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FIG. 1.

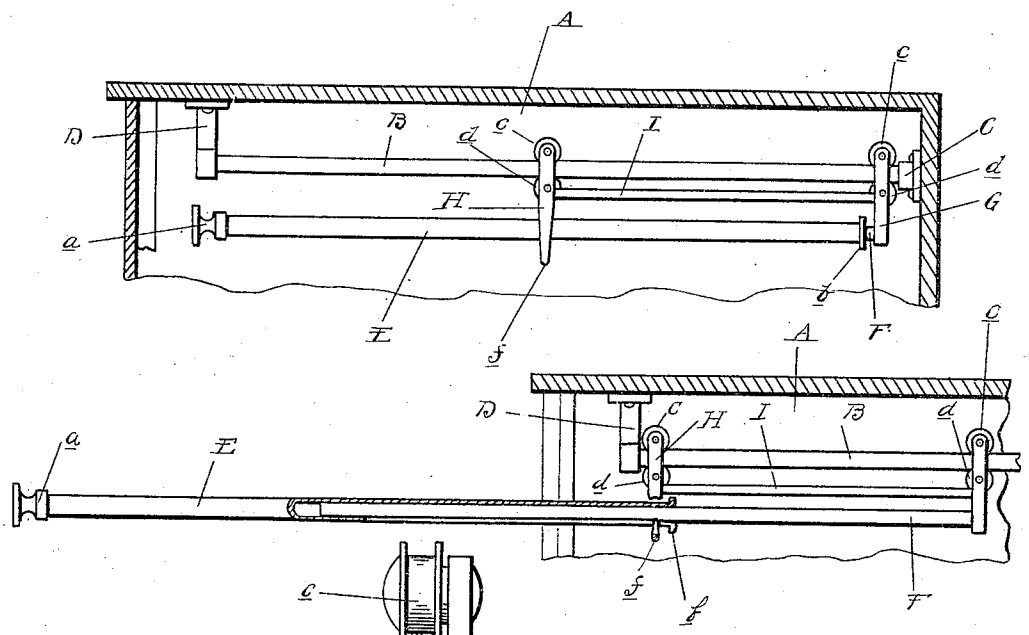


FIG. 2.

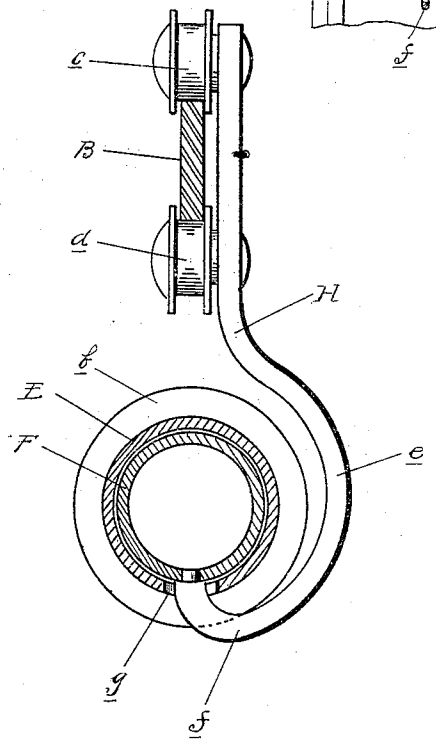


FIG. 3.

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GARMENT-SUPPORT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RAYMOND MANCHA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supports, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to garment-supports of that type which are especially designed for use in clothes-cabinets for the supporting of the individual garment-hangers. In general construction these supports comprise a horizontally-arranged bar secured near the upper end of the cabinet and adapted to be drawn outward to a greater or less extent for the engagement or disengagement of the individual hangers therefrom.

The present invention relates to a novel and improved construction whereby the supporting-rod may be drawn almost completely out of the cabinet, so that the hangers engaged therewith throughout the entire length are rendered accessible. The construction is also one which is simple and inexpensive to manufacture and in which the individual hangers are not disturbed in the adjustment of the rod, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical cross-section through a portion of the cabinet to which my improvement is applied. Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating the support drawn outward for the engagement or disengagement of the hangers. Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-section of the garment-support.

A is a cabinet of any suitable construction.

B is a rail, preferably formed of a flat bar arranged on edge and extending horizontally in proximity to the top wall of the cabinet. At its inner end this rail B is attached to the rear wall of the cabinet by the fitting C and at its forward end is secured to the top of the cabinet by the hanger D.

E is the supporting-rod for the individual garment-hangers. This rod is tubular and is provided at its outer end with a suitable knob or handle *a* and at its inner end with a collar or flange *b*.

F is a rod of smaller diameter, upon which the tubular rod E is sleeved so as to have a telescopic engagement therewith. The rod F is provided at its rear end with a traveling hanger G, preferably provided with the antifriction rolls *c* and *d*, which are grooved and respectively engage the upper and lower edges of the rail B.

H is a second traveling hanger, similar to the hanger G, and likewise provided with antifriction-rolls *c* and *d*. This hanger H forms a second support for the rod F; but in order that it may not interfere with either the telescopic movement of the tube E or the individual clothes-hangers engaged therewith the shank of the hanger H is curved, as at *e*, so as to pass around at one side and beneath the rods E and F. The shank is then provided with an upward extension *f*, which passes through a longitudinal slot *g* in the tube E and engages the rod F.

I is a brace-rod connecting the hangers G and H above the rods E and F.

With the construction described the traveling hangers G and H are capable of movement upon the rail B so as to permit the rods F and E to be withdrawn from the cabinet for a portion of their length. The movement is not, however, sufficient to entirely withdraw these rods, and preferably is only about one-half the length thereof, thereby permitting a sufficient spacing of the two hangers H and G to afford a suitable support. To withdraw the rod E, it is slid telescopically upon the rod F for a distance also preferably about one-half its length, and thus it remains sufficiently in engagement with the rod F to insure rigidity, while at the same time it is almost completely withdrawn from the cabinet.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A garment-support comprising a horizontally-extending rail, telescopically-engaging rods beneath said rail, a traveling hanger engaging said rail and connected with one end of the inner rod, and a second traveling hanger engaging said rail and separated from the first hanger, and the second hanger being bent around the side and beneath said telescopic rods and extending upward into supporting engagement with the inner rod through a longitudinal slot in the outer rod.

2. A garment-hanger comprising a horizontally-extending rail and a pair of telescopically-engaging rods beneath the same, said rail and rods being of substantially the same length, a traveling hanger engaging said rail and connected with one end of the

inner rod, a second hanger engaging said rail and also engaging said inner rod at a point substantially midway between its ends, said last-mentioned hanger being bent laterally to provide clearance at the side of said telescopic rods and having a supporting engagement beneath the same, and the outer one of said telescopic rods being longitudinally slotted to clear said hanger.

3. A garment-hanger comprising a horizontally-extending rail, a pair of separated hangers engaging said rail, each comprising a downwardly-extending shank and anti-friction-rolls journaled thereon arranged above and below the rail, a pair of telescopically-engaging rods beneath said rail, the inner rod being connected at its end to one of said hangers, a laterally-bent downward extension of the other hanger passing around the side of said rods and beneath the same, having a supporting engagement with the inner rod and passing through a longitudinal slot in the outer rod, and a brace-rod connecting said hangers above said telescopic rods.

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

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