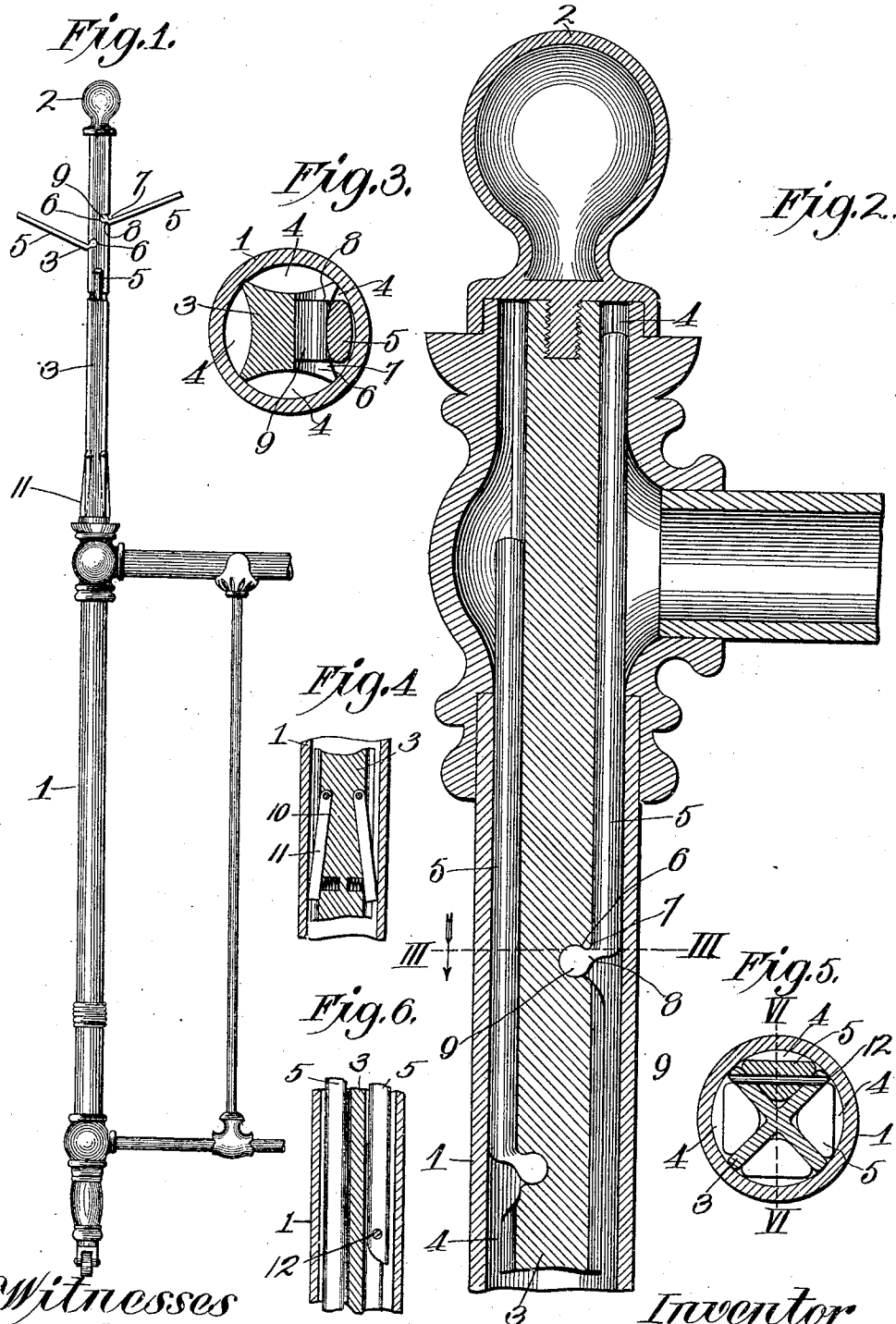


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK D. PELLETIER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Clothes-Rack Attachments for Bedsteads, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to folding clothes rack attachments for bedsteads, and my object is to produce a device of this character capable of quick and easy attachment to a hollow bed post.

A further object is to produce an attachment of this character which when not in use is incased and hidden by the bed post and which is adapted to be slid upward to operative position for the purpose of holding hats, coats and other garments.

A still further object is to produce a device of this character of simple, strong, durable and cheap construction.

To these ends the invention consists in certain novel and peculiar features of construction and organization as hereinafter described and claimed; and in order that it may be fully understood reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1, is an end view of a portion of a bedstead of the hollow iron type, equipped with a clothes rack embodying my invention, arranged in operative position. Fig. 2, is an enlarged central vertical section of the same with the rack wholly incased by the bed post. Fig. 3, is a horizontal section taken on the line III—III of Fig. 2. Fig. 4, is a vertical section of a portion of the post and rack to expose more clearly the construction of the spring catches for supporting the rack in elevated position. Fig. 5, is a horizontal section of a modified construction with the rack incased by the post. Fig. 6, is a vertical section on the line VI—VI of Fig. 5.

In the said drawing, 1 indicates one of the posts, preferably the foot post, of a metal bed and 2 indicates the ornamental head or knob which normally forms the top of the post but which also forms a head for a sliding post 3 fitting in post 1 and by preference practically square in cross section so as to provide vertical chambers 4 between it and the interior face of the post 1. The post 3 is provided with a plurality of hinged arms

or branches 5 adapted in their inoperative positions to fit vertically in the chambers 4. At suitable points the post 3 is provided with horizontal cylindrical openings 6 having contracted mouths 7, there being one of these openings 6 for each arm 5. The arms 5 are provided with laterally projecting necks 8 sufficiently narrow to play up and down in mouths 7, the necks preferably terminating in cylindrical heads 9 to fit snugly yet pivotally in openings 6, the parts being so proportioned and arranged that the heads cannot be fitted in the openings without slipping them endwise therein.

The post 3, is provided with one or more vertical recesses 10 containing spring-actuated catches 11 normally lying in said recesses but which when the post 3 is elevated sufficiently high, spring outward so as to overlie the top of post 1 and by engagement therewith support the post 3 in its elevated position, it being understood that as the post 3 is slid upward the arms 5 successively swing downward to the operative position shown in Fig. 1, so as to be in position to support a coat, or other garment, the head or knob 2 forming a convenient support for a hat.

In Figs. 5 and 6 I show a slide bar in the form of a cross, the cross fitting snugly in post 1 and the spaces between the arms of the cross and the post forming chambers 4 for the reception of the arms 5, which in this instance are preferably each pivoted to the bar by a cross pin 12, it being understood that the cross-shaped post will also be equipped with the catch or catches 11 for engagement with the upper end of the post 3 to support the bar in its elevated or operative position. To lower the bar to inoperative position it is lifted slightly to permit the catch or catches to be pushed inward and then it is lowered until the bar is wholly incased in the post and the head 2 is resting upon the upper end of the post and forming the knob thereof.

From the above description it will be apparent that I have produced a folding clothes rack attachment for bedsteads, possessing the features of advantage enumerated as desirable.

Having thus described the invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:—

The combination with a tubular post, of a

longitudinally-grooved bar fitting slidingly
in the post and provided with a horizontal
cylindrical opening across and having a con-
tracted mouth opening into the groove of
5 said bar; an arm adapted to fit in the groove
of said bar; said arm having a laterally-pro-
jecting neck 8 engaging and capable of piv-
otal movement in the said contracted mouth
and a cylindrical head pivotally engaging

said opening, and means for securing the 10
bar with said arm wholly above the post.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature,
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