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Improvement in Clothes Driers.

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Fig. 1.

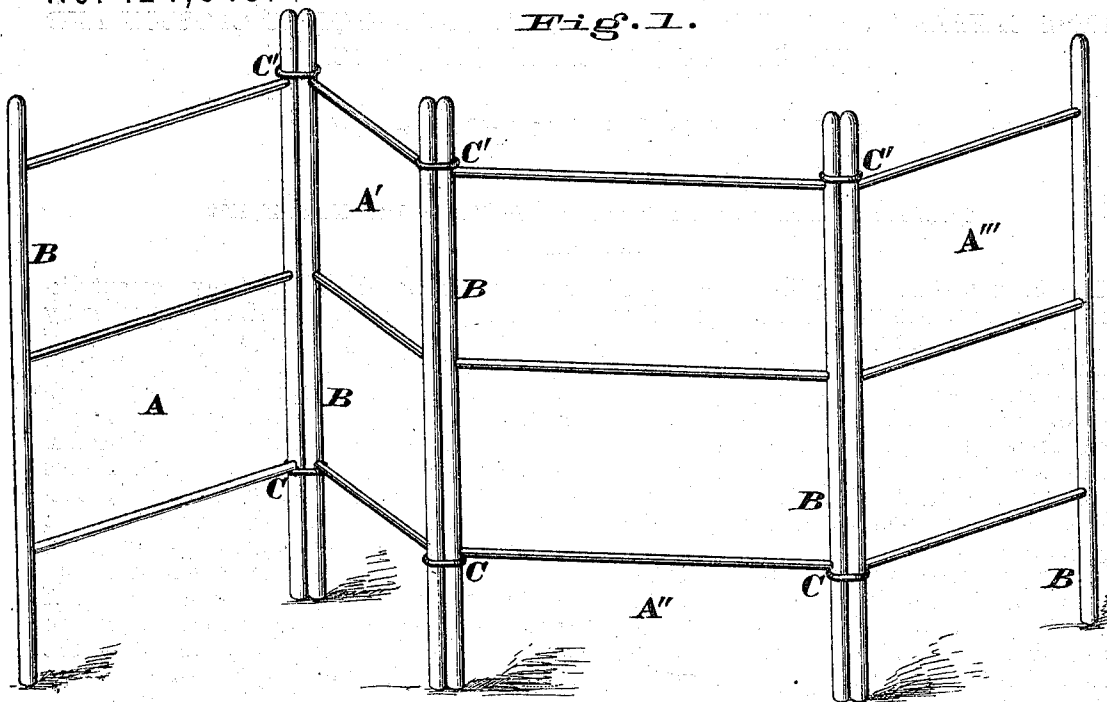


Fig. 2.

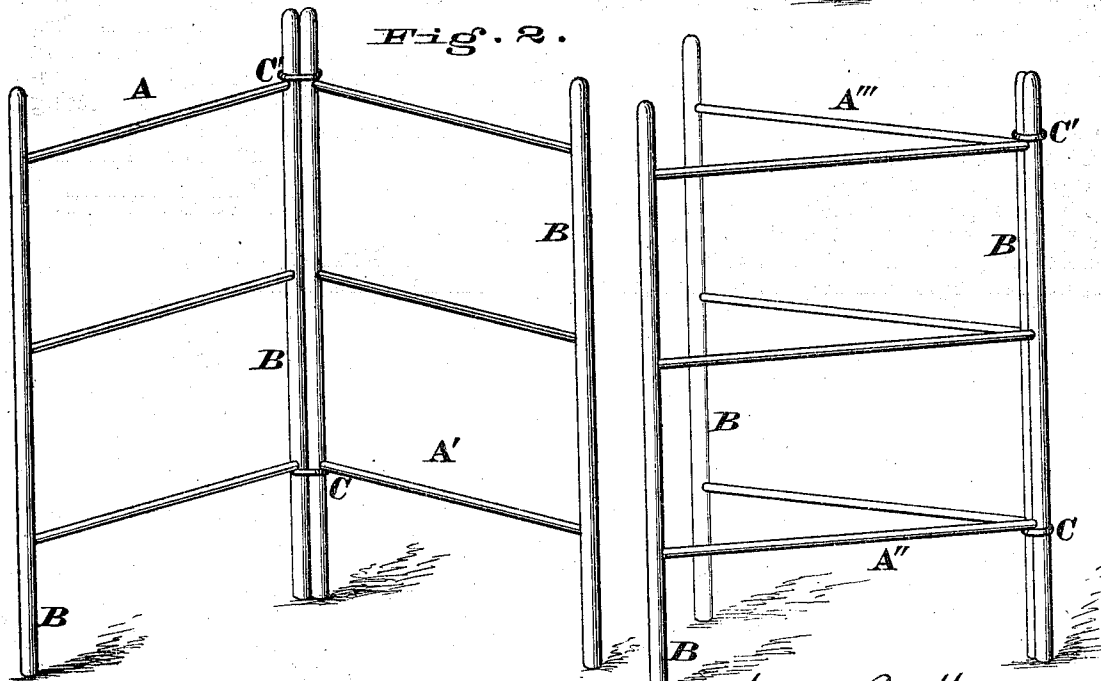
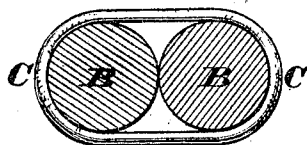


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-DRIERS.

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Specification of a Folding Clothes-Horse, invented by JAMES CAFFREY, of Covington, Kenton county, Kentucky.

This invention relates to a clothes-drier of two or more panels, having cylindrical uprights, and which are united to each other so as to be easily folded either forward or backward by elastic bands or clips which embrace the contiguous uprights, or which, being easily removed, enable the separation of the panels for any purpose.

Figure 1 represents a four-panel clothes-drier embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 shows the same separated into two independent clothes-driers. Fig. 3 is an enlarged transverse section of two contiguous uprights of as many consecutive panels, and their inclosing band.

My folding clothes-drier consists of two or more frames or panels, A A' A'' A''', whose uprights consist of cylindrical rods or sticks B. The consecutive panels are hinged together by India-rubber bands, two of which, C C', are applied to each contiguous couple of uprights, one near the top and the other near the bottom thereof. These bands, while holding them securely together, yet permit of the panels being folded backward or forward to any desired angle with respect to each other.

Two or more panels can be at any moment disconnected from or connected to each other by simply withdrawing or applying the pair of bands employed to unite two consecutive panels; thus a drier of four panels can be converted to two of two panels, each as seen in Fig. 2.

It will be perceived that no metal is used in my improvement, and consequently the clothes can never become stained by contact with metallic oxides, as is apt to occur in forms whose panels are coupled by metallic joints. It is also apparent that in this arrangement the uprights are not weakened by the penetration of the fastenings, they being entirely external to the uprights. Casters may be applied to the lower ends of the uprights, if desired.

I claim as a new article of manufacture—

The combination, with the panels A, A', &c., of the elastic bands C C', adapted, as herein shown and described, to be applied and removed at will for the purpose of connecting and disconnecting the panels, as explained.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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