

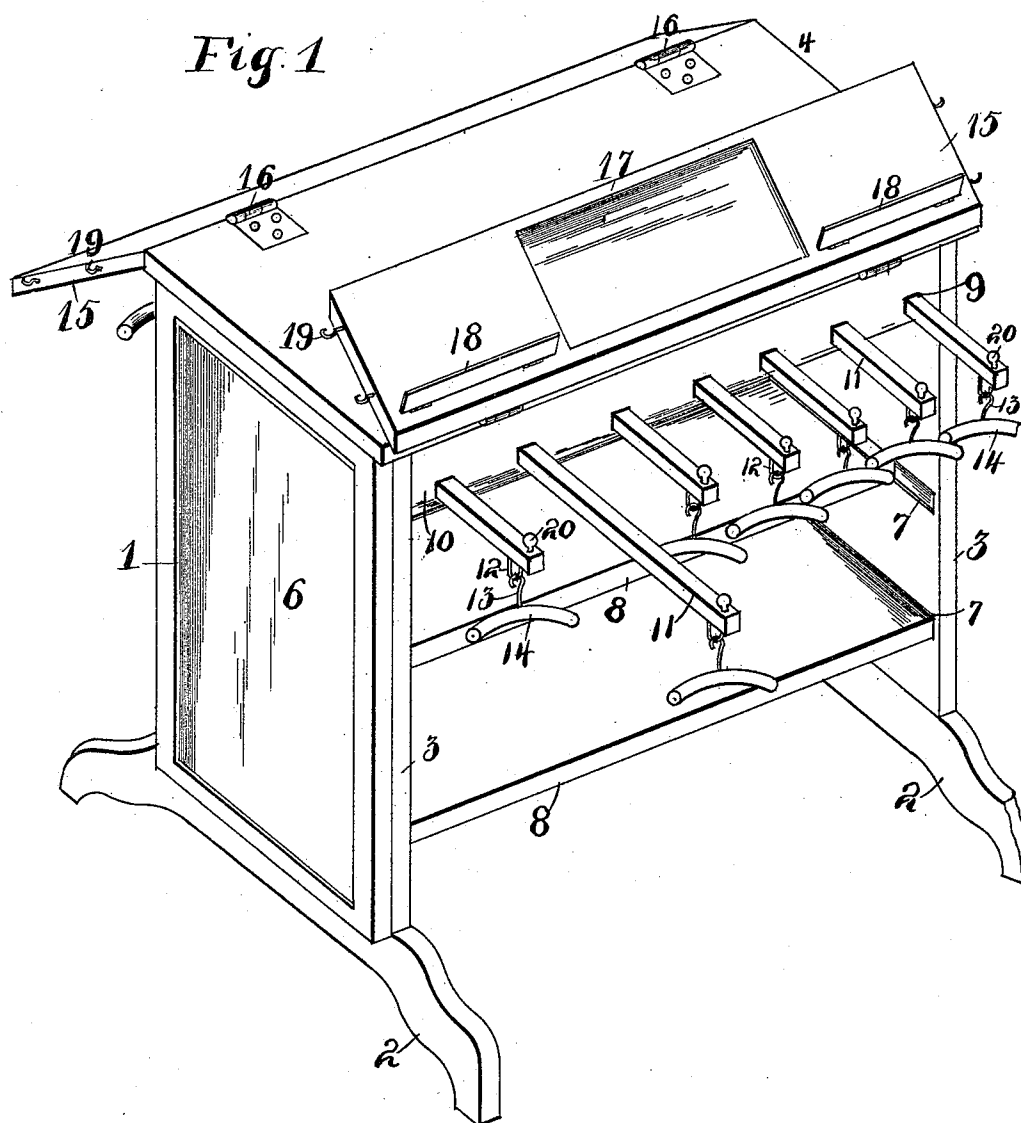
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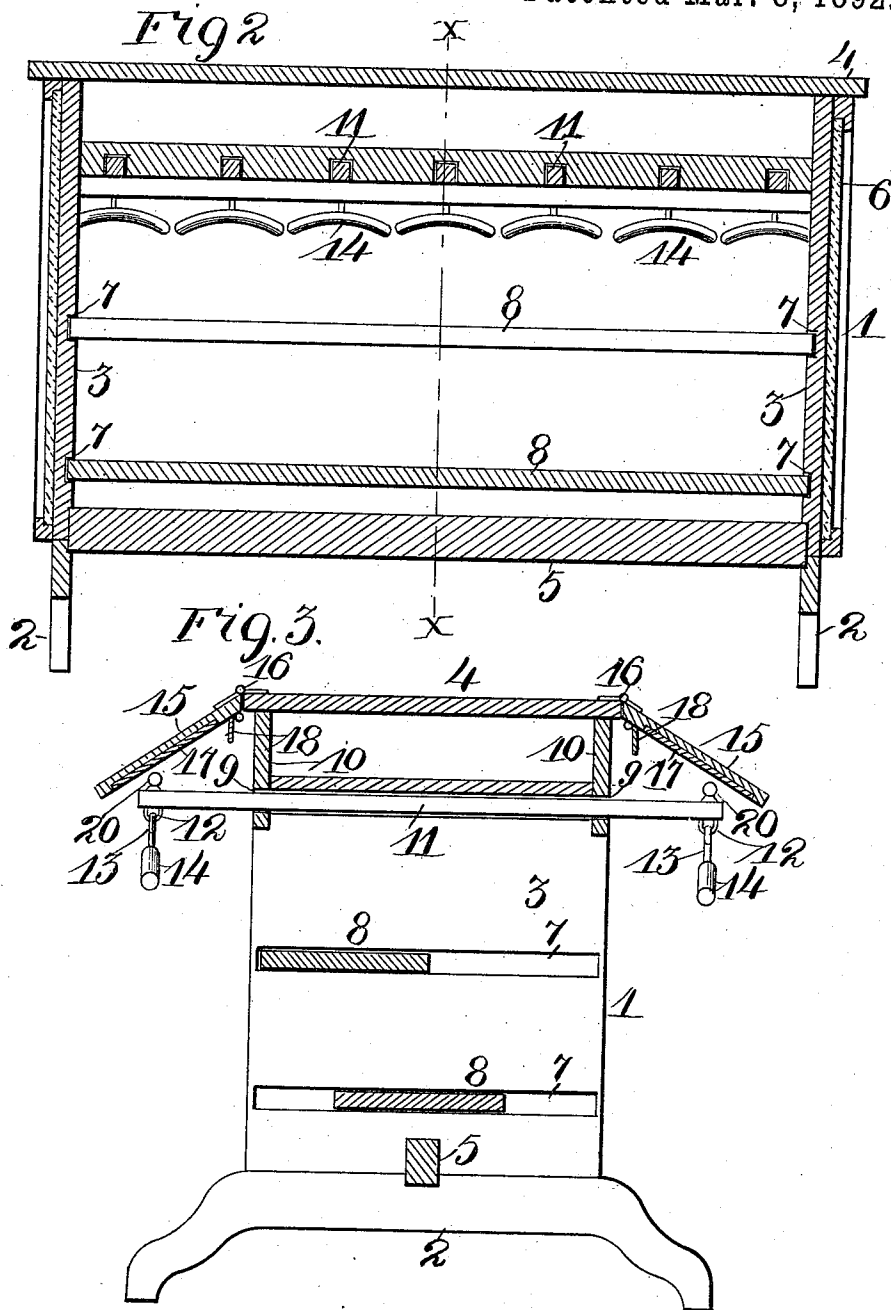
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. MORRISON, of the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Counter and Display-Rack for Wearing-Apparel, especially Cloaks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in a combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, especially cloaks; and it consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described, and designated in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my complete invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 2.

