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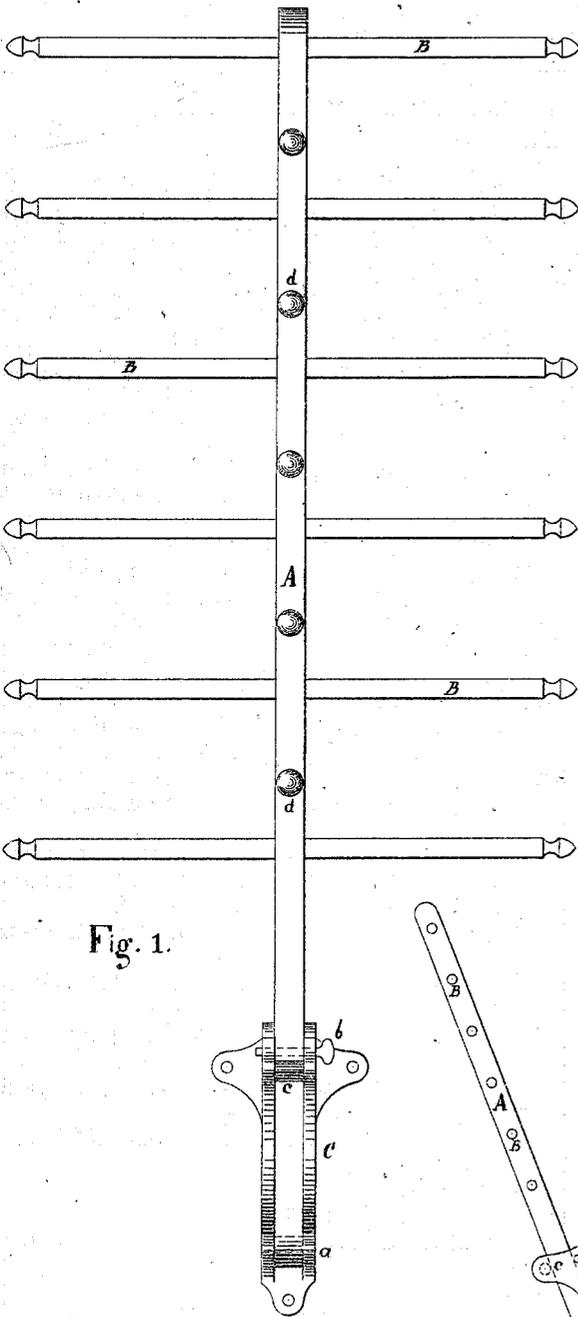


Fig. 1.

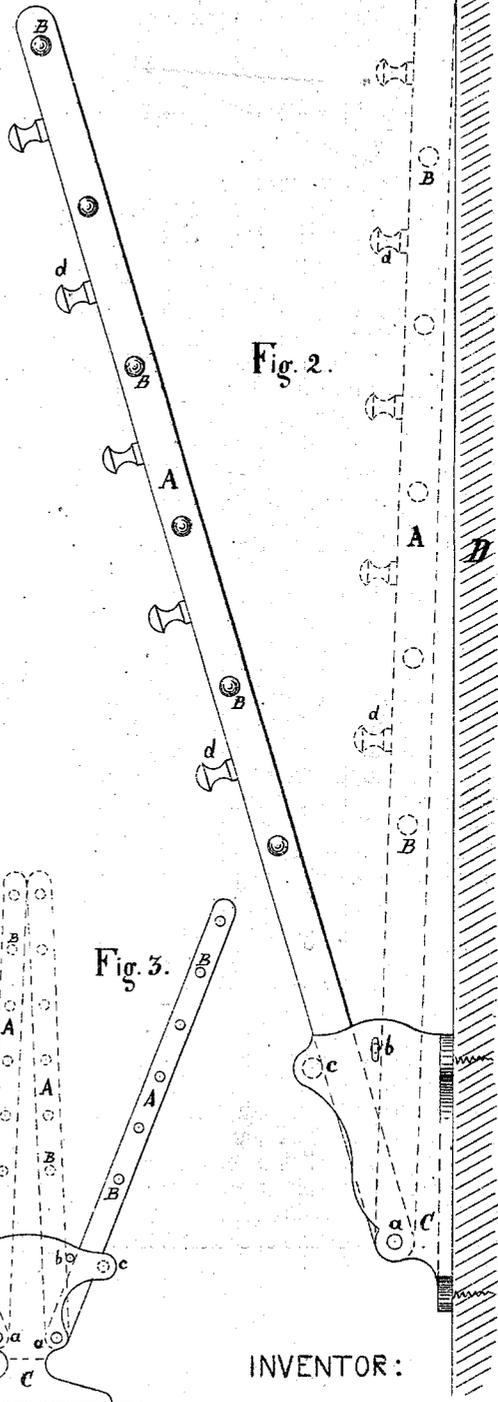


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST G. SCHMIDT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a useful Improvement in Clothes-Racks, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to make a clothes-rack of a simple and convenient construction, and which can be manufactured for the benefit of all classes at a comparatively low cost.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my invention; Fig. 2, an end or side view, showing the different positions of the rack. Fig. 3 is a modification of my invention, to be described hereafter.

Similar letters indicate similar parts in the figures.

A is an inclined central bar, to which the desired number of horizontal cross-bars B B are attached, these parts forming the rack upon which clothes, &c., can be hung up. The lower part of said central bar A fits into a light metallic bracket, C, to which it is joined by the pin *a*, around which it can turn a certain distance. This pin *a* is set off far enough from the base of said bracket C, so that the rack, when thrown back, bears against the wall D in an inclined position. The whole apparatus is fastened, by means of screws or nails, to the wall or any other desired place.

In using the apparatus the safe-pin *b* is taken out and the rack turned forward to the inclined position, as shown by the full-line drawing in Fig. 2, resting against the stop-pin *c* in the bracket C. Of course the inclination of the rack must be sufficient to allow the clothes to hang free from the horizontal cross-bars B B without touching each other. The ends of these cross-bars, acorn or knob-like shaped, also the knob *d*, fastened to the central bar A, may also be used for hanging up clothes or other articles.

Although the inclination of the rack against the wall, when the apparatus is not used, would be sufficient to prevent the rack from falling back

to its former position, it is advisable to put the safe-pin *b* through the bracket C. When the rack is secured in this position it is most out of the way, and, at the same time, at any moment ready for further use. The dotted position of the rack in Fig. 2 shows this very plain. Fig. 3 shows a modification of my invention, so far the principle being the same that Figs. 1 and 2 show a stationary apparatus with one rack, while Fig. 3 represents a portable one with two racks, which can be laid close together when not in use, as shown by the dotted lines in the same figure, and to secure them in this position two safe-pins, *b b*, are to be used.

A suitable base-bracket, C, similar to the one used in the stationary apparatus supporting the whole, makes this apparatus convenient to be used at different places of the house.

This apparatus, or both, may also be used in show-windows for exhibiting goods—as, for example, in dry goods or merchant tailor stores, &c., where they can be applied to great advantage. For this purpose the whole apparatus may be made of metal, light and elegant, to suit the taste. For family use wood would be preferable as the proper material.

I am well aware that both portable and stationary clothes-racks are known and used, and therefore I do not claim either one; but

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of one or two movable inclined central bars A, horizontal cross-bars B, knobs *d* with a suitable metallic bracket, C, joint-pin *a*, stop-pin *c*, and safe-pin *b*, the whole being arranged to operate substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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