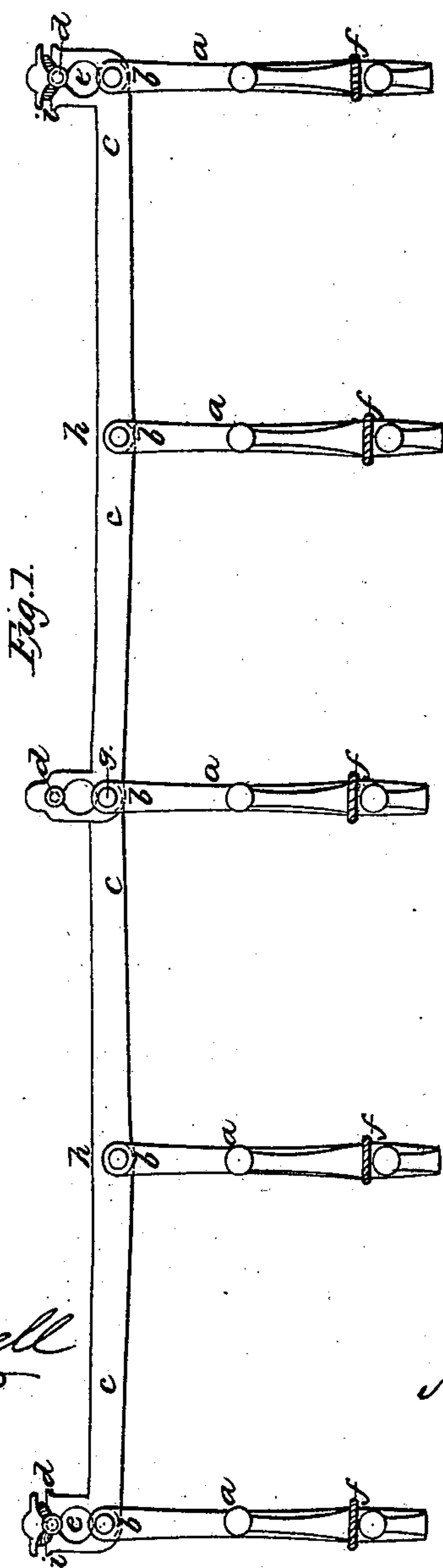
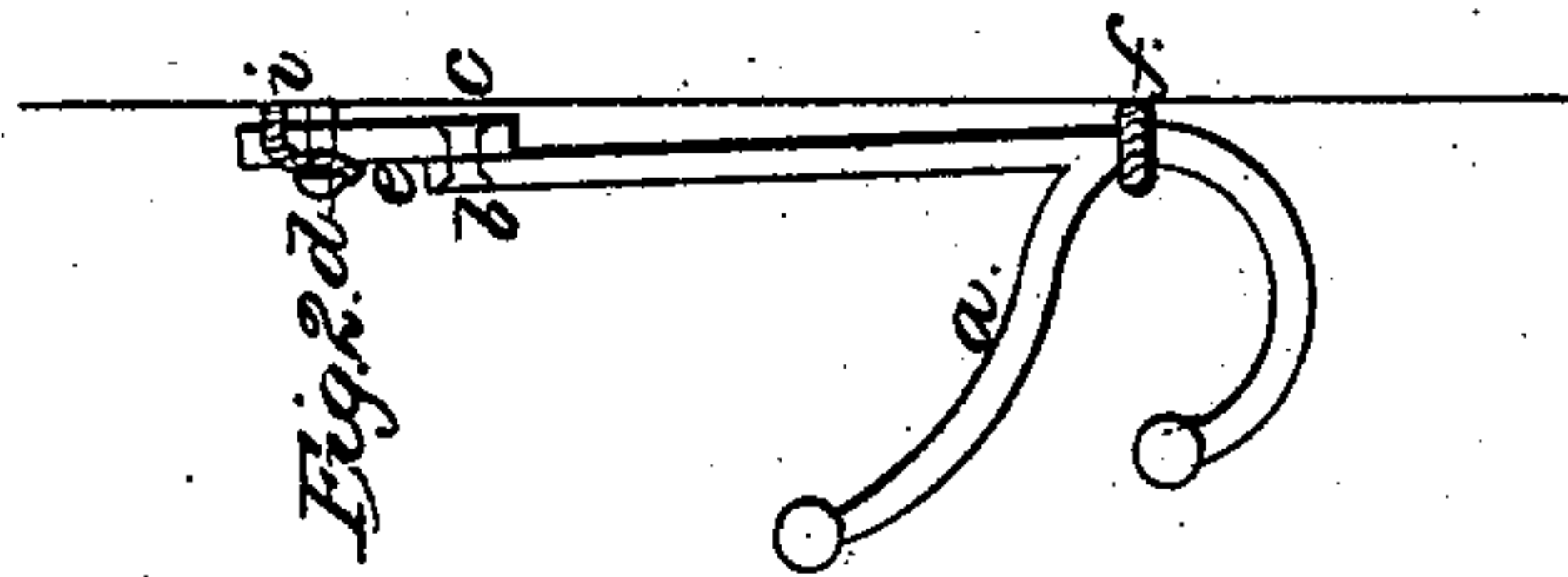