The invention that I am about to describe is to be more especially used in the stores for receiving cloaks or coats in piles and for displaying the same singly or in numbers.

The invention as constructed is proposed to be located in any suitable position in the store, but preferably from the walls of the same, in order that the cabinet can be easily operated. However, I do not wish to limit myself to the exact construction as herein shown, as the said cabinet may be constructed to be only operated from one side, and in this instance the same to be set in the wall for the purpose of economizing room.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents a cabinet, which is mounted upon supports 2, said supports resting upon the floor and adapted to support said cabinet and its parts. Said cabinet is composed of two end pieces 3, a top 4, which is secured to the upper edges of the said side in any suitable and mechanical manner, and a longitudinal supporting-brace 5, which when the parts are united as above described and shown said cabinet will be rigid and adapted to support the mechanism, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

The outer surfaces of the end pieces 3 are provided with mirrors 6, which may be mounted thereon in a separate frame and attached to said pieces or said mirrors set in the said end pieces. However, this is only a mat-

ter of convenience. By the use of said mirrors the person trying on the cloak or after the same has been placed on one can readily ascertain if the said garment fits properly.

The inner surfaces of the end pieces 3 of the cabinet are each provided with horizontal grooves 7, which are located diametrically opposite one another and are adapted to receive the terminal edges of two sliding shelves 8, upon which shelves the cloaks or other apparel are piled in the usual manner. When it is desired to remove one of the cloaks from its pile, the shelf or shelves may be pulled toward the operator, where the said piles can be easily handled and the proper cloak extracted from the pile.

