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Fig. 1.

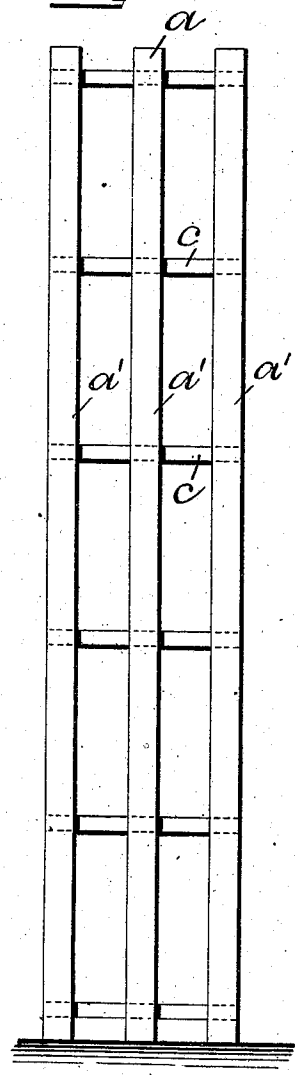


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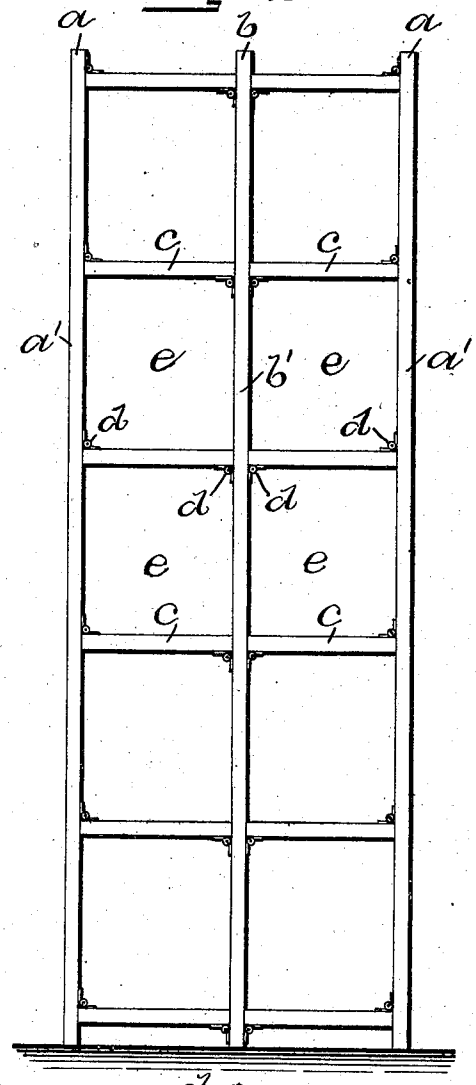


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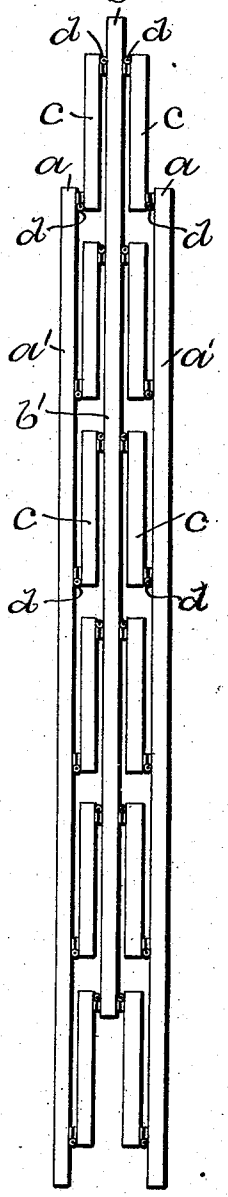
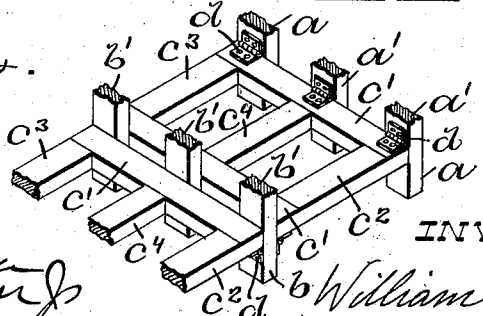


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MANTELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Checking-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improvement in checking racks used in places of entertainment for checking articles of wearing apparel.

