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Fig. 1.

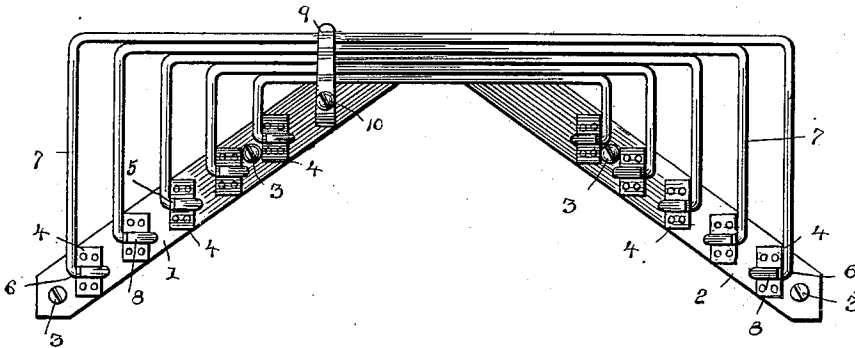


Fig. 2.

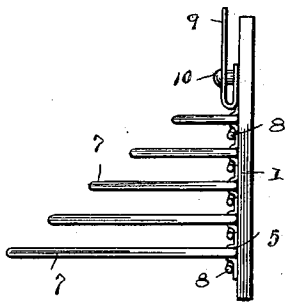


Fig. 4.

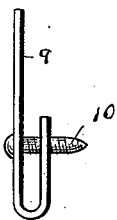
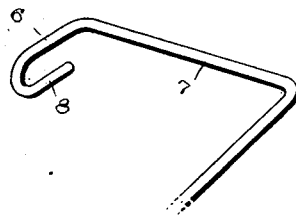


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL EAST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Harbor Beach, in the county of Huron and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to racks adapted to be secured to a wall to serve as a convenient support for clothes or other articles; and the primary object of the invention is to provide a clothes-rack which may be readily folded against the wall when not required for use and will afford ample room for hanging clothes when turned down to horizontal position.

The invention comprises one or more hinged bars bent to bail form and so constructed as to maintain a horizontal position when turned down away from the wall.

The invention further consists in a plurality of independently-hinged bails supported one above the other in parallel relation, whereby one or more of said bails may be used, as desired.

The invention also consists in certain details of construction which will be fully described hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, and whose novel features will be defined in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a clothes-rack embodying the invention as it appears when folded against its wall-supports. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same, showing the hinged bars comprising the rack turned down in position for use. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective, on an enlarged scale, of one end of one of the bars; and Fig. 4 is a detail side elevation of the pivoted catch for supporting the bars in their folded position.

The reference-numerals 1 and 2 designate two inclined diverging bars adapted to be secured to a wall by screws 3 or other suitable securing means. To each of the bars 1 and 2 is secured one or more plates 4, bent to form loops or keepers 5 to receive the inwardly-bent arms 6 of a bail 7. While a single bail would constitute a complete and operative device, I preferably employ a plurality of such bails, as shown in the drawings, said bails varying in size and arranged one above the

other in parallel relation. This necessitates the employment of a plurality of plates 4, arranged in horizontally-alined pairs, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. The ends of each bail are bent inward to form the arms 6 and then downward and outward to form stops 8, which abut against the plates 4 when the bails are turned down for use to support the latter in horizontal position.

Adjacent to the upper end of one of the supporting-bars a catch 9 is pivotally secured by a screw 10, said catch preferably consisting of a strip of metal bent upon itself, as best shown in Figs. 2 and 4, and having its longer arm of sufficient length to overlap all of the bails when the latter are in folded position, thus enabling one or all of said bails to be held by a single securing-catch.

A characteristic of the invention is that the parallel bails are supported one above another, thus rendering the device more convenient in use than if all of the bails were on the same plane.

The utility and operation of the improvement will be obvious from the drawings, and it will be apparent that one or more of the hinged bails may be used as occasion requires, the remaining bails being held in folded position against the wall.

The diverging bars 1 and 2 are not essential elements of the device, as the plates 4 may, if preferred, be secured directly to the wall or other support.

I claim—

The combination with diverging bars adapted to be secured to a wall or like support, of keepers secured thereto in horizontally-alined parallel pairs, a plurality of bails of varying size pivotally supported by said keepers one above another, stops projecting from said bails to maintain them in horizontal position, and a catch pivotally secured to one of said bars and adapted to secure one or more of the bails in raised position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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