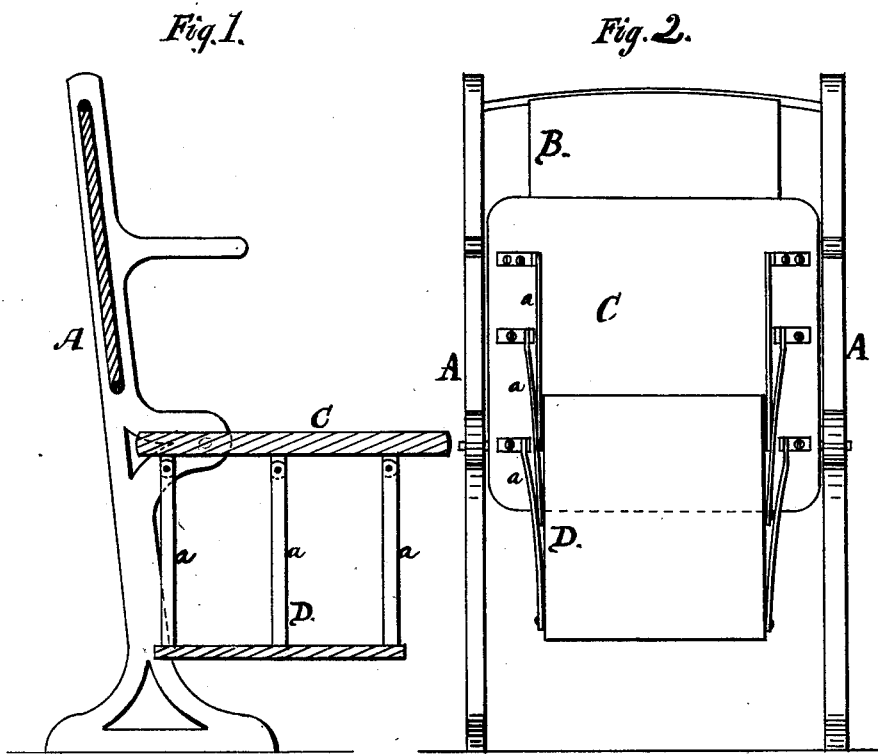


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. ORMSBY, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new, useful, and Improved Combined Folding Seat and Hat-Rack; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a transverse sectional elevation of a combined folding seat and hat-rack embodying my invention, showing the position of the seat and rack when unfolded; and Fig. 2 represents a front elevation of the same, showing the position of the seat and rack when folded.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts.

My invention relates to that class of folding seats used in theaters and other public buildings; and the object of my invention is to provide a hat-rack suspended from and beneath the seat, and so arranged that when the seat is folded against the back the rack will fold against the seat, and when the seat is unfolded for use the rack will unfold and drop into position to receive the hat, coat, or shawl of the person occupying the seat.

To that end, my invention consists in the combination with the folding seat of the folding rack or shelf, as is hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing, A A represent the standards which support the seat, and are made of

any suitable material, preferably of cast-iron. B represents the back of the seat, which is permanently secured at its ends to the uprights in any suitable manner. C represents the seat, which is hinged or pivoted to the end pieces A A, so as to admit of being folded upward, and to rest against the back when not in use, as shown in Fig. 2, and to be unfolded, so as to rest in a horizontal position when in use, as shown in Fig. 1. D represents the rack or shelf, which is secured to the lower surface of the seat by a series of depending bars, *a a*, which are hinged at their upper ends to the seat, and at their lower ends to the rack, so that when the seat is folded, or turned to a vertical position, the gravity of the rack will cause the bars to fold so as to bring the rack to a vertical position and against the seat, as shown in Fig. 2, and when the seat is unfolded the bars will unfold, so as to bring the rack to a horizontal position, when it can be used for placing therein the hat, muff, or shawl of the occupant of the seat.

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

The combination, with the folding seat C, of the folding shelf D and depending bars *a*, hinged to the seat and shelf, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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