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Fig: 1.

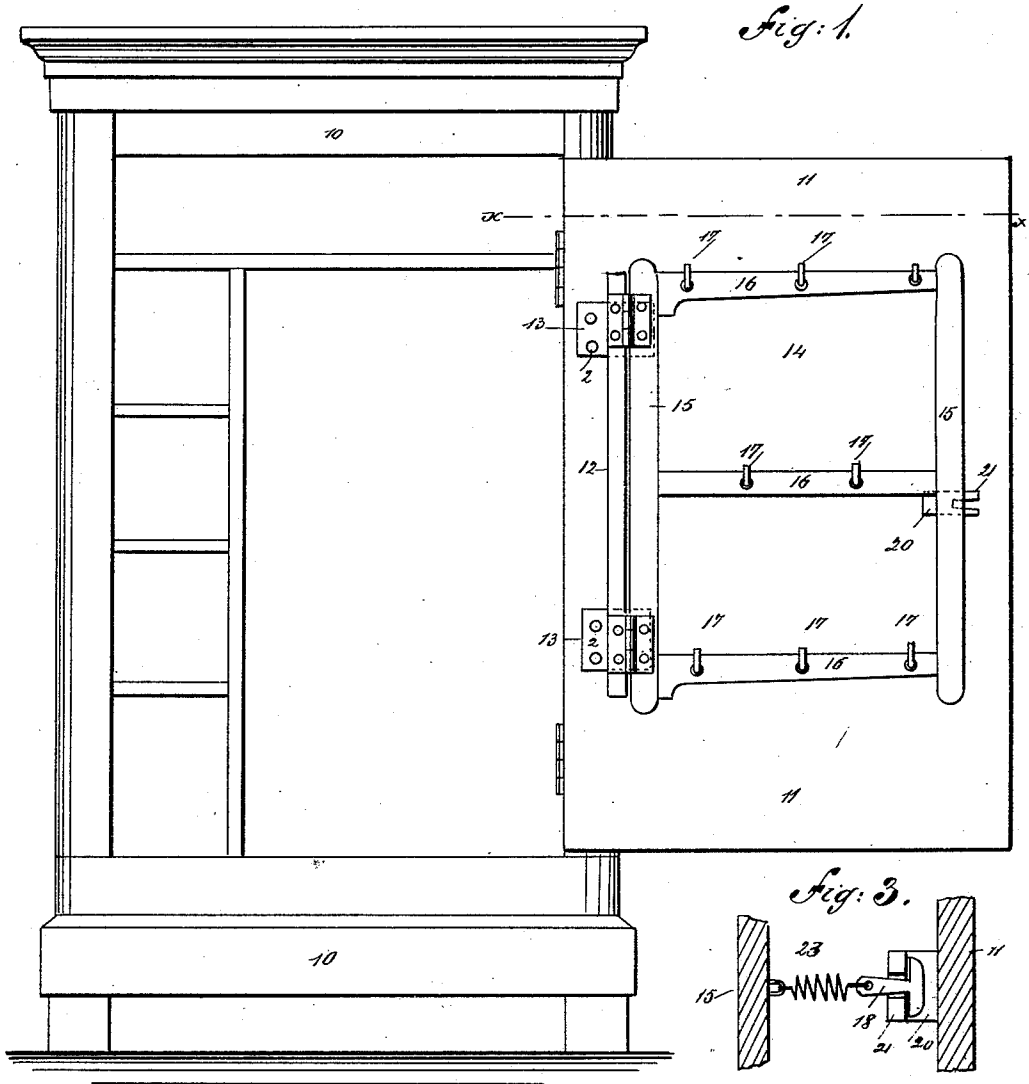


Fig: 3.

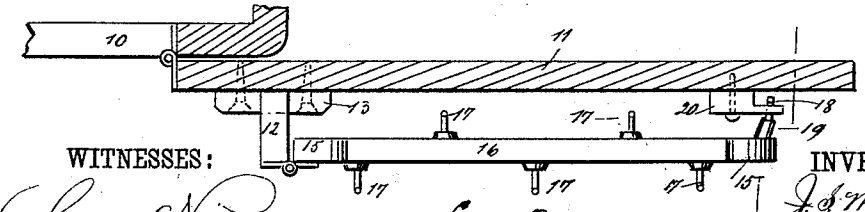


Fig: 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES SHACKELFORD MARSH, of Lucasville, in the county of Scioto and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Clothes-Rack, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, compact, and durable clothes-rack, wherein the parts shall be so arranged that the rack may be secured to an ordinary wardrobe-door, or any other proper fixed support, in which latter case the rack becomes an independent piece of furniture.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a view representing an ordinary form of wardrobe, to the inner face of the door of which my improved form of clothes-rack is secured. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view of a portion of the device illustrated in Fig. 1, the view being taken on line *x x* of said figure; and Fig. 3 is a view of a modified construction.

In the drawings, 10 represents a wardrobe of ordinary construction and provided with a door, 11, to the inner face of which my improved clothes-rack is secured. The clothes-rack consists of a supporting-strip, 12, the rear edge of which is recessed to receive blocks 13, said blocks being secured to the strip 12 in any proper way. To the strip 12 I hinge a rectangular frame, 14, which consists, essentially, of vertical strips 15 and horizontal cross-pieces 16, said cross-pieces being provided with hooks 17, located upon either side thereof. To the inner face of the outer strip, 15, there is secured a button, 18, the connection between the button and the strip being established through the medium of an elastic band, 19. This button 18 is arranged to engage with a socket, 20, that is secured to the inner face of the door 11, said socket being formed with an outwardly-extending and centrally-slotted arm, 21. If desired, a spiral spring, 23, might be substituted for the elastic band 19, as indicated in Fig. 3.

In mounting my clothes-rack screws 2 are passed through the blocks 13, said screws entering and engaging with the door 11. The clothes are hung upon the hooks 17, and the frame 14 is held in the position in which it is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 by bringing the button into engagement with the socket 20.

When the device is to be used as an independent piece of furniture, it is mounted by passing screws through the apertures in the blocks 13, and driving said screws into any proper available support. In this case it is generally desirable that a curtain should be arranged above the rack, in order that all dust may be kept from the clothes carried thereby.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a clothes rack, the combination, with a supporting-strip, of a frame hinged thereto, hooks carried by the frame, a button yieldingly connected to the frame, and a socket adapted to receive the button, substantially as described.

2. In a clothes-rack, the combination, with a strip, 12, carrying blocks 13, of a rectangular frame hinged to said strip, hooks carried by the frame, a button connected to the frame by a spring-band, and a socket with which the button is arranged to engage, substantially as described.

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