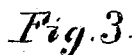
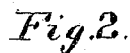


Towel and Clothes Racks.

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IMPROVEMENT IN TOWEL AND CLOTHES RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAUREN M. FITCH, of Morrisville, in the county of Madison and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Towel and Clothes Rack; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing making a part of this specification and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of a plan view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the same.

My invention relates to an improved clothes-rack, which is semicircular in form so as to be rigidly attached to a wall; and it consists in a frame of cast metal made in one piece, with lugs projecting downward from its under side for the arms to work between, said arms being attached to the frame by means of a wire passing through slots near the inner ends, so that the arms may be placed in a horizontal position when desired for use, or hang down out of the way when not in use. When made in circular form, the ends of the wire are fastened in a lug formed for the purpose. When made in a semicircular form, the ends of the wire are secured in the radial back plate of the frame.

In the drawing, A represents the metallic plate, which is cast in one piece, semicircular in form, with its diametrical portion formed into a plate, *a*, which rests against the wall, and is secured thereto by screws. The semicircular portion may be a solid plate, if desired; or it may be in the form of two curved

bars, *a*¹ *a*², braced midway between their extremities by a radial rib, *a*³, extending from the circumference to the back plate *a*. On the under side of the semicircular plate or bars *a*¹ *a*² are downwardly-projecting lugs *l*, between which are notches corresponding with the thickness of the arms B. These arms have slots *b* formed near their rear ends of a length somewhat greater than the distance between the bars *a*¹ *a*², through which slots a wire, *c*, is passed, and its ends secured in the radial back plate *a*.

When not in use the arms hang down from the wire; but when they are to be used to hang the clothes upon, they are raised to a horizontal position and then pushed back toward the center of the plate until their rear ends occupy the notches in the innermost row of lugs, corresponding with the under side of the inner curved bar *a*², being thus supported in a horizontal position.

At a point midway between the extremities of the semicircle the wire passes through a lug, *d*, which supports it at that point.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The plate A, made in one piece, with the back plate *a*, for attaching it to the wall, and the lugs *l*, the arms B, having the slots *b* formed near their ends, all constructed and arranged as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

LAUREN M. FITCH.

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