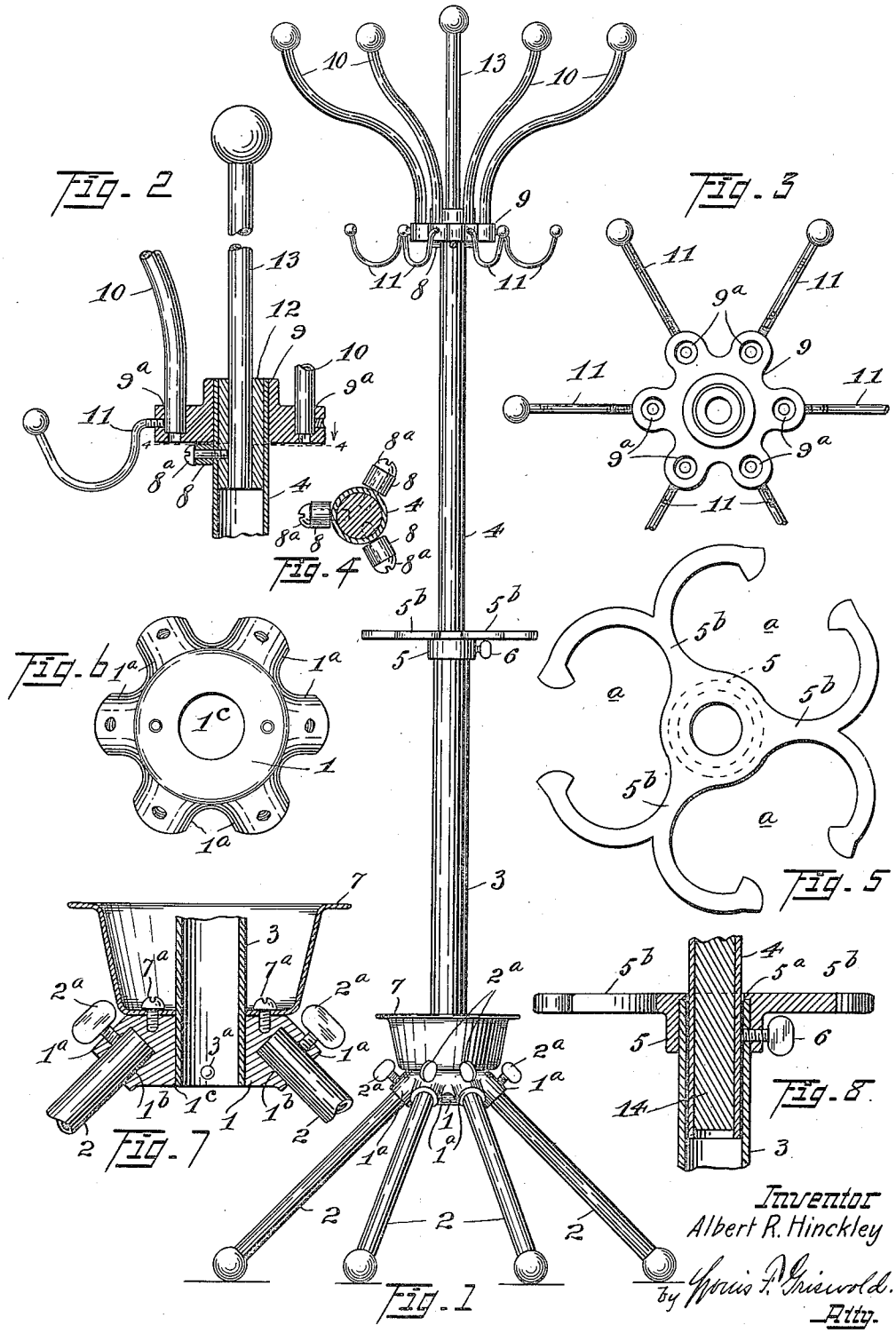
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT R. HINCKLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Racks for Wearing-Apparel, Umbrellas, and the like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a rack used as a depository for coats, hats, umbrellas, canes, and similar articles, or to a type of furniture commonly known as a "costumer." Among the objects of the invention is the provision of an article of manufacture suitable for the purposes that is adjustable to conform to conditions and requirements. Another object of the invention is to provide an article of the character set forth, that can be economically manufactured, that is durable, ornamental, and conveniently serviceable. A further object of the invention is the provision of a rack that can be easily and quickly assembled and disassembled manually and without the aid of tools, thereby making it adaptable to compactness and convenient for package in the baggage of tourists.

With the above mentioned and other apparent objects in view the invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of elements as described in the following specification and pointed out definitely in the annexed claims.

