

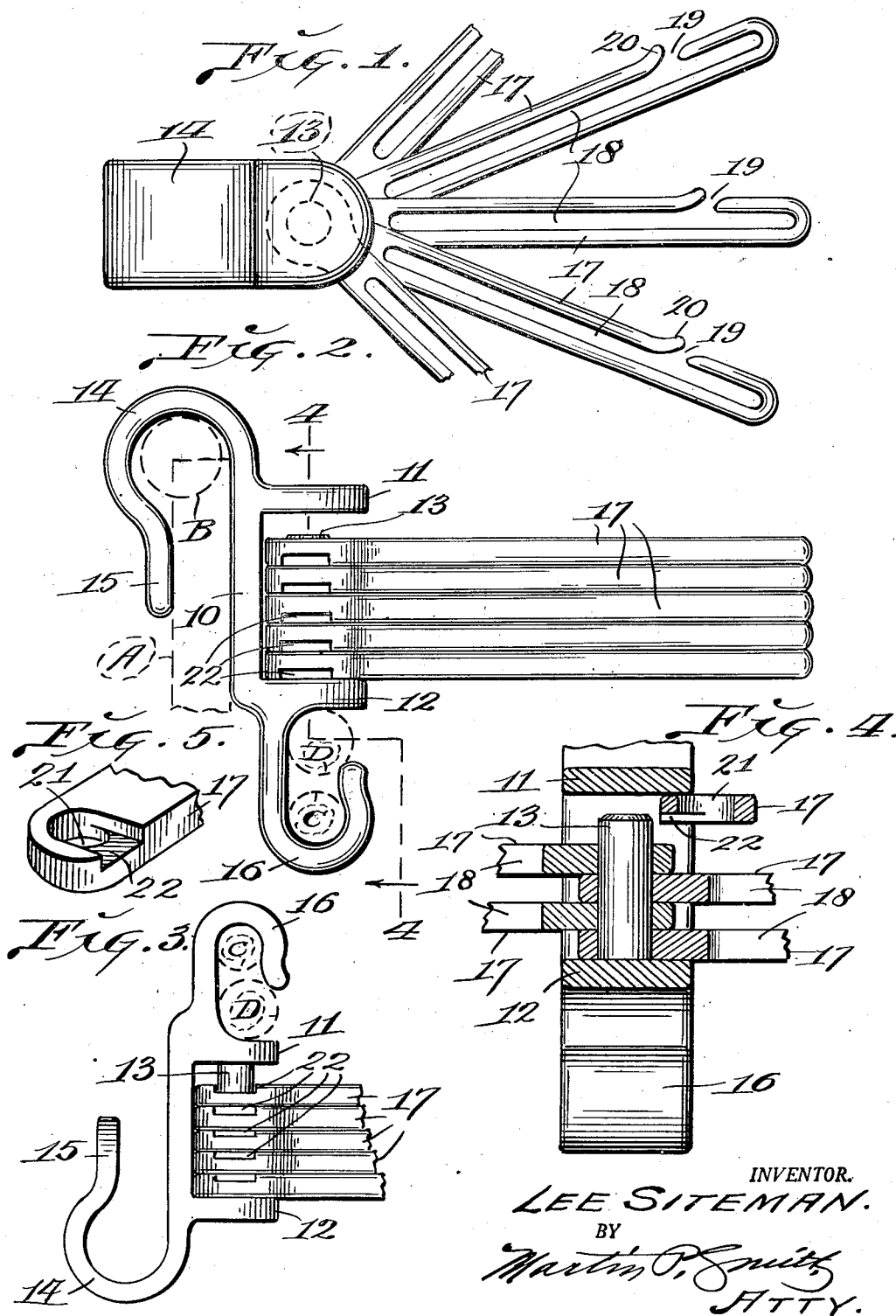
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My invention relates to a drying rack and hanger and has for its principal object to provide a simple, practical and inexpensive device which may be conveniently used for receiving and suspending small articles such as hosiery, lingerie, handkerchiefs, fabric gloves and the like, while drying after being laundered, or for receiving and holding, in attractive manner, for display in a show window showcase or the like, a number of articles of merchandise.

Further objects of my invention are to provide a rack or hanger which may be conveniently applied to the back of a chair, to the side walls and front of a drawer, to towel bars and shower bath supporting rods of different sizes, further, to provide the hanger with a plurality of adjustable arms pivotally mounted on a bracket, each arm being slotted to receive and securely hold various flexible articles, so that the same are individually displayed and capable of being readily removed.

