

- [54] **COLLAPSIBLE COAT RACK -
UMBRELLA STAND UNIT**
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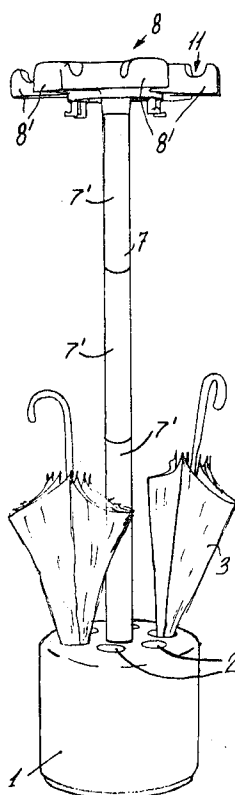
[57] ABSTRACT

A coat rack - umbrella stand unit consisting of a hollow base having in its upper surface a number of peripheral holes for umbrellas and a central hole in which is placed a tubular element at whose upper end is placed a coat rack element. The tubular element can be dismantled into a number of parts and the individual parts fitted into the umbrella holes, the coat rack being rested on them to reduce the bulk of the packaging.

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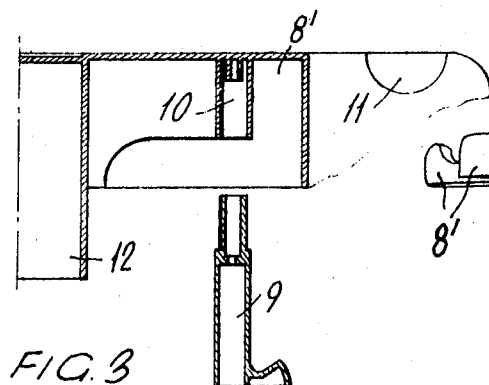


FIG. 3

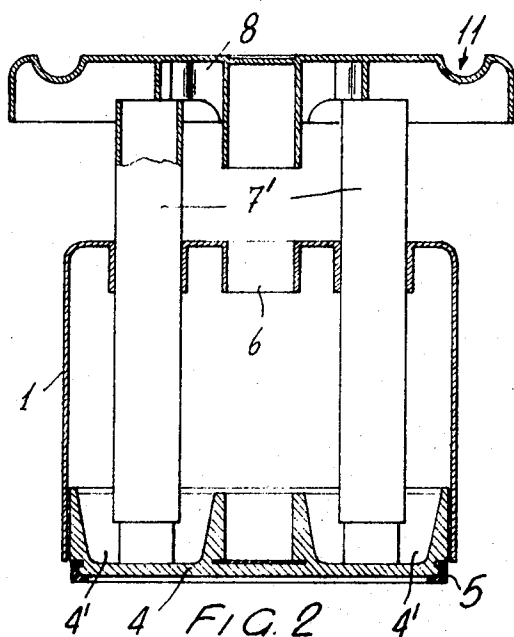


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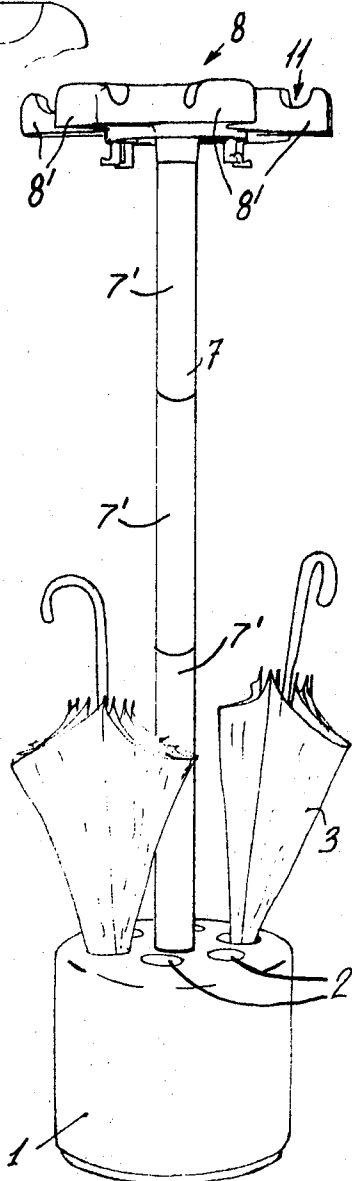


FIG. 1

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COLLAPSIBLE COAT RACK - UMBRELLA STAND UNIT

This invention concerns a coat rack and umbrella stand unit consisting of a number of elements which are dismantlable and separable to allow the coat rack - umbrella stand to be transported dismantled.

