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*Hat & Coat Rack.*

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Fig. 1.

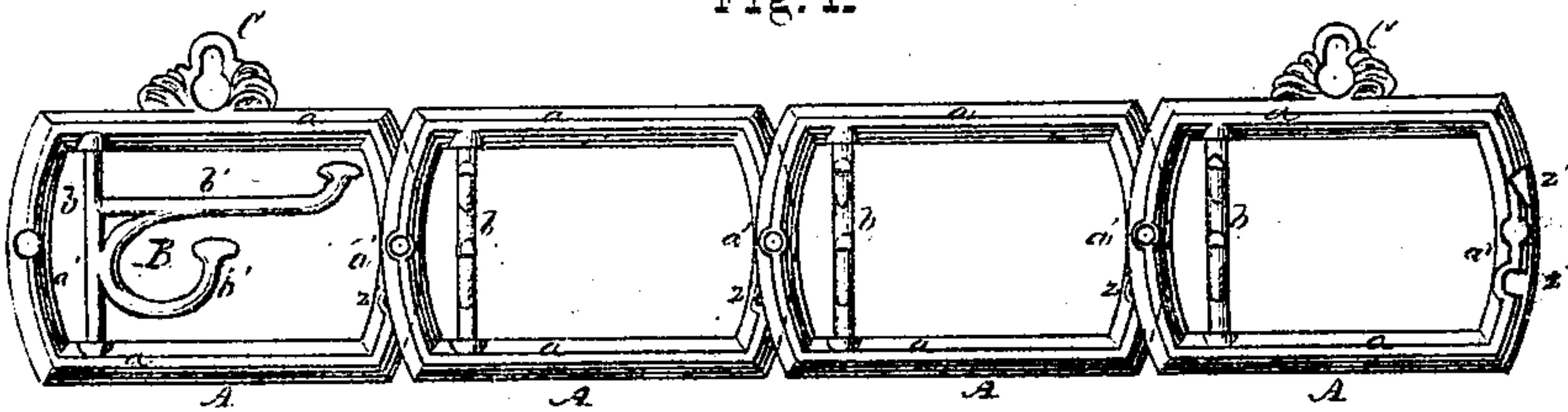


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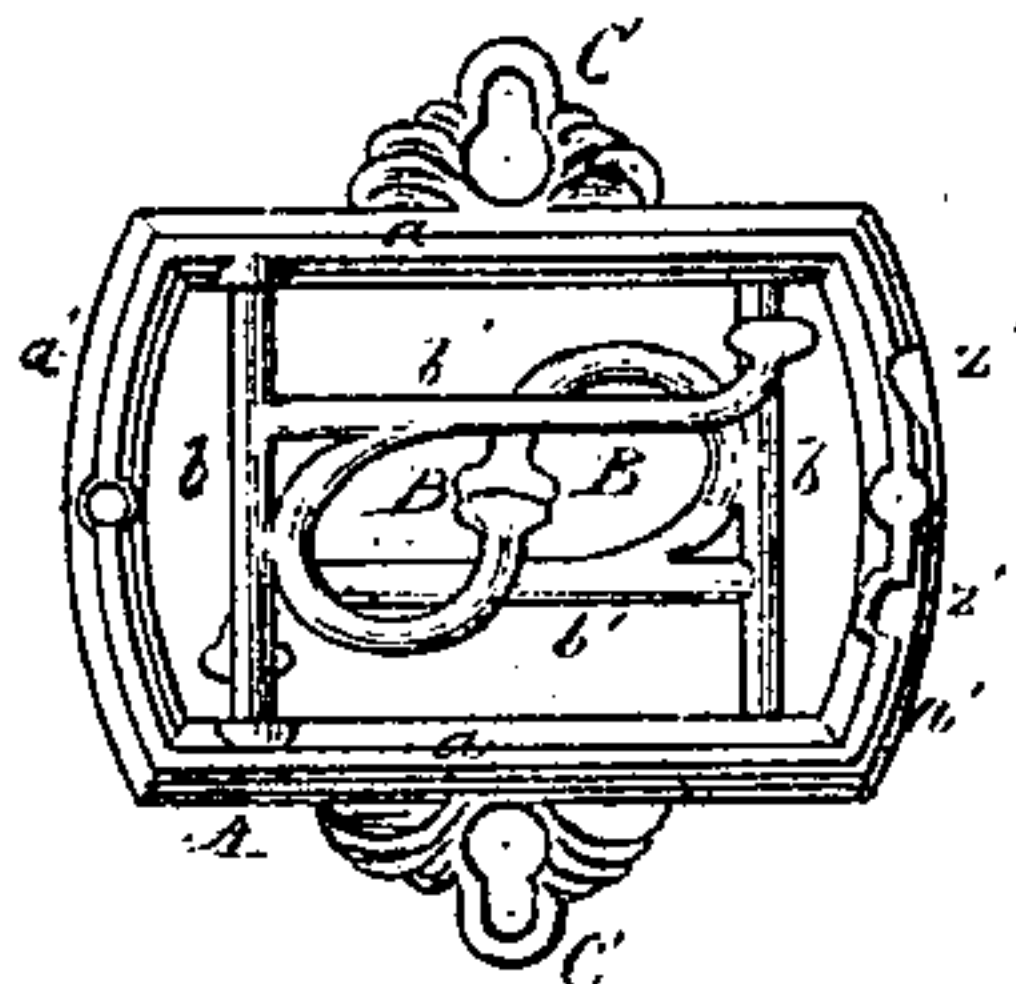


