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Clothes Frame,
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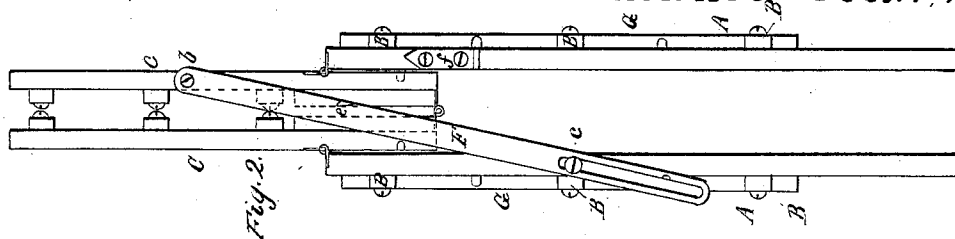


Fig. 2.

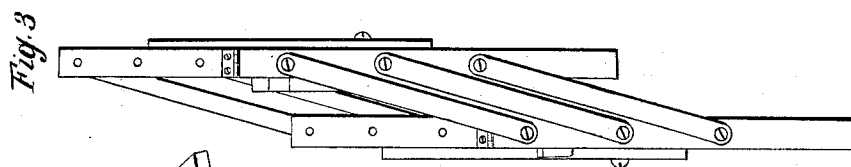


Fig. 3.

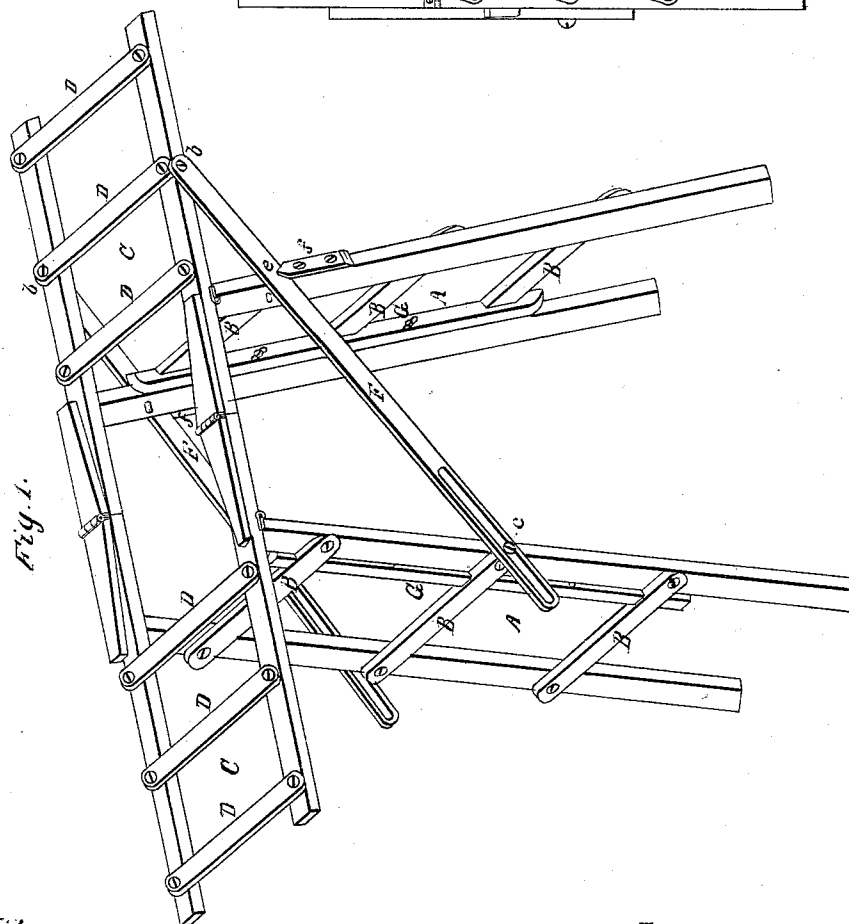


Fig. 1.

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CLOTHES-FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, D. E. HOLMES, of Halifax, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Clothes-Frame; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, represents a perspective view of the clothes frame in an open state. Figs. 2, and 3, are end views of the whole frame when closed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

The nature of my invention consists in the arrangement of the racks upon which the clothes are hung, in such a manner that they can be spread out for receiving a large amount of clothing and supported by suitable braces while in this position; and hinging and jointing the several parts constituting the frame so that when not in use it can be closed in a very compact state, and thereby obtain a great economy of room: described and represented as follows:

A, A, represent two standards which are furnished with any desirable number of lateral bars B, B, secured to the posts forming the standards by screws, nails or otherwise. These two standards constitute a part of the rack upon which the clothes are hung, and are hinged at their upper ends to horizontal frames C, C, which are themselves again hinged together at the ends intermediate between the two standards A, A. These latter frames are provided with cross bars D, D, similar to the bars B, B, and of the same length.

When the parts are hinged together as above described and closed up they assume the position represented by Figs. 2, and 3. The hinges for uniting the horizontal frames C, C, together are fixed upon the ends of cleats *a, a*, so that the frames will be parallel to each other when closed, as repre-

sented. These frames are then furnished with braces F, F, placed on each side, as represented by Fig. 1, and of a sufficient length to reach from the joints *b*, on one of the frames C, to the joint *c*, in the posts of one of the standards A; at this latter joint the braces are slotted and these slots play on the neck of a screw or stud *c*, so that in closing the frames the slots will permit the braces to be contracted and vice versa. The slots in the braces have a notch *e*, on the inside of one of the bars which, when the horizontal frames are opened, as in Fig. 1, and a pressure put upon them, will form a lock for holding the rack firmly in place and bracing the four frames together rigidly. *f, f*, are pieces beveled to a point and secured to the posts which serve as fulcrum supports for the braces, these beveled points fitting into notches cut on the edge of each brace, as shown by the drawings.

G, G, are movable braces notched out so as to fit over the bars B, B; these are placed on the inside of one leg or post of each standard A, A, which serve to stiffen the frames when pressed out as in Fig. 1, but when they are pressed in as shown by Fig. 2, the bars B, B, can be shut up with the frames as in Fig. 3.

It will be seen that my clothes frame is very simple in construction, and when spread out will be rigidly sustained by the braces described, and when closed up it will occupy very little space, as the parts can all be contracted and brought close together.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is,

The combination of standards A, A, horizontal hinged frame C, C, when the same are sustained and braced by slotted braces F, F, all arranged substantially in the manner as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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