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Fig. 1.

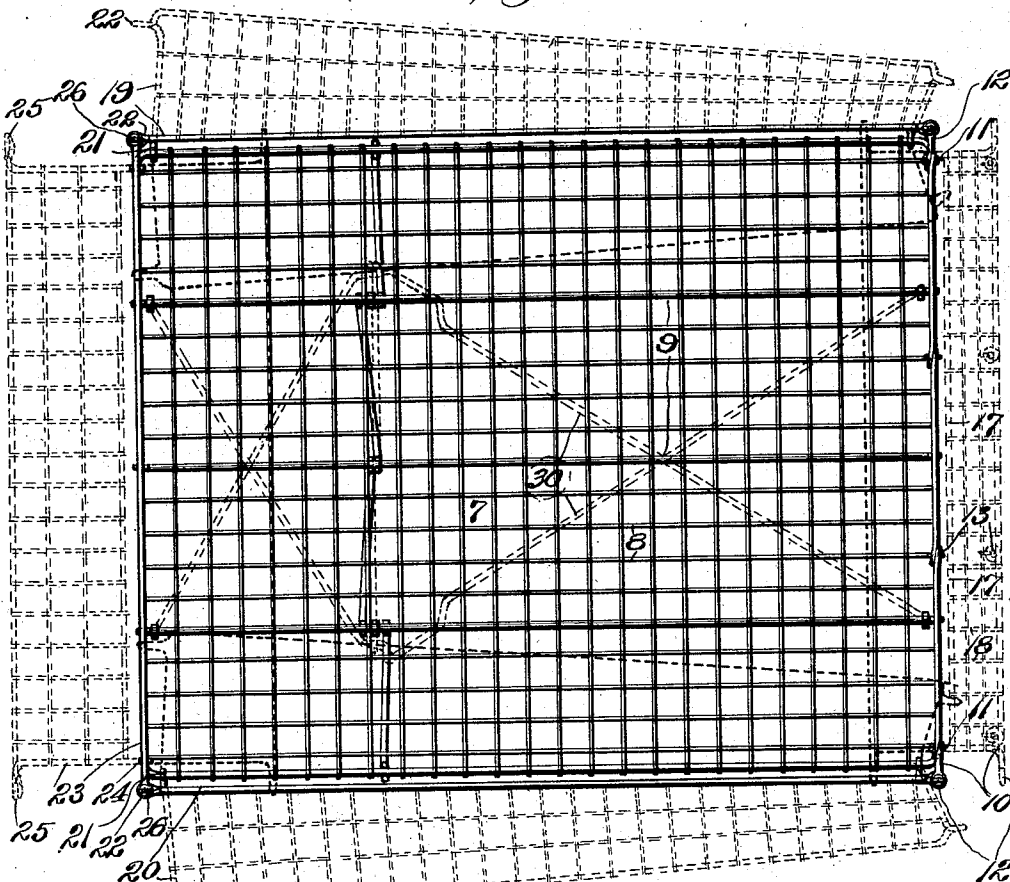
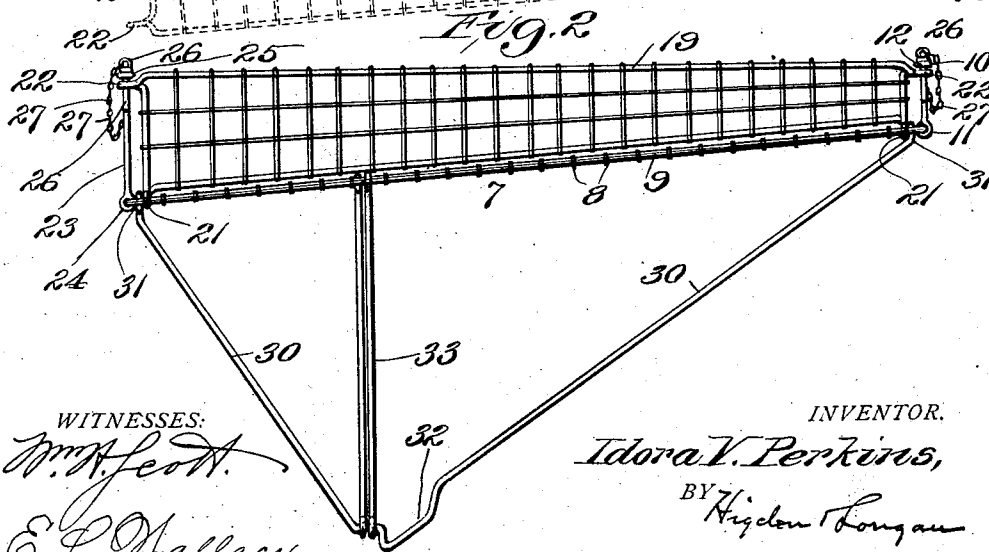


Fig. 2.



