

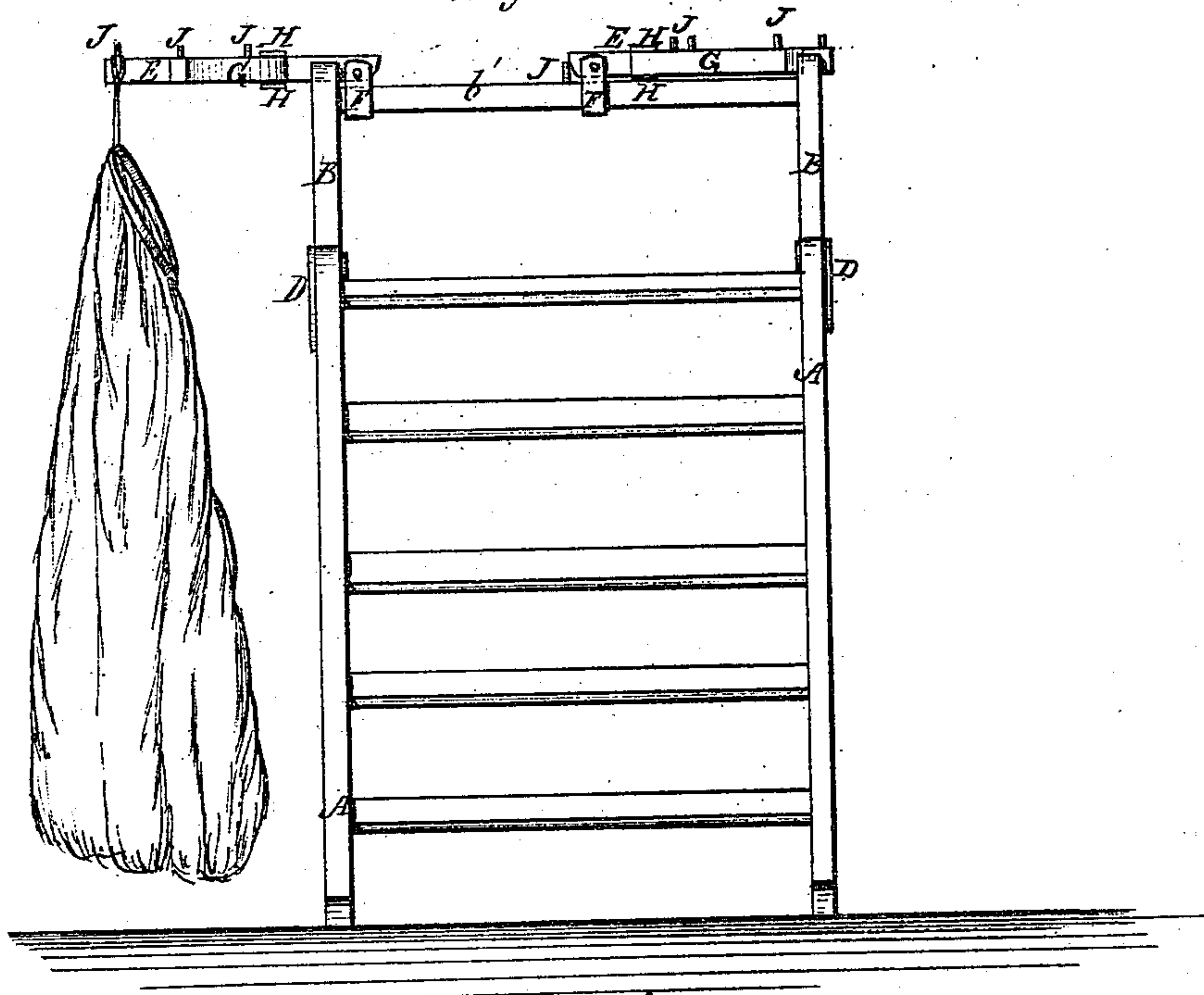
*Crosby & Strickland,*

*Clothes Frame.*

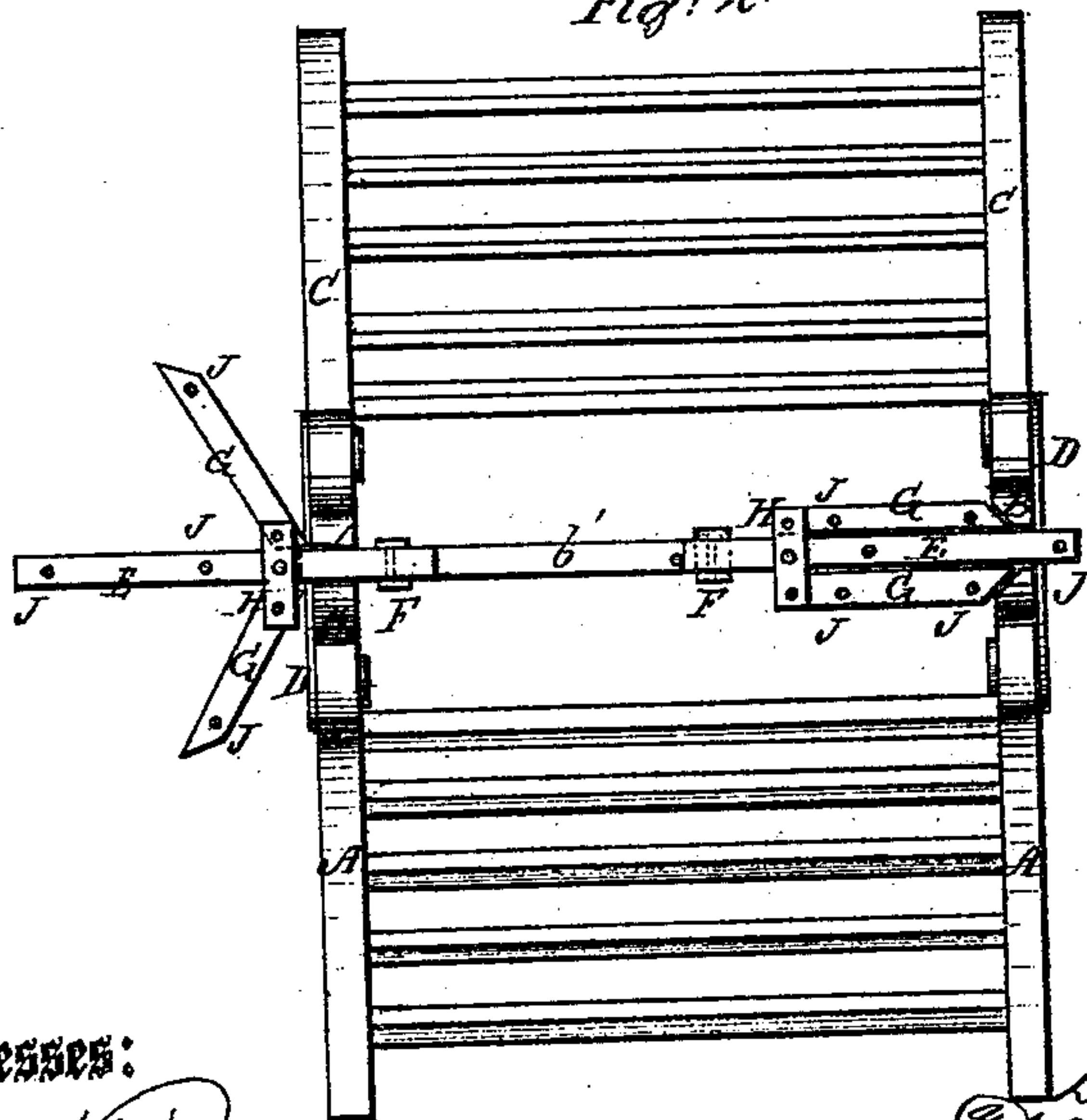
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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*Letters Patent No. 93,970, dated August 24, 1869.*

## IMPROVED CLOTHES-DRIER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, DARWIN E. CROSBY and SARAH E. STRICKLAND, of South Vineland, in the county of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Frame; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a side view of our improved clothes-frame.

Figure 2 is a top view of the same.

Our invention has for its object to furnish an improved clothes-frame, which shall be so constructed and arranged that ladies' dresses, and other articles that cannot be folded without being wrinkled, may be conveniently hung from it; and

It consists in the construction and combination of various parts of the frame, as hereinafter more fully described.

A, B, and C, are three frames, made of suitable height, and formed by attaching a suitable number of cross-bars to two side-bars.

The upper ends of the side-bars of the two side-frames A C, are pivoted to two plates or bars, D, attached to the side-bars of the middle frame B, near their upper ends.

By this construction, the clothes-frame may be opened up by spreading the lower ends of the two side-frames, and closed by bringing the three frames close together.

The clothes to be dried being hung over the cross-bars of the frames, do not interfere with the closing and opening of the frame.

The upper ends of the side-bars of the middle frame B are connected by a cross-bar, *b'*.

The upper ends of the side-bars of the frame B are notched to receive the extension-bars E, the inner ends of which are pivoted to straps or keepers, F, which pass around the cross-bar *b'*, as shown in figs. 1 and 2.