In certain places of entertainment, such as small halls, or at times in churches or private residences, it is not desirable or is it practicable to have a permanent checking rack on account of the space permanently required for the same, as well as the unsightly appearance of the usual rack, in places used the greater part of the time for other purposes.

The object of my invention is to improve the construction of a checking rack used for checking wearing apparel, whereby the rack is adapted to be expanded into an open position for use or collapsed into a closed compact position for carrying, packing or storage purposes.

A further object of my invention is to form a large checking rack out of a multiple of smaller collapsible checking racks, thereby providing a checking rack (of collapsible units) the size of which is limited only by the size of the room in which it is used, or the space allowed for the use of the same.

My invention consists in the peculiar and novel construction of a checking rack for wearing apparel formed of one or more collapsible units having details of construction, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

Figure 1 is a vertical side view of my improved collapsible checking rack with the rack in the open position. Fig. 2 is a vertical front view showing the rack in the open or expanded position. Fig. 3 is a front view showing the rack in the closed or collapsed position for carrying, packing or storage purposes, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail perspective view of part of the rack with the rack in the open position and showing the construction of the same.

My improved collapsible checking rack is formed of one of more units each unit being constructed preferably of wood to have the two outside vertical supports *a a*, a central vertical support *b* and a series of intermediate horizontal shelves *c c* pivotally secured to the outside and central supports by the hinges *d d* in a position to form a multiple of checking compartments *e e* which may be numbered or lettered as desired. The outside supports *a a* are formed of the longitudinal strips *a' a'*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, the central support *b* of the longitudinal strips *b' b'*, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and the shelves *c c* of the side strips *c' c'* connected together by the front strip c^2, the back strip c^3 and the intermediate strip c^4, as shown in Fig. 4, thus constructing the rack as light as possible consistent with strength. The hinges *d d* are secured to the inside of the strips *a' a'* of the outside supports *a a* and to the top of the outer side strips *c' c'* of the shelves *c c* and to the strips *b' b'* of the central support *b* and to the under side of the inner side strips *c' c'* of the shelves *c c*, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. By this peculiar and novel manner of pivotally securing the shelves *c c* to the outside and central supports *a a* and *b*, the rack is easily expanded into an open position for use by pulling outwardly on the outside supports *a a*, (it is prevented from collapsing when placed on end in the position as shown in Fig. 2) or collapsed into the closed position, as shown in Fig. 3, for carrying, packing or storage purposes by forcing the outside supports *a a* inwardly toward the central support *b*, the shelves now assuming a parallel intermediate position between the supports.

For the purpose of illustrating the construction of my improved collapsible checking rack, only one of the units is shown in the drawings. It is evident that a plurality of units constructed as shown may be used to form a large checking rack, the size of which is limited only to the space allowed for the same, and the shelves *c c* may be pivotally secured to the supports as shown by any well known means, without materially affecting the spirit of my invention.

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

In a rack for checking wearing apparel, the combination of outside vertical supports *a a* composed of the strips *a' a'*, a central vertical support *b* composed of the strips *b' b'*, a series of intermediate shelves *c c* composed of the side strips *c' c'* connected together by the front strip *c*—^{2}, the back strip c^3 and the intermediate strip c^4, and the hinges *d d* secured to the supports *a a*, to the top of the

shelves *c c*, to the support *b*, and to the bottom of the shelves *c c*, whereby the rack may be expanded into an open position forming the checking compartments *e e* or collapsed into a compact closed position for carrying, packing or storage purposes.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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