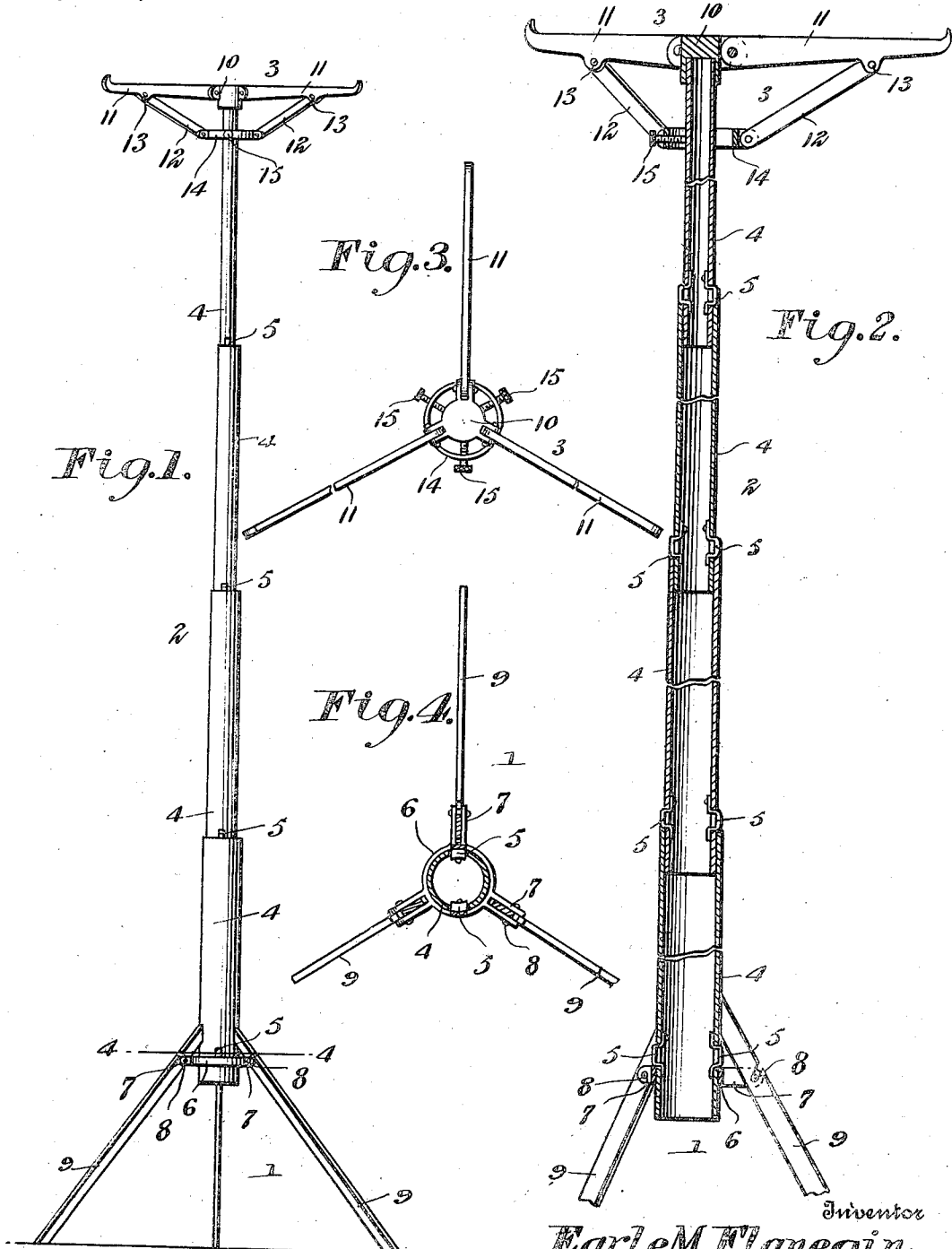


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EARLE M. FLANEGIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Vienna, in the county of Wood and State of West Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to clothes racks and has particular relation to that class of racks which are capable of being collapsed and arranged in compact form, so as to be placed within a traveling bag or other receptacle for convenience of transportation.

In a device of this character, which embodies a collapsible standard comprising telescopic sections, it is necessary to provide some means for positively holding the sections extended to prevent the weight of garments imposed thereon from causing their accidental collapse. The means usually employed is to provide dogs or catches carried by each of the sections and engageable with openings in the adjacent section. In this construction it is necessary to provide means for guiding the dogs into engagement with the openings, so that the said sections are then fixed against relative rotation both before and after being extended. The present invention, however, aims to provide means for holding the sections extended, which will permit of their relative rotation, so that the clothes rack may be turned to permit of the use of the arms without the necessity of walking around the same, which might not be possible if the said rack is positioned in the corner of a room.

Further objects of the invention will appear as the following specific description is read in connection with the accompanying drawings which form a part of this application and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation showing the standard of the rack in extended position.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view.

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

Referring more particularly to the drawings 1 represents a supporting base, 2 the standard and 3 a supporting head carried upon the upper end of the standard. The standard comprises a plurality of telescopi-

cally arranged tubular sections 4 each of which is provided adjacent its lower end with a pair of diametrically opposite openings through which spring dogs 5 project to engage over the upper edge of the next lower section when the sections are extended. These dogs are released by pressing downwardly upon the same as will be readily understood so that the sections will all fit within one another and when the device is collapsed it will have the length substantially equal to the length of one of the sections.

By this construction the sections 4 are held in their extended positions in a manner to permit of their relative rotation.

The springs of the lowermost and largest section rest upon a collar 6 having spaced pairs of ears 7 arranged around its periphery and across each pair is a pivoting pintle 8 which is engaged in the notches formed adjacent the upper end of the supporting legs 9. When in position the upper ends of the legs engage the side walls of the lowermost section and their lower ends rest upon the floor as shown, their normal tendency to spread holding the legs in position when the weight of the standard is applied. By lifting the standard the legs may be disconnected from the pintles as will be understood and placed inside of the collapsed sections of the standard.

The head 3 which is secured to the upper section of the standard comprises an annular collar 10 having circumferentially spaced pairs of ears between which are pivoted the supporting arms 11 braced to the section by the braces 12 pivoted adjacent the outer end of the arms 11 as at 13 and at their inner ends to a collar 14 held in adjusted position upon the upper tubular section by means of a set screw 15. When the set screw is released the collar 14 may be slid downwardly over the section and the arms 11 folded along side of the section as will be readily understood.

What is claimed is:—

A clothes rack comprising a standard embodying telescopic sections, a supporting element carried by the upper section and resilient elements carried by each of said sections, each of said elements including oppo-

sitely extending terminal portions, one of which is secured within each section, an intermediate U-shaped engaging portion extending through an opening in each section
 5 for engagement with the upper edge of the adjacent lower section and the other terminal portion of the resilient elements constituting a stop within the sections to limit the

outward movement of the U-shaped engaging portion. 10

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

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