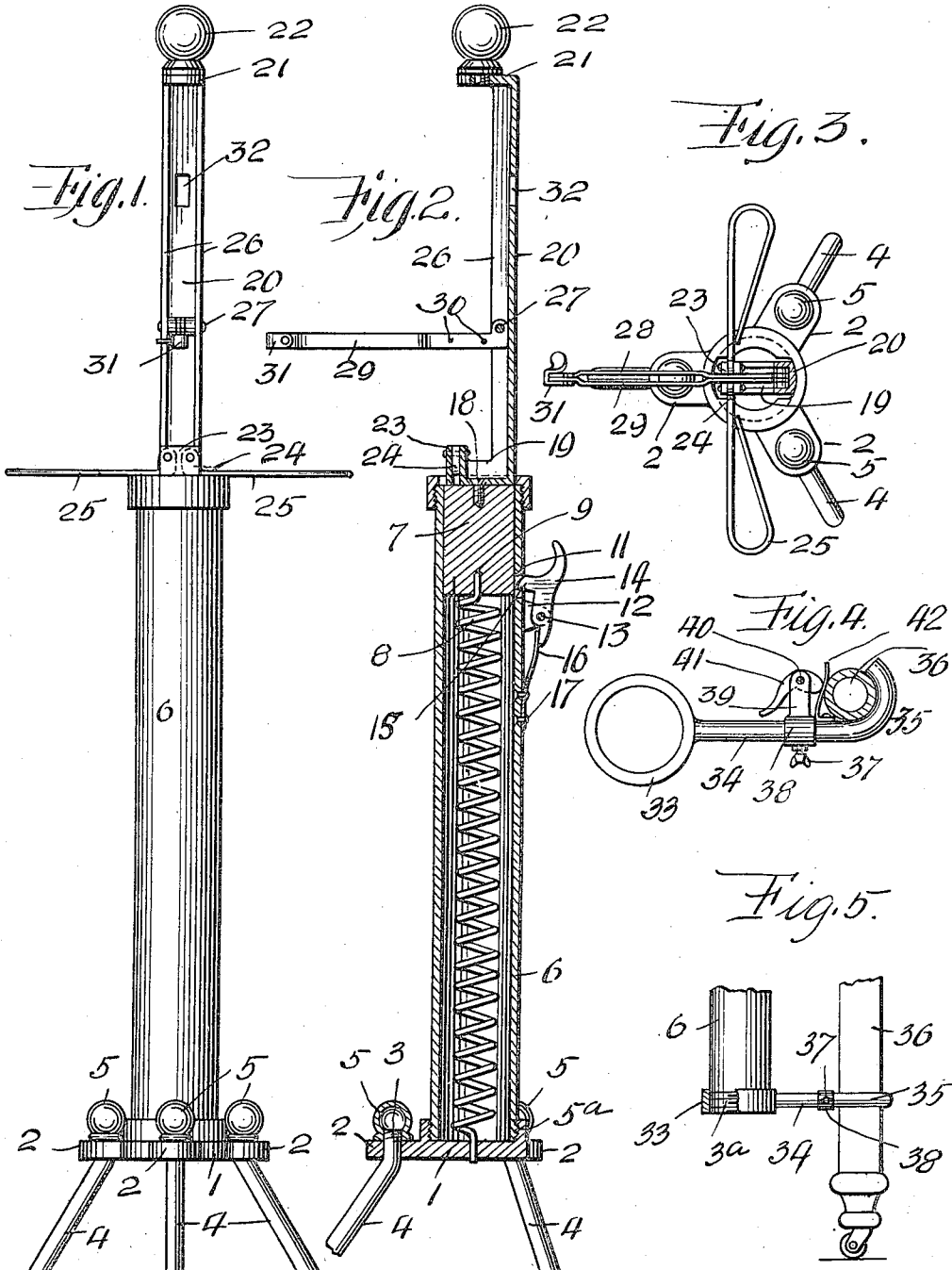


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WELCOM B. DE ARMENT, citizen of the United States of America, residing at Greenville, in the county of Mercer and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Racks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to a rack especially designed for holding a coat, hat and trousers.

The objects of my invention are to provide a simple and inexpensive rack that can be advantageously used in restaurants for supporting an overcoat and hat or as a clothes tree in a bedroom for supporting ordinary garments, and to provide a rack that can be reduced in its longitudinal dimension when not in use.

