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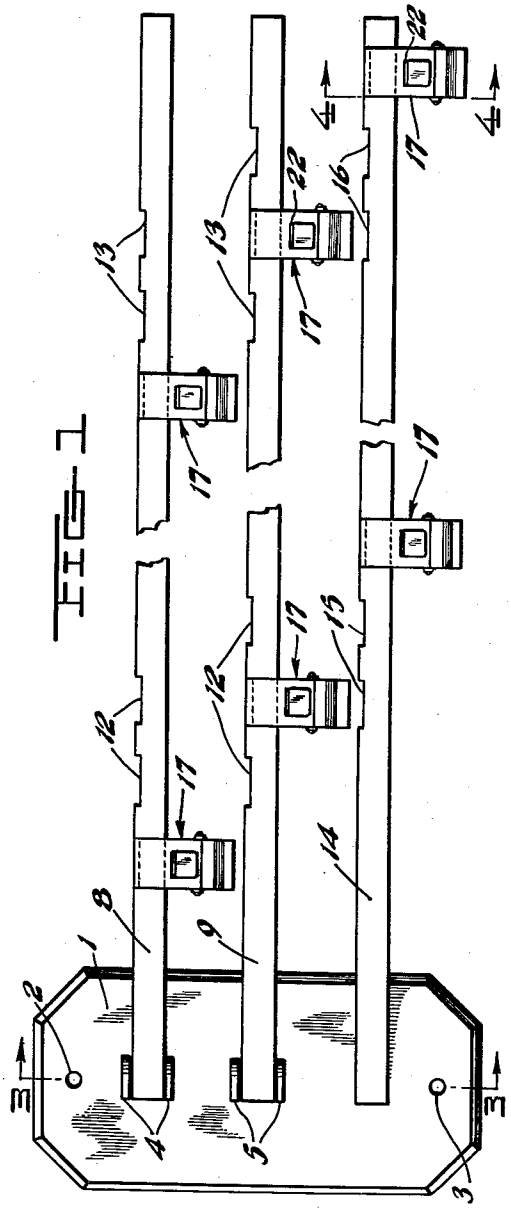


FIG. 1

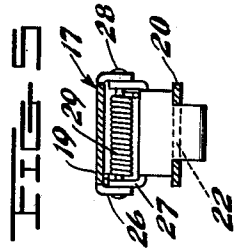


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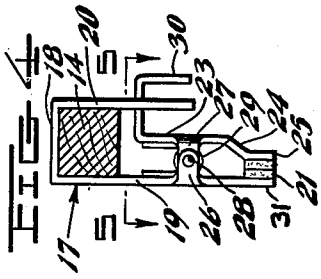


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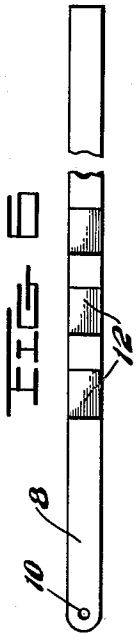


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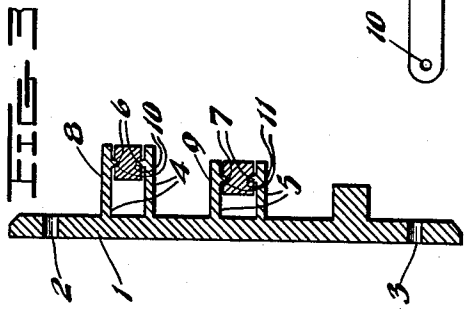


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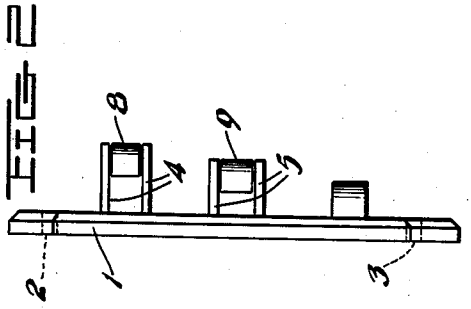


FIG. 2

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This invention relates to improvements in garment holders or racks, and more particularly to a device of this character adapted to be secured to a wall or door.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved garment rack or holder which will include a plurality of swingable arms on which garment-supporting clips are supported in spaced relation.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved garment rack or holder which will be highly efficient in operation and relatively inexpensive to manufacture and produce.

