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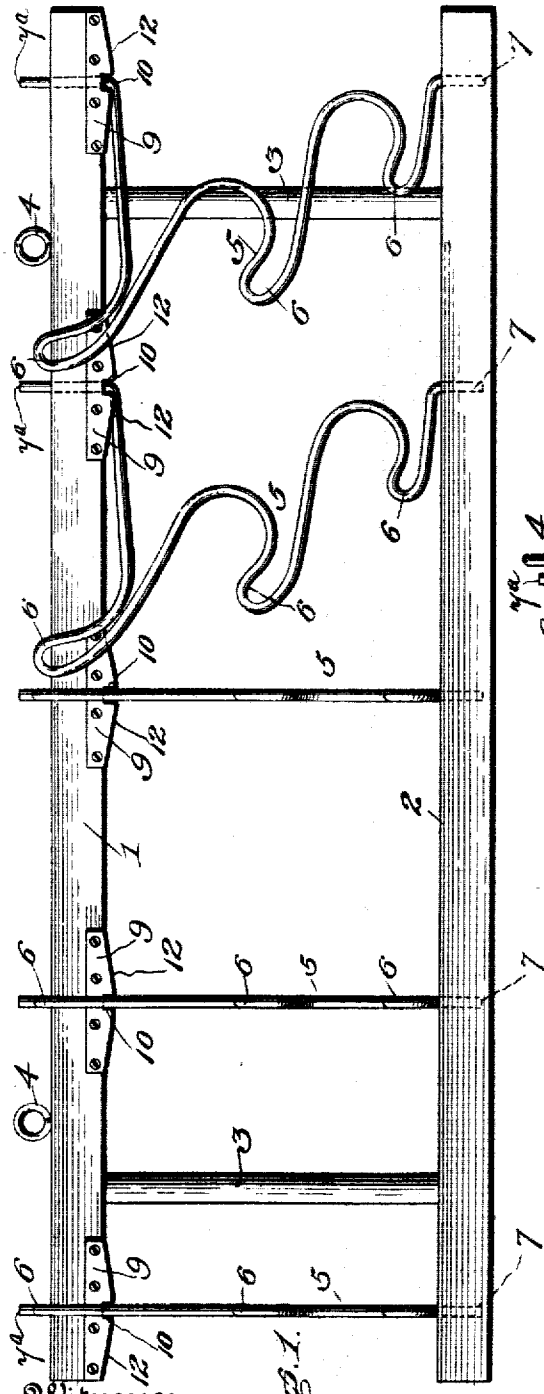


Fig. 1.

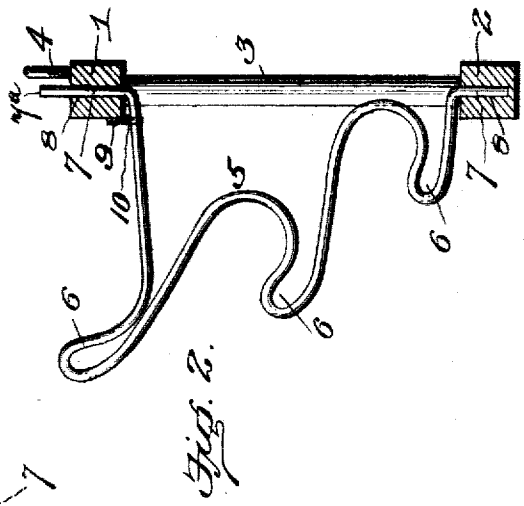


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVAH W. GOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Zanesville, in the county of Muskingum and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat Racks; and I do 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 improvements in hat and coat racks.

The object of the invention is to provide a rack of this character having pivotally-mounted hooks which are adapted to be swung into and out of operative position, means being provided whereby the hooks will be held rigid when swung to an operative position.

A further object is to provide a rack having hooks formed with a plurality of horns or supporting devices whereby a hat, coat, and umbrella or other article may be suspended from the same hook.

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

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the rack constructed in accordance with the invention, part of the hooks thereon being shown in operative position and the others folded back to an inoperative position; and Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical sectional view of the rack, taken on a line with one of the supporting-hooks, said hook being shown in an operative position.

In the embodiment of the invention I provide upper and lower horizontally-disposed parallel bars 1 and 2, which are spaced apart and connected together by cross-bars 3. To the upper supporting-bar 1 may be attached screw-eyes or other devices 4, whereby the same may be hung on a wall.

Between the bars 1 and 2 are arranged a series of hooks 5, which are preferably formed from a single piece of wire bent to form a plurality of horns 6. The upper and lower inner ends of the wire hook are bent upwardly and downwardly at right angles to the same to form pivots 7, which are adapted to be sprung into engagement with bearing-apertures 8, formed in the upper and lower supporting-bars 1 and 2. The upwardly-bent upper ends 7 of the hooks are adapted to extend entirely through the apertures 8 in the upper supporting-bar 1 and to project a short distance above the same to form finger-pieces 7^a.

On the outer side of the upper bar 1 immediately above each hook is secured a plate 9, having on its lower edge midway between its ends a notch 10. The lower edge of the plate is beveled or inclined downwardly from each end to the notch 10, as shown at 12, whereby when the hook is swung to an operative position the upper portion of the hook will engage one or the other of the inclined lower edges of the plate and will be forced downwardly thereby until the hook reaches an operative position immediately below the notch 10, at which time said upper portion of the hook will spring into the notch, thereby holding the hook in an operative position. When it is desired to fold the hooks back to an inoperative position, it is necessary to depress the upper portion of the same by pressing down upon the finger-pieces 7^a, thus disengaging said portion from the notch, after which the hooks may be swung inwardly.

A rack constructed and arranged as herein shown and described may be constructed at a minimum expense and will be found useful and efficient, the plurality of horns provided for each hook enabling the same to support a hat, coat, and umbrella or other article.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

The herein-described rack comprising a pair of horizontally-disposed, parallel supporting-bars spaced apart by cross-bars 3, resilient hooks 5 pivotally mounted at their ends between said supporting-bars, said hooks being constructed and mounted to swing from a position at right angles to said supporting-bars to an inoperative position flat against the same, holding-plates 9 secured to the upper supporting-bar, the lower edge of said plates being inclined downwardly from their ends to the center and provided with a notch with which said hooks are adapted to

spring into engagement, thereby locking the same in operative position, and finger-pieces 7^a formed on the upper pivoted ends of said hooks, said finger-pieces passing through the upper supporting-bar to enable said hooks to be swung to an inoperative position, substantially as described.

In test mony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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