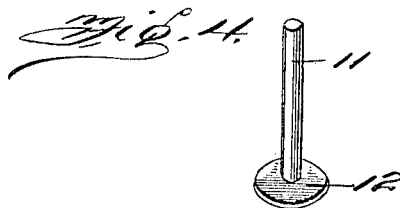
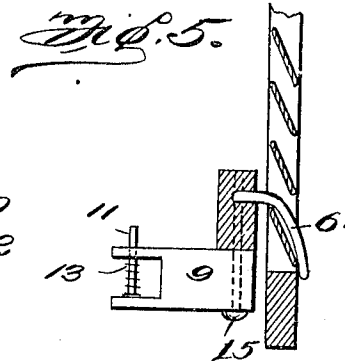
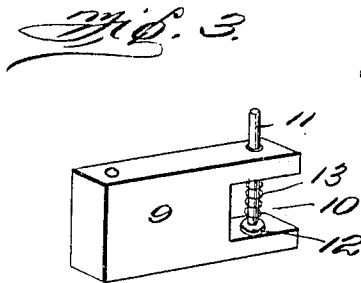
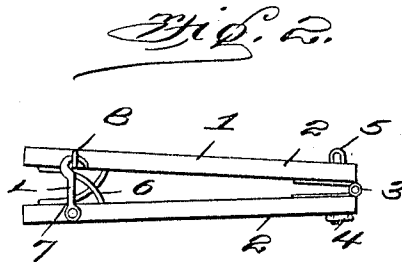
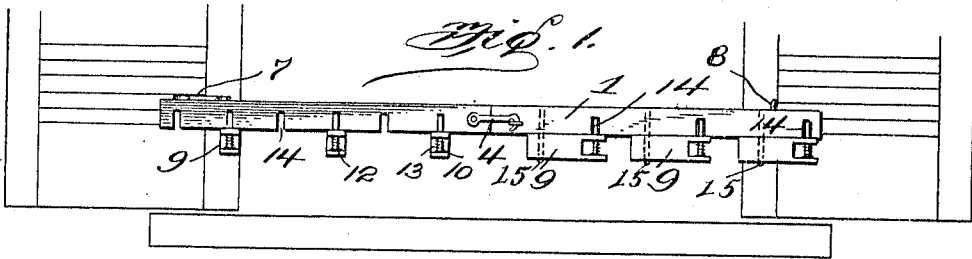


O. FELTS.
 FOLDING CLOTHES RACK.
 APPLICATION FILED JULY 24, 1009.

950,443.

Patented Feb. 22, 1910.



Inventor
Oscar Felts.

Witnesses
G. J. Johnson
Geo. Garner

By *Victor J. Evans*
 Attorney

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

OSCAR FELTS, OF WOODFORD, TENNESSEE.

FOLDING CLOTHES-RACK.

950,443.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Feb. 22, 1910.

Application filed July 24, 1909. Serial No. 509,393.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR FELTS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodford, in the county of Montgomery and State of Tennessee, have invented new and useful Improvements in Folding Clothes-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved folding clothes rack particularly adapted for use in a window and for attachment to the blinds when the latter are open so that the blinds are utilized for holding the rack and the latter serves to effectually air the clothing or other articles attached thereto, the said invention consisting in the construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is an elevation of a clothes rack constructed in accordance with my invention showing the same in operative position in a window and attached to the open shutters thereof. Fig. 2 is a plan of my improved rack showing the same folded. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective of one of the clamp arms. Fig. 4 is a similar view of one of the clamp pins. Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view, also showing a portion of one of the blinds or shutters to which the rack is attached.

In accordance with my invention, I provide a bar 1 of suitable length to extend across a window and bear on the outer sides of the shutters or blinds of the window when such shutters or blinds are open. The said bar is made of a pair of sections 2 which are connected together by a hinge 3, said hinge being on one side of said sections, and the latter being provided on the opposite side respectively with a hook 4 and a staple 5 whereby said sections when extended in a right line may be secured together as shown in Fig. 1. On the inner sides of the said sections near the outer ends thereof are hooks 6 to engage the slats of the blinds or shutters as indicated in Fig. 5 and thereby serve to attach the bar to the said shutters or blinds as will be understood. To fasten the sections of the bar in closed or folded position as shown in Fig. 2, one of said sections is provided with a hook 7 and the other with a staple 8. When the bar is in such closed or folded position, the hooks 6 are disposed parallel therewith and between the sections thereof so that they are entirely out of the way said hooks being pivotally con-

nected to the said bar so that they may be disposed in such parallel position as shown in Fig. 2 or at right angles to said bar for engagement with the slats of the shutters, as shown in Fig. 5.

A series of clamp arms 9 have their inner ends pivotally connected as indicated in dotted lines at 15 in Figs. 1 and 5 to the bar 1, the said clamp arms being disposed at a suitable distance apart and here shown as on the under side of the said bar. Said clamp arms by reason of their pivotal connection with the bar are adapted to be folded in line therewith or to be extended outwardly at an angle therefrom as will be understood and each of the said clamp arms has its outer end provided with an opening 10. Each of the said clamp arms is provided in its notched outer end with a clamping pin 11 which extends through and is movable vertically in an opening above the notch and has an enlarged head 12 at its lower end to bear against the lower side of the notch. On each of the said pins is a spring 13 to force the same downwardly so that an article of clothing or other article placed in the notch of a clamp arm may be engaged by the spring pressed clamp pin thereof and hence held firmly in the clamp arm so that it will not be blown away by the wind.

It will be understood from the foregoing and by reference to the drawings that my improved rack may be readily attached to the blinds or shutters of a window and as readily removed therefrom, that the same operates efficiently to expose clothing or other articles to the outer air for the purpose of drying or sunning and that my improved rack when not in use may be readily folded and disposed in small space. The bar 1 is provided in its lower side with notches 14 to receive the upper ends of the clamp pins 11 when the clamping arms are folded against said bar.

What is claimed is—

1. The herein described rack comprising a bar composed of sections hinged together so that they may be disposed in right line or folded, hooks pivotally connected to said sections so that they may be turned parallel with said sections when the latter are folded and disposed out of the way between said sections, or turned at right angles to said sections when the latter are extended and used for engaging the slats of blinds or shutters to support the bar, and arms pivotally

connected to the bar to be folded in line therewith or extended therefrom.

2. The herein described rack comprising a bar having notches in its lower side, clamping arms pivotally connected to said side of said bar and having notches in their outer ends, and spring-pressed pins in the notches of said clamping arms co-acting with the lower sides of said notches to secure articles therein, said pins extending upwardly from

said clamping arms and entering said notches of the bar when said clamping arms are folded against and parallel with said bar.

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

OSCAR FELTS.

Witnesses:

J. R. PASCHALL,
M. M. WILLIAMS.