Other objects will appear as the description proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings which form a part of this application,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved garment holder;

Figure 2 is an end view of the improved garment holder;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 4, and

Figure 6 is a plan view of one of the pivotally supported arms.

Like characters of reference are used throughout the following specification and the accompanying drawings to designate corresponding parts.

In carrying out the invention, there is provided a back plate 1 which may be secured to a wall by means of screws or fasteners extending through the positioning apertures 2 and 3 extending through said plate adjacent the top and bottom thereof. Secured to the forward surface of the back plate 1, are the integrally formed spaced pairs of vertically aligned forwardly extending arms 4 and 5, which are formed with spaced pivot points 6 and 7 on their inner surfaces adjacent their outer ends. The clips or arms 4 extend outward from the plate 1 further than the arms 5, for reasons hereinafter described.

Supporting arms 8 and 9, which are substantially square in cross-section, have formed in their inner ends the opposed bearing recesses 10 and 11, in which the pivot points 6 and 7 are adapted to seat, for permitting said arms 8 and 9 to swing or pivot on a horizontal plane. Spaced seats 12 and 13 are formed in the upper surfaces of the arms 8 and 9 at their inner and outer ends, and are adapted to adjustably support the

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garment holding clips later to be described. A third arm 14 similar in size to the arms 8 and 9 is formed integrally with the base plate 1 on its front surface and extends in spaced relation below and slightly to the rear of said arms 8 and 9, and laterally of said plate in stepped relation with said arms 8 and 9, as clearly illustrated in Figure 1 of the drawings, and is also provided with the spaced seats 15 and 16 formed in its upper surface adjacent its opposite ends. The sets of seats in the arms 8, 9, and 14 are arranged in staggered relation.

The garment supporting clips are generally designated by the reference numeral 17, and are adapted to be slid along the several supporting arms to be received in the desired seats formed in the top surfaces thereof.

The clips 17 are inverted U-shape in cross-section and are formed with middle transverse sections or portions 18 having depending spaced arms 19 and 20, the rear arms 19 extending downwardly further than the front arms 20. Jaw members 31 supporting felt pads 21 are disposed at the lower ends of the rear arms 19, and transverse elongated slots 22 are formed through the front arms 20. The arms 23 are bent adjacent their lower extremities as at 24 to form the jaw members 25 on which the felt pads 21 are supported for cooperation with the arm members and felt pads 21.

Spaced inwardly directed ears 26 and 27 are formed respectively on the arms 19 and 23, and have aligned apertures in which the pins 28 are mounted to support the jaw tensioning coil springs 29. The arms 23 are bent outwardly to extend through the transverse elongated slots 22, and terminate in the downwardly extending finger engaging jaw operating terminal ends 30, whereby when said ends 30 are pushed inwardly, the jaw members will be separated so that garments may be supported therebetween. When the ends 30 are disengaged, the springs 29 will automatically close the pivoted jaw members on the garments.

From the foregoing description, it will be apparent that a stationary supporting arm and two pivoted supporting arms are provided on the back plate, and each arm is provided with the spaced garment supporting clips, just described, which are slidably and adjustably supported upon said arms. The off-set arrangement of the supporting arms is such that a garment may be supported in open position upon the said arms, and will be arranged to lie adjacent to each other, due to the stepped relation of the said arms.

While the preferred embodiment of the instant invention has been illustrated and described, it will be understood that it is not intended to limit the scope of the invention thereto, as many minor changes in detail of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A garment supporting rack comprising a back plate with arms carried thereby, each of said arms having notches in the upper edges thereof, garment supporting clips removably disposed in said notches, each clip comprising a substantially U-shaped member having a rear leg forming a fixed jaw, a front leg and a middle portion connected to said legs, said front leg having an opening therein, a movable jaw, means pivoting said movable jaw to said fixed jaw, an operating member fixed to said movable jaw and passed through said opening to thereby prevent separation of said clip from the arm on which it is disposed, and said middle portion being vertically removably located in a selected one of said notches.

2. The combination of claim 1 and at least one of said arms being pivoted to said plate and at least one other of said arms being fixed to said plate and extending laterally therefrom.

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