A further object of my invention is to provide, in a device of the character referred to, simple and efficient means for detachably connecting the article supporting arms to the bracket, so that said arms may be readily removed in order that the hanger, in knockdown form, may be compacted so as to occupy comparatively little space while in storage, or during transportation.

A further object of my invention is to provide a rack or hanger which, when manufactured from clear or tinted plastics, presents a very neat, finished and attractive appearance and which may be conveniently used as a hanger for neckties.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a rack or hanger constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view.

Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of the rack or hanger and showing same inverted.

Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view showing the pivotal end of one of the article suspending arms, same being inverted.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings which illustrate a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates a plate from the upper and lower ends of which project horizontally disposed plates 11 and 12 respectively and

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formed integral with the center of lower plate 12 is an upstanding post 13, the upper end of which terminates a short distance below the underface of top plate 11.

Formed integral with the upper end of plate 10 is an upwardly and outwardly projecting substantially circular hook 14, from the free end of which depends a short plate 15, that is spaced apart from and parallel with the upper portion of plate 10. The space between plates 15 and 10 is less than the inner diameter of hook 14 and thus the body of the hanger may be readily applied to the back of a chair, to the side or front walls of a drawer, or to the upper edge of a door, with the supporting member disposed between said plates 15 and 10 as shown by dotted lines A, Fig. 1.

The body of the hanger is formed from plastics or material having a certain degree of resiliency and by flexing plate 15 away from plate 10, hook 14 may be suspended from a support such as a towel bar or shower curtain supporting rod or rail (see dotted lines B, Fig. 2).

When the supporting member A is thicker than the space between plates 15 and 10, the hook and particularly plate 15 will clamp said support, due to the resiliency of the material from which the hook is formed.

Formed integral with and depending from lower plate 12 is a hook 16 that is used for suspending the hanger when inverted (see Fig. 8), this hook being smaller than hook 14, for the reception of a small rod or bar C, or a slightly larger rod may be positioned in the corner between plates 10 and 12 behind the free end thereof, as designated by D, Fig. 3.

When the hanger is suspended by means of either hook 14 or 16, various articles may be suspended from the lower one of said hooks.

Mounted to swing freely upon post 13, is a series of arms 17, formed of plastics or the like, each arm being provided with a longitudinally disposed slot 18 which receives a part of the article suspended from the arm and to enable the article to be readily placed in said slot, that portion of the arm on one side of the slot is provided with a short opening 19 and with a short outwardly curved guiding finger 20 on the arm at one side of said opening.

The inner end of each arm is provided with an aperture 21 for the reception of post 13 and as the thickness of each arm is greater than the space between the upper end of post 13 and underface of plate 11, the underface of each arm to one side of the aperture 21 therein, is notched

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as designated by 22, in order that the arms may be positioned on the post. (See Fig. 5.)

In Fig. 4, the uppermost one of the arms is shown in position so that when shifted laterally a short distance, the upper end of post 13 will pass through notch 22 and enter the aperture 21.

The construction just described prevents the arms 17 from becoming accidentally detached from post 13. The arms 17, when swung with open positions as seen in Fig. 1, provide convenient supports for a number of articles and the body of the hanger provided with hooks at both ends may be readily applied to and suspended from, supporting elements of different diameters.

The hanger, when molded from clear, tinted or colored plastics, presents a pleasing attractive appearance and at the same time provides a useful article for use in households, dressing rooms and retail merchandizing establishments.

Article supporting arms 17 are formed with hard, smooth finished surfaces, and thus articles of sheer fabric cannot be snagged or torn when applied to and suspended from said arms.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a drying rack or hanger that is simple in structure, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved rack or hanger may be made and substituted without departing from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

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I claim as my invention:

1. In a drying rack and hanger, a frame including a pair of horizontally disposed vertically spaced plates, a post projecting upwardly from the lower plate, the upper end of said post being spaced apart from the upper plate, a plurality of arms, the thickness of each arm being greater than the space between the upper end of said post and said upper plate, each plate being provided at one end with an aperture, and the underface of each arm being notched to the side of the aperture therein, so as to enable the plates to be applied to said post.

2. The drying rack and hanger as set forth in claim 1 with a suspension hook projecting from one end of said frame.

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