Further objects of my invention are to furnish a rack with a foldable coat hanger and trouser support adapted to be inclosed by the pedestal of the rack, and to accomplish the above results by a mechanical construction consisting of comparatively few parts easily and quickly assembled to present a neat and attractive appearance.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed.

Reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the rack, Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the rack, Fig. 4 is a plan of a rack holder, and Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the same, partly broken away and partly in section.

A rack in accordance with this invention comprises a circular base plate 1 provided with a plurality of radially disposed apertured lugs 2. Arranged in the apertured lugs 2 are the upper screw threaded ends 3 of angularly disposed legs 4, preferably made out of short sections of pipe or tubing. The upper ends of the legs are retained in the apertured lugs 2 by globular or ornamental heads 5 screwed upon the upper ends of the legs. With the base plate 1 resting upon the angular portions of said legs, said base plate will be supported in an elevated position.

The base plate 1 is provided with an interiorly screw threaded socket 5^a for the lower screw threaded end 3^a of a tubular pedestal 6 and slidably mounted in said pedestal is a cylindrical head 7 normally retained in an elevated position at the upper end of said pedestal by a coiled compression spring 8 having one end thereof mounted in the head, as at 9 and the opposite end mounted in the base plate, as at 10. The pedestal has the wall thereof provided with an opening 11 and directly beneath said opening are apertured lugs 12. Pivotally mounted between these lugs by a pin 13 is a catch 14 having a tooth 15 extending into the opening 11 and engaging the head 7. The lower end of the catch 14 is pressed by a spring 16 secured to the pedestal 6, as at 17, the tension of said spring normally holding the catch in engagement with the head 7.

Secured to the top of the head 7 by a screw 18 or other fastening means is the lower end 19 of a vertical channel bar 20, the said bar having the upper end thereof bent at right angles to provide a support 21 for an ornamental knob or handle 22, this knob or handle facilitating the raising and lowering of the head 7, also providing a hanger for a hat or garment. The lower end of the bar 20 has apertured lugs 23 and pivotally mounted between said lugs are the flat ends 24 of coat hangers 25. These hangers are preferably made of wire bent to form loops that extend outwardly over the upper edges of the pedestal 6 and when in an open position rests thereon. These coat hangers can be folded upwardly when not in use and when in a lowered or extended position they are adapted to support a coat.

Pivotally mounted between the side walls 26 of the bar 20 are the inner ends of resilient arms 28 and 29, said arms being riveted or otherwise connected together, as at 30. The outer end of the arm 29 has a pivoted clamping member 31 adapted to be swung into engagement with the outer end of the arm 28 to clamp said arms together upon a pair of trousers. When these arms are not in use, they can be swung upwardly between the walls 26 of the bar 20, and when in a lowered position, the downward movement of said arms is limited by the rear ends thereof engaging the bar 20.

The bar 20, adjacent to the upper end thereof, has an opening 32 adapted to re-

ceive the tooth 15 of the catch 14; said catch engaging the bar when said bar is lowered and the catch retaining the bar and its appurtenant parts within the pedestal 6 when the rack is not in use.

In lieu of the base plate 1 and the legs 4, the holder illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 can be used, especially in connection with the leg or post of a bedstead or other support, when the rack is used as a clothes tree in a bedroom. The holder comprises a collar 33 into which the lower screw threaded end of the pedestal is screwed. The collar has an arm 34 provided with a hook-shaped end 35 adapted to engage a bedstead leg or other support 36. Adjustably mounted upon the arm 34 by a set screw 37 is a sleeve 38 provided with a bracket 39. Pivotally mounted in the bracket 39 by a pin 40 is a cam lever 41 adapted to engage a spring 42, carried by the arm 34. The cam lever 41 is adapted to shift the spring 42 in engagement with the support 36, said spring cooperating with the hook-shaped end of the arm 34 in holding the rack.

The rack in its entirety can be made of

light and durable metal, of various sizes and suitably ornamented.

What I claim is:—

A rack comprising resilient supporting means, a vertically disposed channel bar having the upper and lower ends thereof bent at right angles, said lower bent end constituting a base fixedly secured to said support, a handle carried by the upper bent end, a trouser hanger having one end pivoted and capable of being folded into said bar, a pair of lugs carried by the base and oppositely disposed members pivotally connected between said lugs and constituting a coat hanger, said members capable of being folded upwardly, said hanger when folded into said bar being positioned inwardly of said members when these latter are folded upwardly.

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

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