

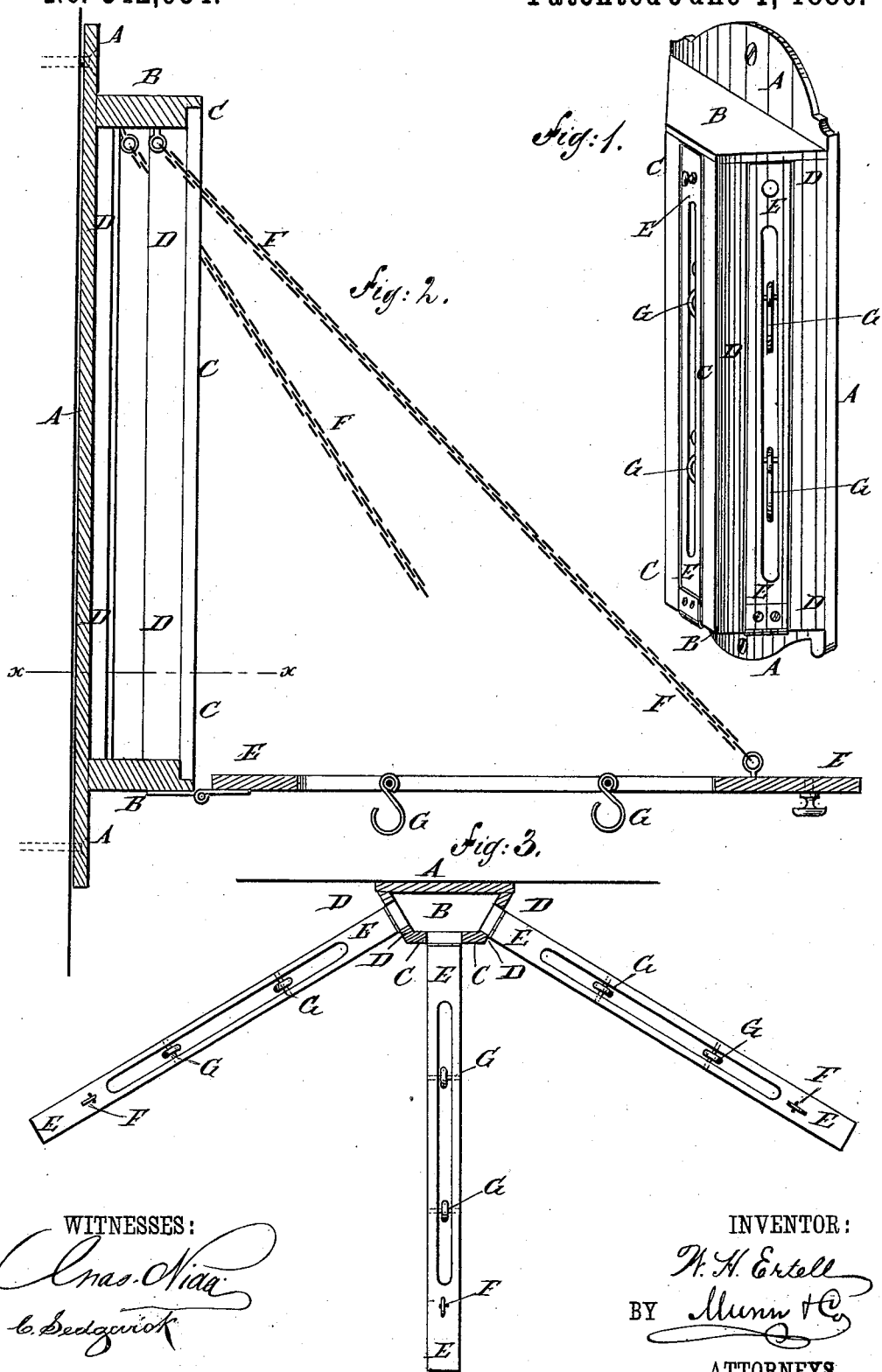
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HELM ERTELL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Racks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clothes-rack closed. Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same opened. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 2.

The object of this invention is to provide clothes-racks designed for use in bed-rooms and other places for suspending clothes at night and at other times, and which shall be so constructed that they can be compactly closed when not in use.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the various parts of the clothes-rack, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

A represents a board of any convenient length and breadth, and which has holes in its upper and lower ends to receive the screws or nails that secure it to a door-casing, a wall, or other support. To the board A, at a little distance from its ends, are attached the edges of two horizontal end boards, B, the forward corners of which are beveled, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. To the front edges of the end boards, B, are attached the ends of a vertical board, C, and to the beveled ends of the said end boards, B, are attached the ends of the vertical side boards, D. The front board, C, and the side boards, D, are made with wide longitudinal slots, into which are fitted bars E. The bars E are hinged at their lower ends to the lower end board B in such a manner that they can be turned down into a horizontal position, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, or turned up into a vertical position, as shown in Fig. 1. To the inner sides of the free ends of the hinged bars E are attached the ends of chains F, the other ends of which are attached to the upper end

board B at a little distance from its front edge and beveled end edges. The chains F are made of such a length as to be taut when the hinged bars E have been lowered into a horizontal position, as shown in Fig. 2, and thus sustain the said hinged bars and whatever may be hung upon them. When the hinged bars E are raised into a vertical position, the chains F hang in a loop within the clothes-rack, and by their weight hold the said bars in place. The hinged bars E are slotted longitudinally, and in the said slots are hinged one, two, or more hooks, G, to receive the clothes to be suspended, the said hooks being so formed as to swing into and hang in the interior of the clothes-rack, as shown in Fig. 1, when the hinged bars E are in a vertical position, and hang beneath the said bars, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to readily receive the clothes to be suspended when the said bars are in a horizontal position.

With this construction, when the clothes-rack is not in use the hinged bars E can be turned up into a vertical position, so as to be out of the way, and when required for use one or more of the said hinged bars can be turned down into a horizontal position.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

In a clothes-rack, the combination, with the back board, A, the end boards, B, having beveled ends and attached to the said back board, A, and the front board, C, and side boards, D, having longitudinal slots, of the bars E, hinged to the lower end board B, having longitudinal slots, and provided with hinged hooks G, and the chains F, attached to the said hinged bars E and the upper end board B, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the said hinged bars can be turned down into and will be supported in a horizontal position, and will be held in place when turned up into a vertical position, as set forth.

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