In order to display the cloak or cloaks, as the case may be, after the desired one or ones have been selected from the pile or piles, I employ the mechanism which I shall now proceed to describe. 9 represents a series of square openings formed in both of the pieces 10, the holes in one piece corresponding to the holes in the opposite piece, thus forming a guide and support for the supporting-bars 11. 11 represents the supporting-bars, which are of any suitable length and are square in cross-section and adapted to freely move through the openings 9. To both ends of the supporting-bars 11 and to the under surfaces of the same are secured metallic eyes 12 for receiving the hooks 13, carried by the curved hangers 14. By the construction as above described the said hangers may be removed from the supporting-bars, if so desired, and when the hangers are united to said bars, as shown in the drawings, a cloak or other apparel may be hung thereon in a manner well known. The hooks 13 are loosely secured to the hangers 14, by which means a cloak after being placed upon said hanger, may be turned in order to thoroughly display the cloak. To the opposite edges of the top 4 are hinged two leaves 15 by means of hinges 16, the edges of the said leaves adjacent to the top being somewhat cut away or beveled, in order that when the said leaves are pulled down they will assume the position, as shown, to one side of Fig. 1. Said leaves when pulled down as above described have a tendency to prevent dirt or dust from gaining access to the cloaks piled in the cabinet, and,

further, cover the ends of the supporting-bars and their hangers when the same are not in use. 17 represents mirrors, which are secured to or fastened in any mechanical manner to the leaves 15 about the median portion of the same, and on both sides of said mirrors and hinged to the said leaves are shelves 18, upon which shelves any desired article may be placed when the said leaves are in the position as shown to one side in Fig. 1. Secured to the edges of the said leaves are any number of hooks 13, upon which hooks an ordinary curtain or curtains may be hung for preventing dust or dirt from gaining access to the cloaks located in the cabinet when the same is not in use.

A cabinet constructed as above described presents the same appearance on both sides, and may be operated in a similar manner from either side. The sliding shelves 8 are operated independently of one another, and may be of any number to suit the convenience of the cabinet. Secured to both ends of the supporting-bars 11 and upon the upper surfaces of the same are knobs or handles 20, by means of which the said supporting-bars are moved in or out, as may be desired. It will readily be perceived that any number of cloaks can be displayed at one time with no inconvenience to the person displaying the goods.

It will be readily perceived that the cabinet can be used as a counter for displaying the goods set forth independent of the mechanism, as above described.

The cabinet may be provided with rollers or casters, so that the same may be moved from place to place.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, having a sliding supporting-bar or a series of sliding supporting-bars and hangers mounted upon the ends of the same, whereby they are adapted to be moved to and from the cabinet, substantially as set forth.

2. A combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, having a series of supporting-bars, hangers movably mounted upon the ends of the same, and sliding shelves located below the said supporting-bars for receiving apparel in piles, substantially as set forth.

3. A combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, consisting of a series of supporting-bars, hangers mounted upon the ends of the same for receiving a cloak or other apparel, and grooves formed in the sides of the

said counter and rack for receiving the ends of the sliding shelves 8, substantially as set forth.

4. A combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, consisting of a cabinet such as 1, openings 9, formed in the upper portion of the same, supporting-bars 11, projecting on each side of the said cabinet and adapted to move in said opening, hangers 14, removably attached to the ends of the said supporting-bars, horizontal grooves 7, formed in the end pieces 3, and a sliding shelf or shelves 8, adapted to move in said grooves, for receiving the apparel, substantially as set forth.

5. A combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, consisting of a cabinet 1, grooves 7, formed in the end pieces 3 of the same, for receiving the end of the sliding shelves 8, openings 9, formed in the upper portion of the cabinet 1, supporting-bars 11, adapted to move in said openings, hangers 14, removably attached to the ends of the said supporting-bars and adapted to be rotated in a horizontal plane, and knobs 20 for operating said supporting-bars and consequently said hangers, substantially as set forth.

6. A combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, consisting of a cabinet, leaves 15, hinged to the top of the same and provided with a suitable mirror, and hangers connected with the cabinet and forming a part of the same, substantially as set forth.

7. A combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, consisting of a cabinet 1, mirrors 6, secured to the ends of the same, supporting-bars 11, movably secured in the upper portion of the said cabinet, and hangers 14, movably secured to the ends of said supporting-bars, substantially as set forth.

8. A combined counter and display-rack for wearing-apparel, consisting of a cabinet 1, mirrors 6, secured to the ends of the same, supporting-bars 11, movable in suitable openings 9, formed in the upper portion of said cabinet, hangers 14, movably secured to the ends of said supporting-bars, sliding shelves 8, upon which apparel is adapted to be piled or placed, leaves 15, hinged to the top of the said cabinet and provided with suitable mirrors, and shelves 18, secured to said leaves, substantially as set forth.

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

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