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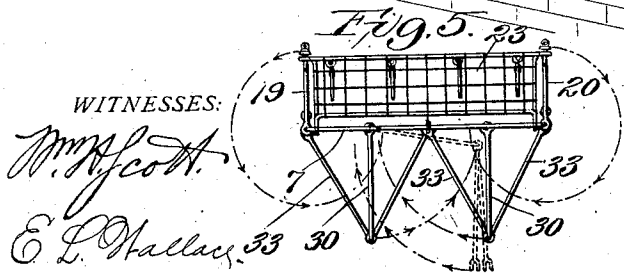
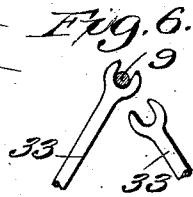
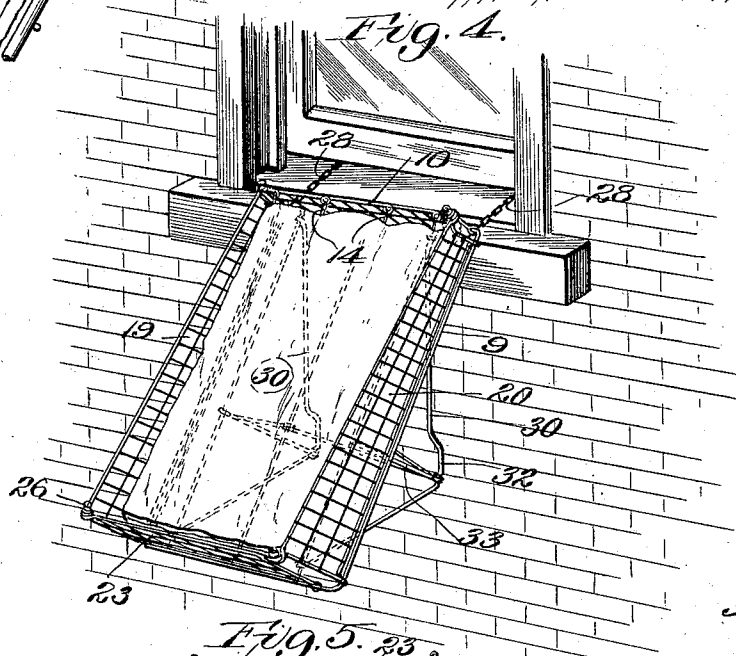
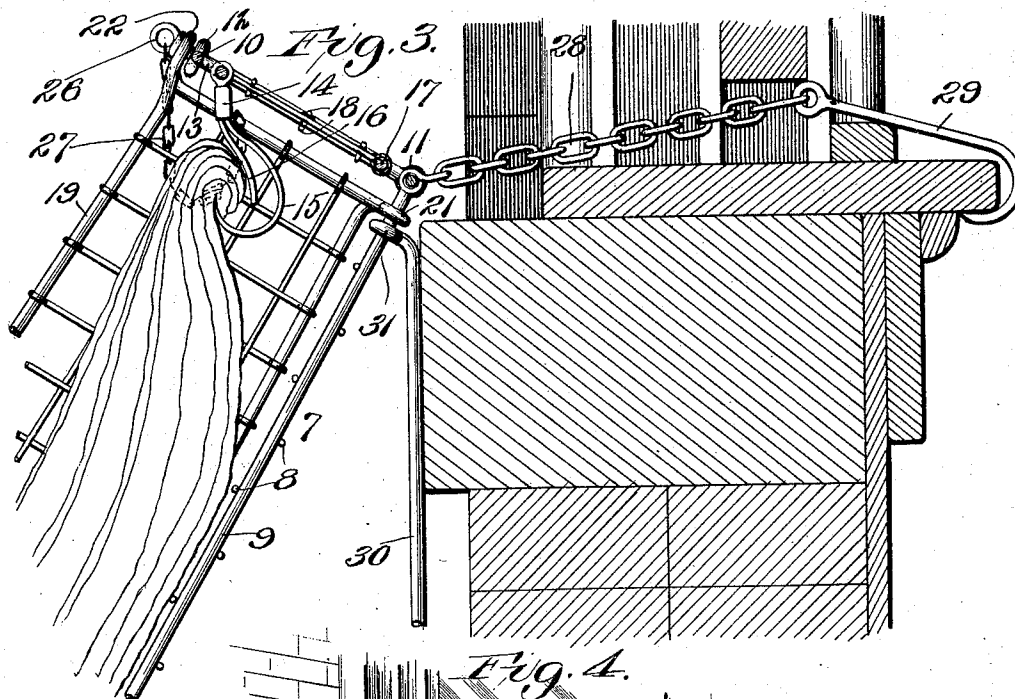
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IDORA V. PERKINS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedclothes-Airing Devices, of which the following is a specification containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in devices for airing bed clothes and the like, and the object of my invention is to construct a simple and inexpensive device in the form of a rack which is sectional so that it may be knocked down in order to occupy a minimum of space when not in use, and the rack is provided with means whereby it may be held in place through a window opening and supported spaced apart from the outside wall of the building. The rack is further provided with means whereby the bed clothing may be held within the rack against being blown therefrom.

