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Fig. 1.

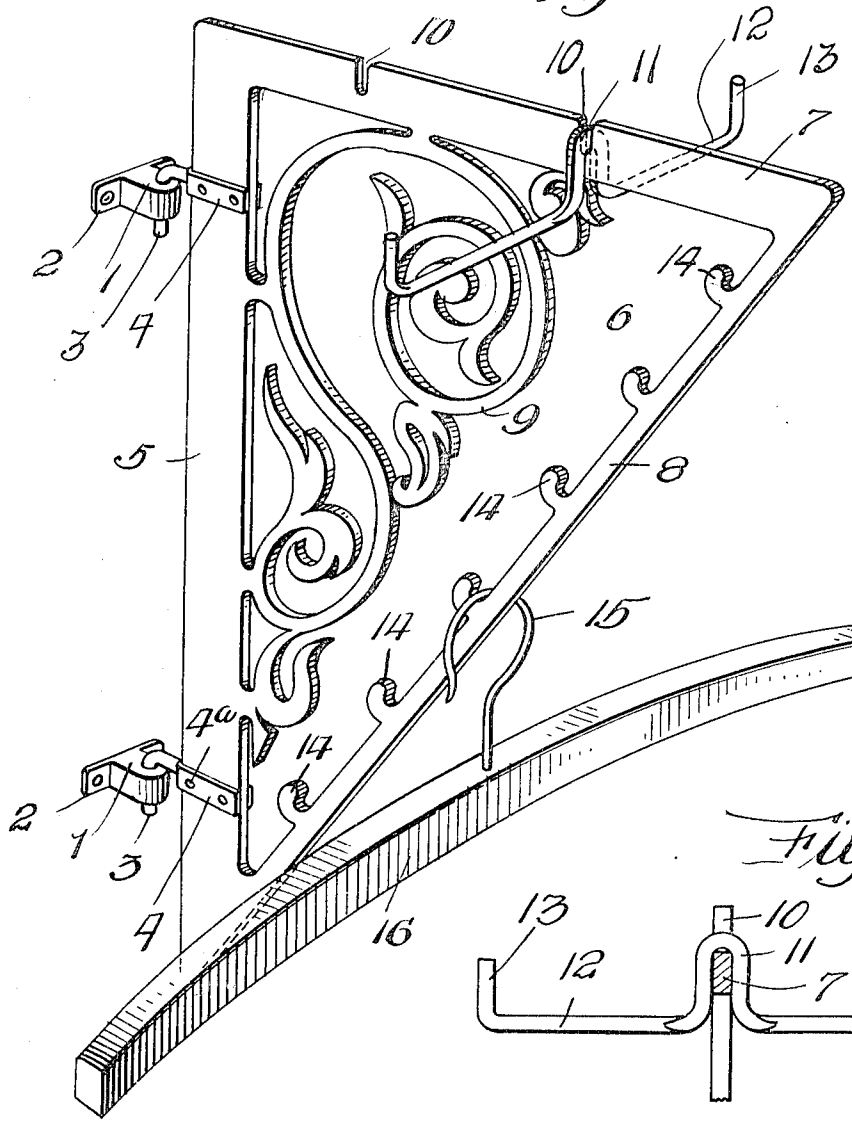


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to clothes racks or holders, and the primary object of my invention is to provide a rack or holder for supporting coats, skirts, hats, and other garments, whereby a portion of each garment will be exposed and no mistake can be made in selecting one garment from another on the rack.

Another object of my invention is to provide a swiveled rack or holder that can be shifted whereby the garments held thereby will be exposed and one or more garments can be easily selected from the rack.

A further object of this invention is to provide a garment holder or rack which can be advantageously used in closets, where garments are shown, it being possible to quickly remove one garment from the rack without disturbing the others.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a clothes rack or holder that is strong and durable, capable of supporting a large number of garments or articles, inexpensive to manufacture, and highly efficient for the purposes for which it is intended.

I attain the above objects by a mechanical construction that will be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed, and reference will now be had to the drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment rack or holder, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross sectional view of a portion of the same showing the hat holder.

The reference numerals 1 denote vertically alining bearings having apertured ears or lugs 2, adapted to be secured to a wall or other support by screws (not shown).

Pivotally mounted or swiveled in the bearings 1 are the hooks 3 of U-shaped straps 4, said straps being rivcted or otherwise connected, as at 4^a, to the vertical leg 5 of the triangular shaped rack frame 6. The frame 6 comprises a skeleton body in the form of a right-angled triangle, the vertical leg 5 constitutes the altitude of the triangle, the base 7 the top of the rack, and the hypotenuse 8 the front leg or garment-supporting member of the rack. The top bar 7 of the rack is braced relatively to the leg 5 by an ornamental web 9, said web forming a scroll work that adds to the appearance of the rack.

The top bar 7 of the rack is provided with slots 10, and these slots are adapted to accommodate an inverted U-shaped central portion 11 of a hat holder 12. The hat holder is made of light and durable wire having the ends thereof bent upwardly, as at 13 to provide pegs upon which hats can be hung. With the slots 10 spaced apart, the holders are retained apart, consequently hats can be easily placed upon the ends of the holder.

The inner edge of the hypotenuse 8 or the front part of the rack is provided with equally spaced inwardly projecting prongs or hooks 14 and these prongs provide supports for the hook 15 of a coat or skirt hanger 16. The hangers 16 are of the ordinary and well known type employed for maintaining the shape of a coat or skirt, and these hangers form no part of my invention, as various types of foldable or collapsible hangers can be used in connection with my improved rack. It will be noted that the hooks or tongues 14 are so formed as to provide narrow slot-like recesses for the hooks 15 of the hangers 16. By this arrangement the hooks 15 may swing in said recesses, and not accidentally fall out of said recesses or become accidentally disengaged from the member 8.

The rack in its entirety is made of light and durable metal and can be made of various sizes. With the hangers 16 suspended from the rack, the upper end of each garment carried by the hanger will be exposed, consequently it will be an extremely easy matter to select a garment from the rack and remove the same without interfering with the other garments.

From the foregoing it will be observed that I have devised an inexpensive rack that can be advantageously used in the cloak rooms of large hotels and restaurants, also in closets where garments are stored.

While in the drawing there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that the structural ele-

ments are susceptible to such variations and modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:—

A garment holder comprising a skeleton body of flat metal in the form of a right angled triangle, one leg of said triangle being provided with means for supporting the body, the inner edge of the hypotenuse of said body forming a garment-supporting member provided with upwardly projecting hooks forming narrow slot-like recesses to receive hook-portions of garment hangers, whereby the hangers will not readily fall out of said recesses or become accidentally disengaged from said garment-supporting member.

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

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