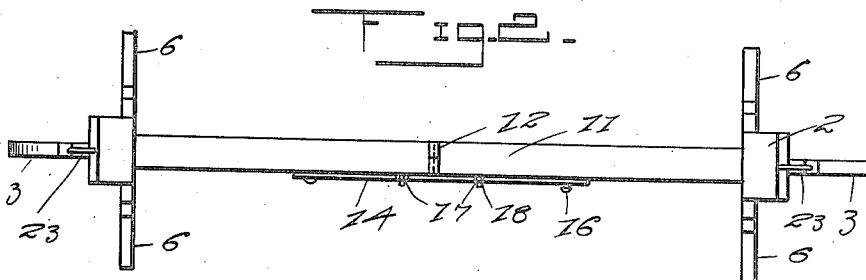
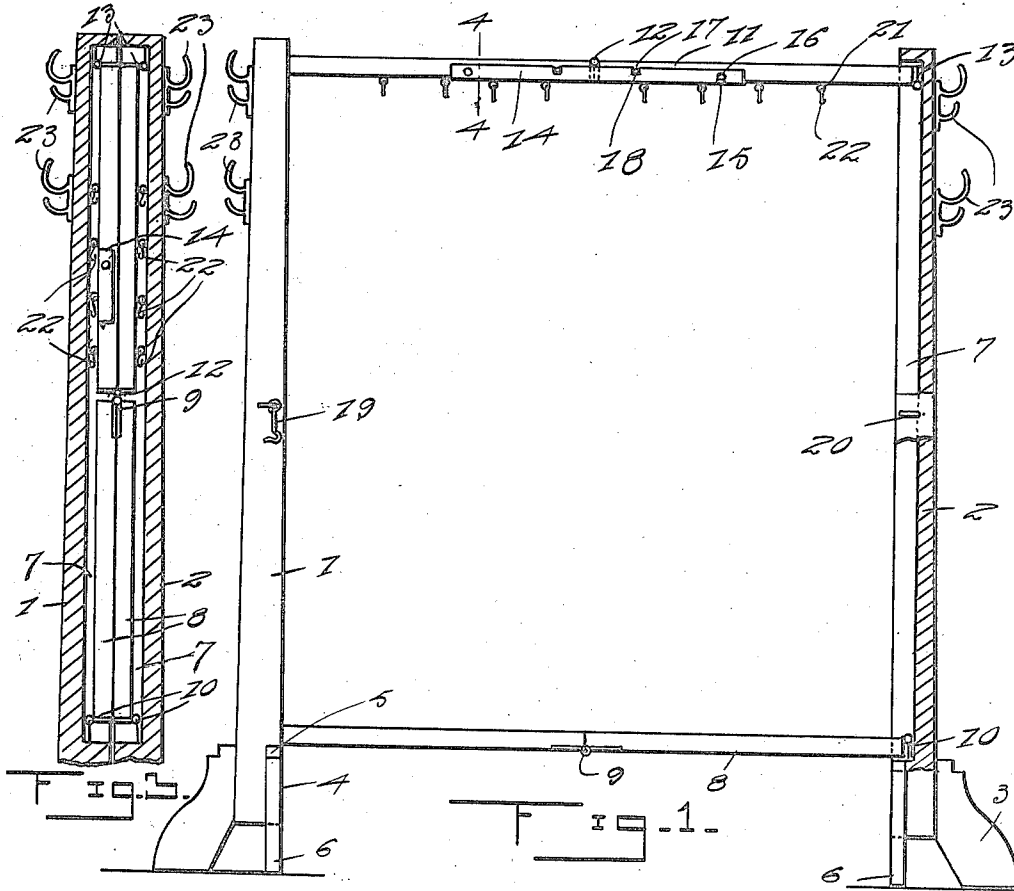


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAF W. WENDELIUS, 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 Folding Clothes-Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a folding clothes rack and one of its objects is the provision of a device of this character, which shall be simple, durable and efficient, and which may be manufactured and sold at a comparatively low cost.