With the above purposes in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, pointed out in the claims and illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan of the complete device showing in dotted lines of one character the sides and ends folded outwardly parallel with the bottom of the rack and in dotted lines of another character the sides and ends folded beneath the bottom; Fig. 2 is an elevation of the complete device; Fig. 3 is a view illustrating the rack as in use, the upper portion only of the rack being shown; Fig. 4 is a perspective of the device as in use; Fig. 5 is an end elevation of the complete device indicating the lines of articulation of the various parts of the device; and Fig. 6 is a detail elevation of the upper ends of the supporting braces.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings: 7 indicates the frame of the bottom which is preferably made of a single piece of wire bent into rectangular form. Carried by the frame is a screen 8 of comparatively large mesh, the individual wires of which are secured to the frame 7. Paralleling the sides of the frame 7 are the reinforcing rods 9, the ends of which are secured to the ends of the frame 7.

10 indicates the frame member of the up-

per end of the rack and is constructed of a single piece of wire forming the ends and top of the upper section. At each end there is an eye 11 which embraces the end member of the frame 7 and eyes 12 at the outer ends of the said frame member for purposes hereinafter made clear. Formed in the wire 10 intermediate the eyes 12 are a number of loops 13 in which are secured the clothes fastening devices 14, each of which fastening devices comprises a hook 15 and a tongue 16.

17 designates a rod having its ends connected with the end pieces of the wire 10 adjacent the frame 7 and paralleling the portion of the wire 10 having the loops 13. Secured between the rod 17 and the wire 10 is an open mesh screen 18.

19 and 20 designate the frames of the sides of the rack. These frames carry eyes 21, for pivotal connection with the frame 7, and eyes 22.

23 designates the lower frame member having eyes 24, for pivotal connection with the frame 7, and eyes 25. When the sides and ends are swung upwardly, the eyes 12 and 25 of the ends coincide with the eyes 22 of the sides so that the pins 26 may be placed through the eyes in order to hold the sides and ends at right angles to the bottom. Each of the pins 26 is secured in place by a flexible chain 27 or the like.

28 designates chains which are secured to the frame 7 and 29 designates hooks carried by the chains whereby when the hooks are placed over the inside end of the window stool the airing rack may be held on the outside of the window suspended from the chains.

In order that the rack may be held spaced apart from the wall of the building I provide the substantially L-shaped supports 30 which are each provided with eyes 31 at their ends for pivotal connection with the reinforcing rods 9 of the bottom section of the rack. Adjacent the point of bending each support 30 has an off-set portion 32, and pivotally secured to the support, adjacent the off-set, is a pair of struts 33. The outer ends of each of the struts 33 are bifurcated in order to straddle parts of the frame 7 or the reinforcing rods 9 of the said frame so that the supports 30 will be held in proper positions.

By a construction of the rack and supports therefor just described, the rack may

be knocked down so that the parts of the rack proper and the supports may be folded to occupy a minimum of space when not in use.

5 I claim:

1. In a clothes airing device, a rack comprising an open-meshed bottom section, and open-meshed side and end sections pivotally secured to the bottom section, means for securing the sides and ends in rack form, a  
10 suspending device secured at one end to the rack and arranged to be secured to a window frame, folding supports carried by the rack and arranged to engage a wall beneath  
15 the window frame to support the rack at an incline, and means carried by the rack for holding said supports in position.

2. In a clothes airing device, a rack comprising a bottom section, side and end sections pivotally secured to the bottom section, removable means for securing the sides and ends in rack form, a flexible suspending device carried by the rack, folding supports  
20 for holding the rack at an incline, and fold-

ing struts pivotally secured to said supports 25 at their one end and provided with means for detachable connection with the rack at their other end, substantially as shown.

3. In a clothes airing device, a rack comprising a bottom section, side and end sections pivotally secured to the bottom section, removable means for securing the sides and ends in rack form, a flexible suspending device carried by the rack, folding supports  
30 for holding the rack at an incline, folding struts pivotally secured to said supports at their one end and provided with means for detachable connection with the rack at their  
53 other end, and means carried by the rack for connection with the clothes supported 40 by the rack.

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

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