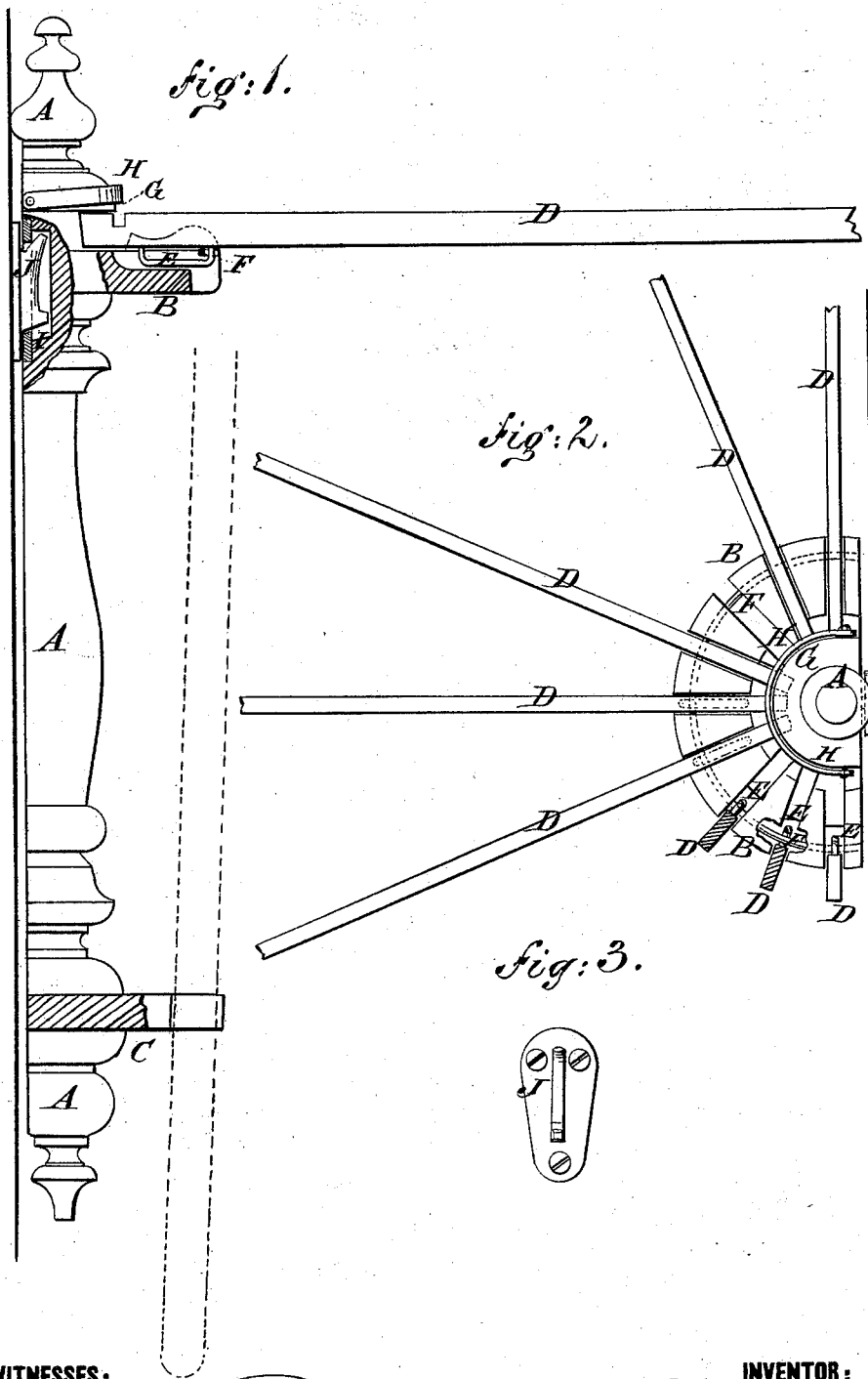


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE CLOTHES-RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GOTLIEB FRIEDRICH RÜCKWARDT, of Little Falls, in the county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Clothes-Racks, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved clothes-rack, parts being broken away to show the construction. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same, parts being broken away to show the construction. Fig. 3 is a detail front view of the hook upon which the rack is suspended.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved clothes-rack, light, strong, and durable, not liable to get out of order or to stain the clothes, and which may be readily moved from one room or place to another, easily suspended and taken down, shall be ornamental in appearance, and may be very compactly folded when not in use, or for storage or transportation.

The invention will be first described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

A is the standard of the rack, which is made in the form of an ornamental column, with a semicircular flange, B, upon its upper part, and a semicircular flange, C, upon its lower part. D are the arms upon which the clothes are spread, the upper ends of which are placed in notches in the edge of the flange B, and have long staples or keepers E attached to their lower sides to receive the wire F, that is passed around or through holes or grooves formed in the outer part of the flange B.

The long keepers or staples E enable the arms D to be extended, as shown in full lines in Fig. 1 and in Fig. 2, to receive the clothes, or turned down into a vertical position when not required for use, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

When extended for use the upper ends of the arms or bars D are passed in beneath a shoulder, G, formed upon the standard A, as shown in Fig. 1, and in dotted lines in Fig. 2, where they are locked in place by a semi-ring band, H, pivoted at its ends to the standard A, and which may be turned down into notches formed in the upper edges of the said bars D. This prevents the bars D from being accidentally drawn out and dropped when hastily taking down the clothes or from other cause.

The arms D, when turned down, enter notches in the edge of the flange C, to keep them in their places, and where they may be secured by a strap attached to the standard A or flange C.

In the rear side of the upper part of the standard A is formed a recess, which is covered with a metal plate, I, having a slot formed in it to receive the hook J. The base of the hook J is flanged, and has holes formed in it to secure it to the place where the rack is to be suspended. The hook J is made long, so as to fit into the slot in the plate I, and prevent the rack from swaying or turning upon it. When not in use for supporting the rack, the hook J may be used as and for an ordinary clothes-hook. Several of the hooks J should be put up in the different places where it may be desired to suspend the rack, so that they may be always ready for use.

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

The combination of the pivoted semi-ring band H with the shoulder G of the standard A, and with the notched ends of the bars D, substantially as herein shown and described.

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