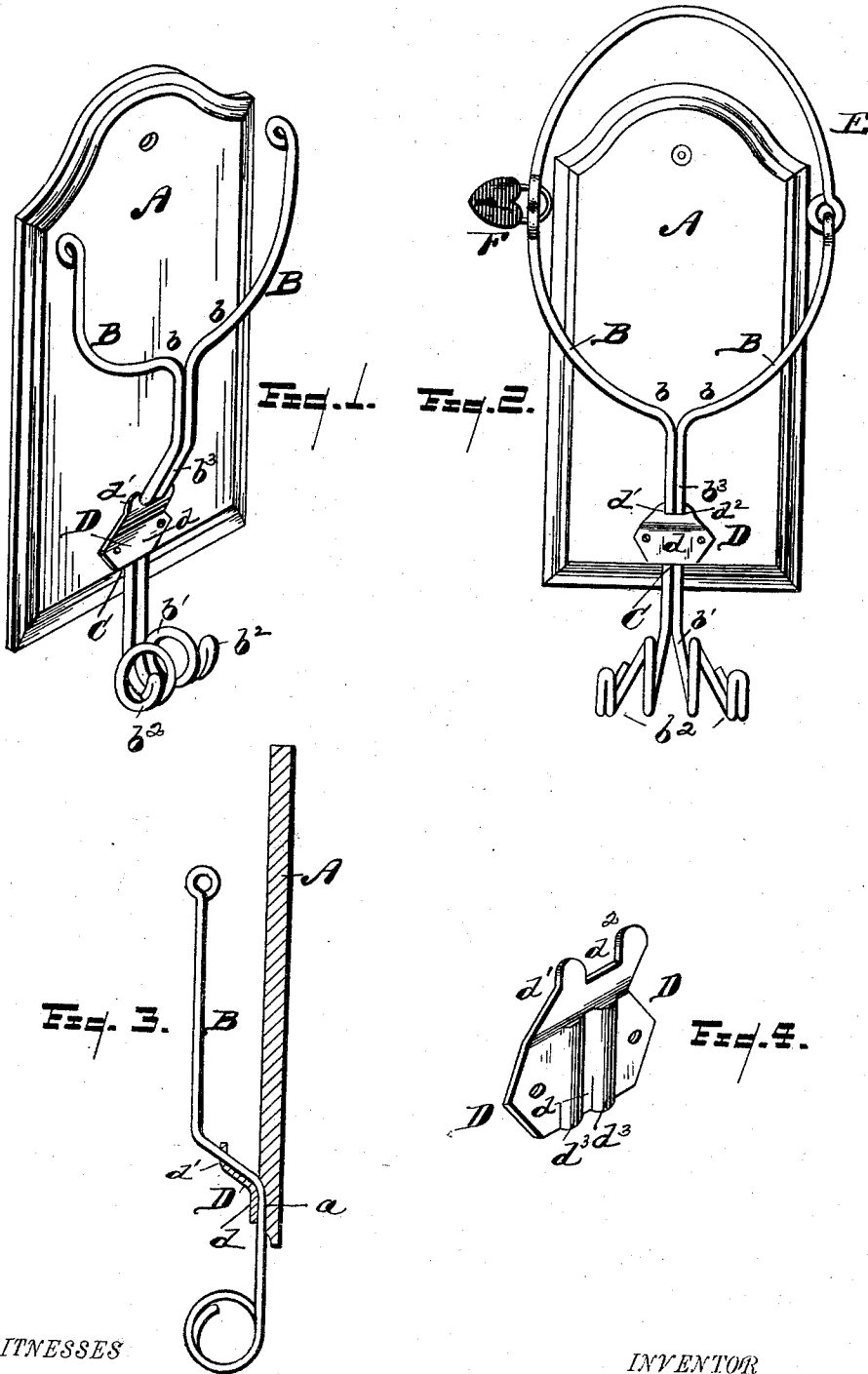


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMERSON W. TROUT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, and State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Hat, Coat, and Umbrella Racks; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to hat, coat and umbrella racks or holders, and relates more particularly to the form of construction whereby the same may be manufactured cheaply, and at the same time secure an article, having all the merits of a more expensive device, including a neat appearance.

In the drawings, Figure 1, is a perspective view showing the device. Fig. 2, is an elevation showing the device provided with a locking bail. Fig. 3, is a sectional view showing the manner of holding the wire frame by sinking it into the wood. Fig. 4, is a variation showing the groove formed in the holding plate, instead of in the board.

In the several figures, A, is a board for supporting the holder proper. This board may be made in any form desired. I prefer to make it of the form shown, as it provides a space on its upper portion on which to print or paint advertising matter. By providing such a surface the holders can be sold in large numbers to be given away for advertising purposes.

The wire frames B B, form both the hat rack or holder and the coat and umbrella holders, by forming and assembling them as shown. Each wire is bent at the upper end into a quarter circle b , and at b' , is given a turn and a half to form the coat holder b^2 , at the outer extremity. The two wires are bent in opposite directions, thus forming half circles at the top, to hold the hat, and at the bottom forming the coat holders, projecting in opposite directions. The loops or turns b' , should be bent outward so as to form the space between the loops on the opposite wires of equal width at the top and bottom, so that

an umbrella sprung in between the two will be held by both the top and bottom of the loops. The loops may be formed in any suitable manner, and need not be turned exactly as shown in the drawings, so long as they are arranged to accomplish the purpose of holding the umbrella between the two, and supporting a coat or other garment on the outer extremity of each. Between the hat holder at the top and the holding device at the bottom the wires are laid, and preferably soldered together, and are each bent outward at b^3 , to carry the hat holder away from the board a sufficient distance to accommodate the hat rim under the wires. I prefer to carry the wires a suitable distance straight out, or nearly straight out from the plates, as shown in the drawings, and then turned in a direction parallel with the board for a distance, and then bent into the quarter circle forming the hat holder.

The manner of supporting the wires on the board and preventing them from being displaced or turned, is as follows: I cut a groove a , in the board of sufficient depth and width to accommodate the two wires laid side by side as shown in Fig. 2 at C. I then provide the holding plate D, having the portion d , adapted to lay over the wires, and to hold them firmly in the groove, and having the portion d' , turned upward parallel with the portion b^3 , of the wires, and then turned parallel with the board, and provided with the notch d^2 , of just sufficient size to embrace the portion b^3 , of the wires. This holding piece D is screwed or riveted firmly in position, and holds the wires on to the board, and prevents them from turning or being displaced in any manner. Instead of grooving the board, the holding piece D, may be provided on the under side with the groove d^3 .

In Fig. 2, is shown a bail E, used in connection with the hat rack or holder and adapted to be locked to the holder with any suitable locking device F.

What I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a combined hat rack and umbrella holder consisting of a base board, two independent wires and means for holding them on the board, each

of the said wires being bent at the top in the manner shown, to form half a hat holder, and coiled at the bottom in opposite directions in parallel coils, and adapted to receive an umbrella and clasp it at four points between the
5 separate coils, whereby the coils are adapted to spring to a greater extent than allowed by a single coil, substantially as described.

2. In an article of manufacture, such as described, the combination of a base board,
10 two wires independent, below the point of support, and means for holding them on

said board, each of said wires being coiled at the bottom in opposite directions in parallel coils, and adapted to receive an umbrella and
15 clasp it between the parallel coils, and each of said coils terminating in a hook for a coat support, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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