Another object of this invention is to provide a pair of vertically extending standards, having folding connecting arms hinged to the upper and lower ends thereof to provide a clothes rack and adapted to be folded when not in use.

A further object of this invention is to provide the standards with grooves upon their inner faces to receive the connecting arms when the device is in a folded or collapsed position to provide a compact article which may be stored away in a considerably small space.

A still further object of this invention is to provide means secured to the upper connecting arm for holding said arm rigid to prevent the device from collapsing when in use.

With these and other objects in view as will become more apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation partly in section, of a folding clothes rack, constructed in accordance with my invention,

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same,

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary vertical sectional

view illustrating the device in a folded position, and

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numerals 1 and 2 indicate a pair of vertical standards having suitable feet 3 secured to their outer lower ends and transversely extending strips 4 secured within recess portions 5 formed on the inner lower faces of the standards 1 and 2. Formed on each end of the strips 4 are suitable feet 6 which cooperate with the feet 3 in supporting the vertical standards. Each of the standards 1 and 2 is provided with grooves 7 upon their inner faces as clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3. A lower connecting arm 8 is hinged together intermediate its ends as illustrated at 9 and has its outer ends secured within the grooves 7 of the standards 1 and 2 adjacent their lower ends by means of hinges 10. The connecting arm 11 is hinged together intermediate its ends as illustrated at 12 and has its outer ends secured within the grooves 7 of the standards 1 and 2 adjacent the upper ends by means of hinges 13. Pivotaly secured to one of the sections of the arm 11 is a metallic strip 14 which is provided with a downwardly depending slot 15 in its free end to receive a lug 16 carried by the other section of the arm 11. The strip 14 is provided with upwardly extending notches 17 for an engagement with lugs 18 upon each of the sections of the arm 11 for preventing the sections from folding intermediate their ends when in use by a hinge 12. The strip 14 is constructed from flexible metal, which will permit it to be bent laterally of the device so that the lugs may be readily disengaged from the notches therein before the strip is swung upon its pivot. When it is desired to fold this device, the strip 14 is detached from the lugs 16 and 18 by simply grasping the free end of the member 14 and thrusting the same upwardly and outwardly until it is relieved from its connection with the stud 16 and by urging it downwardly it is relieved from its connection with the stud 18 whereby the arms 11 and 8 may fold in the direction of each other and by moving the standards 1 and 2 in the direction of each

other, the arms will move within the grooves 7 providing a compact article as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3. Secured to the standard 1 is a hook 19 adapted to engage an eye 5 20 carried by the standard 2 for holding the standards 1 and 2 together when the device is in a collapsed position.

Secured to the arm 11 are a plurality of eye-bolts 21 which pivotally support hooks 10 22 for supporting clothing to the upper arm 11 when the device is in use. The hooks 22 being secured to the arm 11 by eye-bolts 21 allow the hooks 22 to swing about their pivots when the device is in a folded or collapsed position as clearly illustrated in Fig. 15 3 which will not interfere with the folding or collapsing of the device. Secured to each of the standards 1 and 2 upon the outer faces thereof are a plurality of hooks 23 which 20 may be employed in supporting clothing and other articles to the standards 1 and 2.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be noted that a device has been provided which will efficiently support clothes 25 when in an operative position and which may be readily collapsed to be stored away in a considerable small space when not in use.

30 While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from

the spirit and scope of the invention as 35 claimed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A folding clothes rack comprising a pair of vertical standards each provided on the 40 inner face with a longitudinally extending groove, a pair of supporting feet secured to the lower end of each standard on the outer and inner face thereof, a lower connecting 45 arm consisting of sections having their inner ends hinged together and the outer end of each section hinged to the rear wall of the groove of each standard, an upper arm consisting of sections hinged together at the inner 50 ends thereof and having their outer ends hinged to the rear wall of each standard adjacent the upper end thereof, a brace rod pivotally secured to one section of the upper supporting arm and adapted to be removably 55 attached to the other section of said arm to prevent collapsing of the standards with relation to each other, and means carried by one standard and adapted to engage suitable means carried by the other standard 60 for holding the standards in collapsed position.

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

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