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## IMPROVED WARDROBE-HOOKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 42,033, dated March 22, 1864.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER J. WALKER, of the city and State of New York, have invented and made a certain new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Hanging Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved rack, showing it opened out and hung up ready for use, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

Racks of wardrobe-hooks for hanging clothes on usually consist of a rigid or unjointed bar, with the hooks secured permanently to it with their bases at right angles to its length. This makes them very awkward and unwieldly to carry about, and they cannot be packed for transportation without taking up a great deal of room and being very liable to breakage of the hooks.

Separate wardrobe-hooks have heretofore been suspended from a nail or screw, as in the patent allowed to me January 13, 1864, and on which this is an improvement.

The nature of my present invention consists in hanging a series of wardrobe-hooks on a sustaining rod or bar, said bar having eyes at the ends by which the rack may be hung up on nails or screws against the wall for use, and said hooks are attached to the bar in such a manner that upon desiring to remove and transport the rack the said hooks may be turned so as to bring their bases parallel, or nearly so, to the length of the bar, so as to take up very little room in packing. I also make the said sustaining-bar with joints or links, so that the whole rack may be folded together and packed in an ordinary carpet-bag or valise, thus constituting a portable clothes-hanging apparatus, which is easily put up and taken down, and very convenient for travelers and others. And I make use of a small band of india-rubber, passed under the sustaining nails or screws, to prevent the rack being accidentally knocked off, and also of another india-rubber band at the point where the hook comes in contact with the wall or furniture, to prevent injury to such wall or furniture,

and also to cause the hook to hang more steadily from the rubber, not sliding as easily against the wall as the metal hook would.

In the drawings, *a a* represent a series of wardrobe-hooks, of any suitable size and shape, attached at *b* to the supporting-bar *c* by means of screws or rivets, on which they easily swing. The bar *c* has eyes *e* formed at the ends, so that the rack can be hung up for use against the wall on nails or screws *d d*. The bar *c* is jointed at the point *g* on the same rivet on which the hook is hung.

It is evident that when the rack is not in use the hooks *a a* and bar *c* will fold together, so that the whole will occupy but a small space and allow of its being easily carried about in an ordinary carpet-bag. If desirable, however, to fold it into a still smaller compass the bar may be jointed at the points *h h*, also forming a series of links.

It is evident that the number of hooks may be augmented, in which case the length of the bar or the number of links of which it is composed must be correspondingly increased, and any desired number of sustaining-eyes may be employed.

To prevent injury to the wall or other article against which the rack is to be suspended, and also to prevent the hooks from easily vibrating, I make use of a band or tube of india-rubber, as shown at *f*, surrounding the hook at the point of contact.

Above the eye *e* notches are formed at *i i*, and an elastic band passed around these notches and drawn down below the sustaining nail or screw, so as to prevent the eye becoming unhooked by the hook being accidentally raised or shaken in removing clothing therefrom.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A series of pendent wardrobe-hooks arranged on a sustaining-bar or series of sustaining-links, forming a portable clothes-hanging apparatus that will take up but little space when packed, as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 23d day of January, 1864.

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