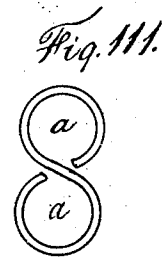
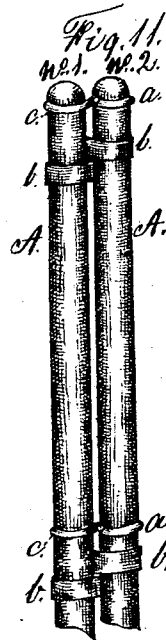
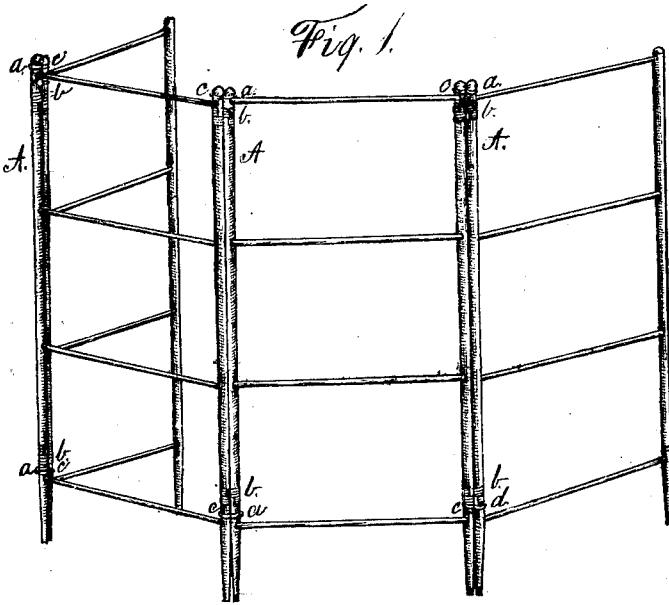


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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-DRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ENOS L. PARKER, of Painesville, in the county of Lake and State of Ohio, have invented certain Improvements in Clothes-Horses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of clothes-horses that can be folded together perfectly flat for the convenience of placing them out of the way, and also for the convenient forms they can be made to assume when open.

The hinge in this improvement is formed like a figure 8, which forms a firm mode of attaching the posts together, and permits them to turn easily. Each circle of the hinge is embedded in a groove formed in the post A, and clasps round the post. The groove keeps the hinge in its place. Each pair of posts has two hinges, one at the top and the other near the bottom. In combination with the 8-shaped hinge is a strap-hinge, which is composed of two pieces of webbing or other suitable material. The end of a piece of webbing is fastened to the post marked No. 1 in Figure II of drawings, then passed back and between the two parts and round the post No. 2, where it is secured. The lower piece of webbing is secured in a contrary manner. The two pieces of webbing, when in this position, make a perfect hinge. When the 8-shaped hinge and the hinge composed of the two pieces of webbing are combined together it makes a cheap hinge attachment, and the parts of the horse fold together perfectly flat without twisting.

In the accompanying drawings, Fig. I is a perspective view of the clothes-horse complete in all its parts; Fig. II, view of the posts A and the position of the 8 shaped hinge *a* and the webbing hinge *b*; Fig. III, view of 8-shaped hinge *a*.

A are posts, which have the grooves *c* cut in them, one near the top and the other near the bottom. Placing in the grooves *c* is the 8-shaped hinge *a*, one half in each post, as shown at Fig. II. The form of the hinge is shown at Fig. III. Below the 8-shaped hinge is another hinge, composed of two pieces of webbing. The upper piece, *b*, is fastened to the post marked No. 2; passed back; then between the posts 1 and 2; then fastened to the post No. 1. The lower piece of webbing is secured in a contrary manner. Two hinges of each kind are attached to each pair of posts. The advantage of this combined hinge is, the parts of the horse can be folded together closer and lie together without twisting.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the 8-shaped hinge *a*, webbing hinges *b*, and posts A A, substantially as and for the purpose as hereinbefore described.

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