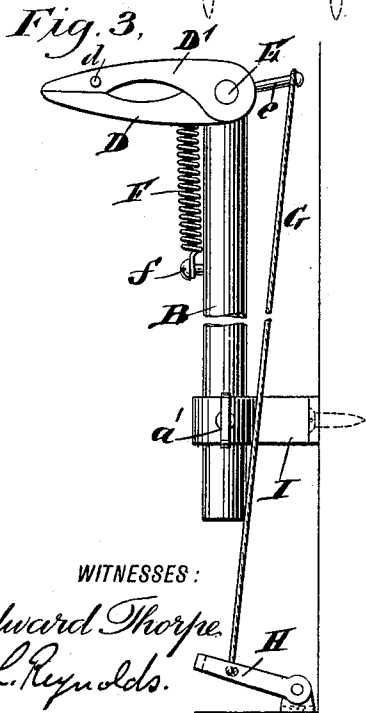
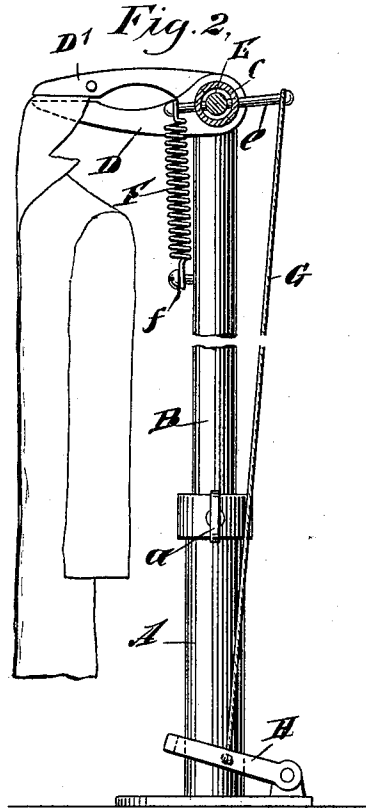
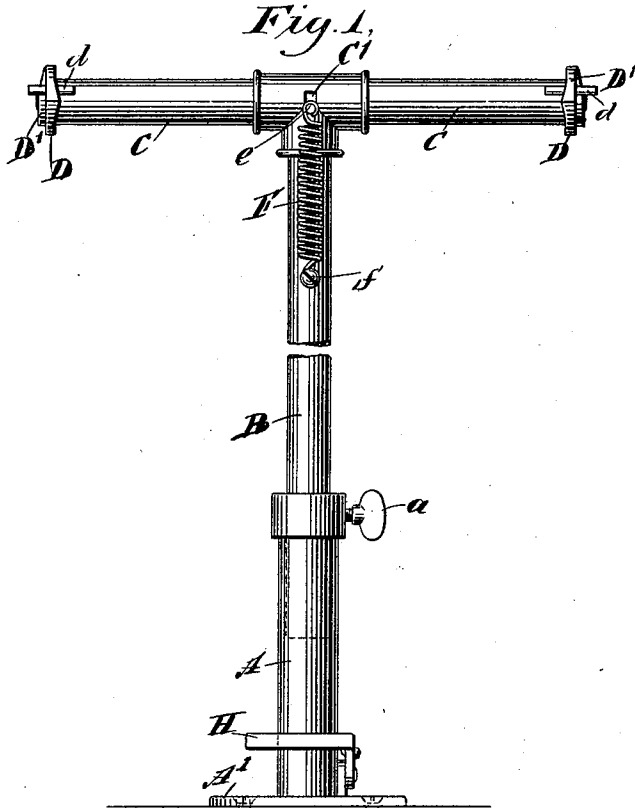


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## COAT-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT J. STUART, of New Hamburg, in the county of Dutchess and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Coat-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention consists of a device intended to hold coats so that they may be conveniently put on.

It consists, essentially, of two pair of holding-clamps which are placed at a suitable height to hold the coat and which are provided with means whereby they may be readily opened to insert or release the coat.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my device.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation with the horizontal bar in section. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of my device, showing a different form of the support.

The object of my invention is to provide a means for holding a coat so that it may be conveniently put on.

Many persons find it necessary to have assistance in order that overcoats may be easily put on. This device may be adjusted so as to give the assistance required without having any other person to help.

A standard or holder, consisting of a column A, having a base A', which is secured to the floor, is provided. Within this tube is placed a bar or tube B, which may be elevated or depressed therein. This is secured at any elevation desired by means of a thumb set-screw *a*.

The upper end of the bar B is provided with a horizontal member consisting of a pipe C. To each end of this pipe is secured the lower half D of the clamping-fingers. The central portion of this bar is slotted, as shown at C', to provide an aperture through which a lever may project for operating the device. Within the pipe C, extending the length thereof, is a bar E, which is provided at each end with the finger D', forming the other half of the clamp. A lever *e* is fixed to the bar E and projects through the slot C' upon each side of the pipe C. To one end of this is connected a spring F, which is also connected to a pin *f* or other projection upon the standard B and serves to hold the clamping-fingers pressed together.

To the opposite end of the lever *e* is attached a cord G, which is connected at its lower end to a treadle H, so placed at the base of the holder that it may be readily engaged by the foot to open the clamping-fingers. When the treadle H is pressed downward, the fingers will be opened. In Fig. 3 a bracket I, provided with a thumb set-screw *a'*, is substituted for the column or standard B. This bracket may be attached to the wall or any other convenient object.

In using my device the treadle H is depressed by the foot, thus opening the clamping-fingers, and the collar of the coat is placed between them. When the treadle is released, the spring will press the fingers together with sufficient force to hold the coat. The fingers will be adjusted at such a height that it will then be very easy for a person to place his arms within the sleeves of the coat and draw the same in place. The treadle is then depressed by the heel of the foot and the coat released. The clamping-fingers, projecting forward from the horizontal bar C, permit the shoulders and neck of the wearer of the coat to pass between them without coming in contact with the standard.

It is obvious that my device may be modified in many ways without changing the principle thereof. I therefore do not wish to be limited to the exact construction herein shown.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a coat-holder, the combination of two pairs of spring-held clamps, one half of each set being fixed to the ends of a horizontal pipe, and the other half to a bar lying in said pipe, with a lever attached to said bar, a treadle, and connections between said lever and treadle, substantially as described.

2. In a coat-holder, the combination of two pairs of spring-held clamps, one half of each set being fixed to the ends of a horizontal pipe, and the other half to a bar lying in said pipe, and means for adjusting the height thereof, with a lever attached to said bar, a treadle, and connections between said lever and treadle, substantially as described.

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