brackets formed each with the central sleeves, the diverging arms, and the braces, and having, respectively, the annular recesses, the sockets, and pins at the meeting ends of their sleeves, and a cap-piece, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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