As it is well known, it is in general desirable to transport objects dismantled in order that they occupy the smallest possible space and at the same time it is desirable that they should be capable of very easy re-assembly.

The purpose of the present invention is therefore to supply a coat rack umbrella stand composed of dismantlable elements in such a way as to allow it to be packed and transported in a confined space, and at the same time to make the re-assembly extremely easy.

The coat rack - umbrella stand in this invention is essentially composed of a base which has in its upper surface peripheral holes into which umbrellas may be placed and a central hole into which is fitted a tubular element, made up of one or more pieces, at the upper end of which is placed a coat rack unit with radial arms. The individual elements of the coat rack - umbrella stand can be dismantled, and when the tubular element is made up of more than one piece these can be fitted in the holes in the base and the coat rack unit placed over them to reduce the bulk to a minimum.

The shape and dimensions of the various parts may be any whatsoever and therefore those shown in the attached drawings must not be considered limiting in any sense.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the coat rack - umbrella stand assembled.

FIG. 2 shows a vertical section of the coat rack - umbrella stand dismantled.

FIG. 3 is a detail in exploded section of the coat rack.

Referring to the drawings, it can be seen that the coat rack - umbrella stand in this invention is essentially composed of a hollow base 1 of whatever shape, cylindrical for example, having holes 2 in its upper surface, into which umbrellas 3 can be placed. The lower part of the base is closed by a removeable closure 4 provided with one or more cups 4', to collect water, which are in line with the holes 2 for umbrellas 3. A possible rubber ring 5, or other non-slip material, applied externally to the lower extremity of the base 4, avoids the latter coming into contact with the floor, acting as protection and avoiding the sliding of the coat rack - umbrella stand on the floor itself.

The base is further provided with a central hole 6 (FIG. 2) in which is fitted a tubular element 7, consisting of one piece

as shown in FIG. 1 or in more than one piece which can be fitted one into the other (FIG. 2) and are separable. This can be achieved by providing the ends of adjacent tubes with appropriate connections, a sleeve joint for example, as shown, or bayonet fitting or other types. At the upper end of the tubular element 7 is fitted a coat rack, generally indicated by 8, which is simply slid onto the tubular element 7 for its easy removal and to enable it to turn freely on the tubular element.

In the example specifically shown, the coat rack 8 consists of a star-shaped body having radial arms 8', each of which is fitted with a hook 9 which may be slid into an appropriate seat 10, formed under the arm itself and fixed to it by means of a self-tapping screw (not shown) for example or glued. The arms 8' of the coat rack may furthermore be equipped with transverse grooves 11, at their ends on which to hang hats and other objects. Furthermore, the coat rack 8 unit's lower part has a tube 12 into which is fitted the upper end of the aforementioned tubular element 7.

As shown in FIG. 2, the tubular element may be made up of more than one piece 7', and the individual pieces separated and placed in the peripheral holes 2 of the base, and on the pieces 7', of the above mentioned tubular element so fitted can be placed the coat rack unit 8, when the coat rack - umbrella stand unit has to be despatched and it is necessary to reduce the bulk of the package.

From what has been said and shown it can be seen therefore that it consists of a coat rack - umbrella stand unit of simple construction and extremely practical in use which resolves rationally the problem of the packing and transport of the coat rack - umbrella stand itself.

What is claimed is:

1. A collapsible coat rack - umbrella stand unit comprising in combination a hollow base having in its bottom a removable closure element with cup means to collect water and with a peripheral ring of non-slip floor engaging material, said base having in its top a number of peripheral holes into which umbrellas are placed and with fully supported for storing a central hole into which when the stand unit is erected, fits a separable tubular element formed of individual segments fitted together and dismantlable, a removable coat rack element rotatably mounted on the upper end of said tubular element, when the stand unit is disassembled for packaging the individual segments of said tubular element being fitted into the peripheral holes of said hollow base, and said coat rack element being placed upon the segments so arranged, to reduce the bulk of the disassembled and packaged unit for ease of shipping.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 2, line 37, delete "with".

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