To facilitate the explanation of the construction, the accompanying drawings are made a part of the specification, similar reference characters being employed to designate similar parts in said drawings and in the description.

Figure 1 of the drawings illustrates the improved article as assembled for use.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view on an enlarged scale of certain parts of the article as assembled and partly in section.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a revolving head which is one of the principal factors of the improvement.

Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Figs. 5 and 6 are plan views of certain parts, detached, that will presently be identified, and Figs. 7 and 8 are fragmentary views in central vertical section of certain parts assembled as will hereinafter be explained.

The improved article as illustrated in the drawings, comprises an embodiment of castings, tubular members, and other elements combined and arranged as follows:

A base member 1, preferably a metal casting, is provided with a series of radiating angular branches 1^a having sockets 1^b therein. Supporting members or legs 2 are inserted in the sockets 1^b and firmly retained therein by thumb screws 2^a. The base 1 is also provided with a central vertical opening or bore 1^c adapted to receive the lower terminal portion of a tubular column 3, said column member being firmly attached to the base 1 preferably by rivets, one of which is shown at 3^a Fig. 7. A tubular member 4 being of smaller diameter than the bore of the member 3 is thereby adapted to telescope said member 3 and thus provide vertical adjustment of member 4 relative to member 3.

A collar 5 is fitted circumferentially to the upper portion of member 3 and is preferably provided with a lip 5^a that rests on the upper terminal of said member 3. A set screw 6 performs the duel function of retaining the collar 5 firmly on the member 3 and controlling the adjustment of the member 4 relative to member 3. The collar 5 is provided with horizontally extending branches 5^b of suitable design, substantially as shown in Fig. 5. These branches form receptacles for umbrellas or canes to be held loosely in the recesses *a* and supported in a drip pan 7 which surrounds the member 3 and is attached to the base 1 by screws 7^a.

A series of rollers 8 are mounted on the shanks of screws 8^a that protrude radially from the member 4 near the upper terminal thereof, and a revoluble bracket 9 encircles the member 4 and has a bearing on the rollers 8. The revoluble bracket 9 is provided with a series of sockets 9^a in which are inserted tubular arms 10. These arms 10 form suitable hat supports and are held firmly in the desired position in the bracket 9 by screw members 11. These screw members are of hook formation and serve as hangers for coats or other articles, while their shape renders them easy to manipulate for threading through the member 9. The upper end of the member 4 is provided with a plug member 12, and a tubular pinnacle member 13 centered in said plug provides an extra hat support and also gives symmetry of design or pleasing appearance to the upper structure. The plug 12 provides suitable bearings for the screws 8^a, which not only

support the rollers 8 but also retain the member 13 in the plug 12.

To enhance the stability of the structure a core 14 is provided in the member 4. This core may extend inward a suitable distance from the lower terminal of member 4 or it may be integral with the plug 12. The purpose of said core is to back up, or support the tube against the pressure of the adjusting screw 6.

The foregoing makes clear the fact that the present invention provides an article of great utility, owing to its vertical adjustability, the freely revolving head, and the important "knock-down" feature, the structure being easily and quickly disassembled without means other than human fingers. After being thus disassembled the parts may be confined in compact form for transportation, and easily and expeditiously reassembled by the same human means.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is.

1. As a new article of manufacture a rack for wearing apparel, umbrellas and similar articles, comprising a base member, detachable legs inserted in said base member, a telescopically adjustable upright member attached to said base, means for controlling the adjustment of said upright member, said means forming a receptacle for articles, a revoluble head mounted on roller bearings on said upright member, detachable arms inserted in said head, and hanger members providing means for retaining said arms in the head.

2. In a rack for wearing apparel, umbrellas and similar articles, the combination of a base member; detachable legs inserted in said base member; a telescopically adjustable upright member attached to said base; a collar on said upright member; means connected with said collar for controlling the adjustment of the upright member; arms extending from said collar which in conjunction with a drip pan attached to the base form receptacles for articles; roller bearings connected with the upright member; a revoluble head member mounted on said roller bearings; detachable arms inserted in said head member; and threaded hook members for retaining said arms in the head member.

3. In a rack for wearing apparel, umbrellas and similar articles, the combination of a base member; detachable legs inserted in said base member; set screws for retaining said legs in the base member; a telescopically adjustable upright member attached to said base; a collar on said upright member; a set screw in said collar for controlling the adjustment of the upright member; arms extending from said collar which in conjunction with a drip pan attached to the base form receptacles for articles; roller bearings connected with the upright member; a revoluble head member mounted on said roller bearings; detachable arms inserted in said head member; and threaded hook members for retaining said arms in the head member.

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

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