The inner ends of the bar E are bevelled off upon

their lower sides, so that the outer ends of said bars may be raised sufficiently to allow the side-bars G to pass the ends of the side-bars of the frame B.

G are side-bars, the inner ends of which are pivoted to and between the ends of plates H, attached to the upper and lower sides of the sliding bars E, near their inner ends, as shown in figs. 1 and 2.

The outer ends of the pivoted bars G are bevelled off upon their outer sides, to fit into recesses in the inner sides of the notched ends of the side-bars of the frame B, as shown in fig. 2.

I is a stop attached to the centre of the cross-bar *b'*, to stop the bars E in proper position for the forward ends of the side-bars G to drop into the recesses in the side-bars of the frame B.

The bars E and G are provided with pins or knobs, J, for convenience in hanging the dresses or other articles.

By this means, ladies' dresses and other articles may be conveniently hung up to air, without being wrinkled, as they must necessarily be when hung over the cross-bars of an ordinary clothes-frame.

Having thus described our invention,

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The extension-arms E, whether sliding or hinged, in combination with the top cross-bar and side-bars of a clothes-frame, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. The pivoted or folding side-arms G, in combination with the extension-arms E, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination of the extension-arms E, straps or keepers F, folding side-arms G, plates H, and pins or knobs J, with each other, and with the folding clothes-frame A B C D, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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