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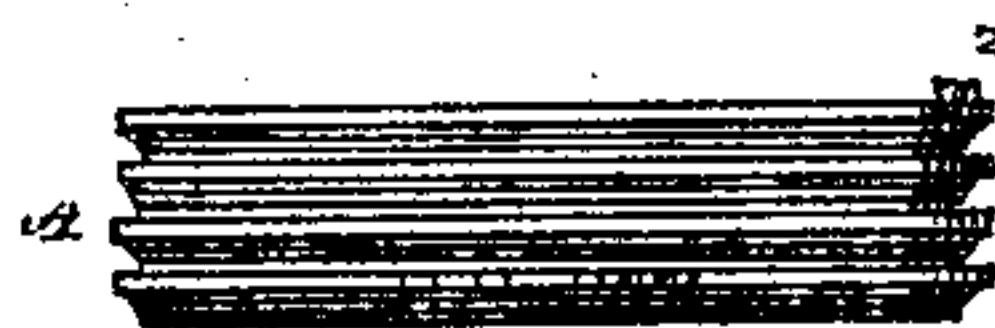
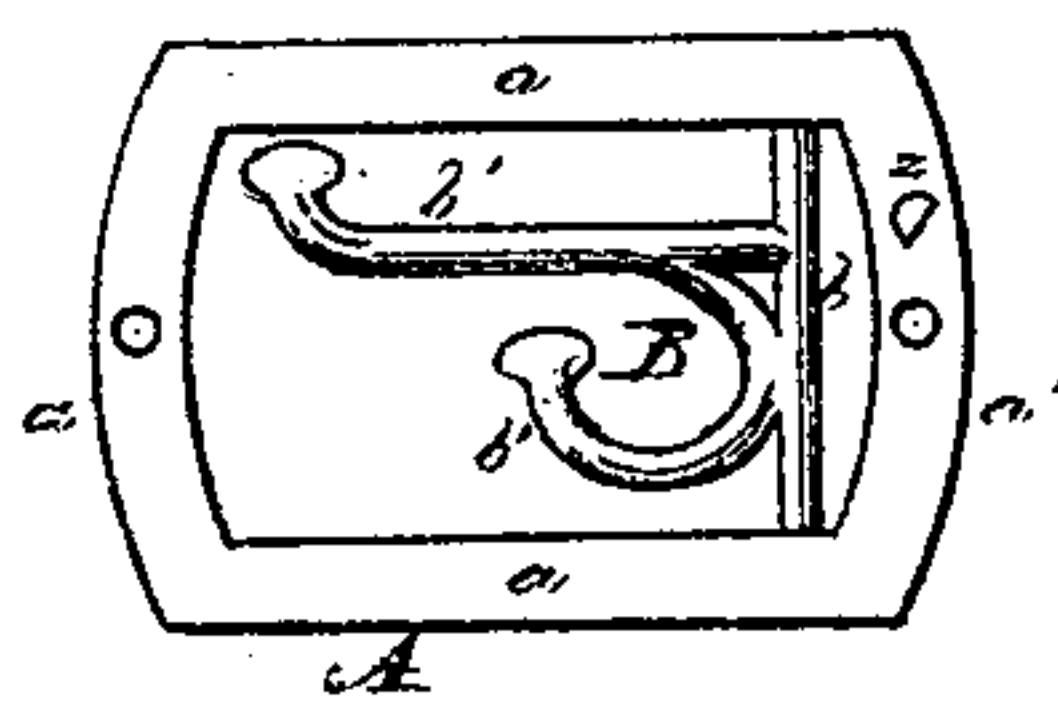
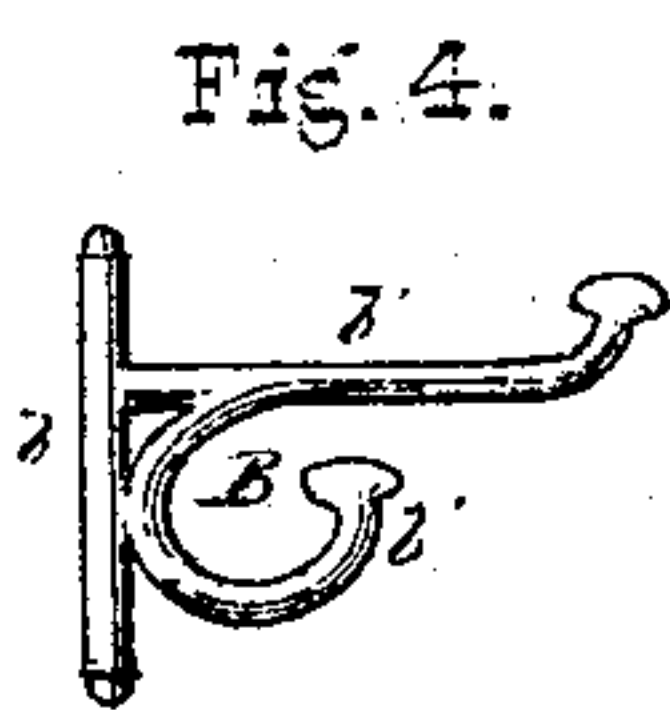


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAT AND COAT-RACKS.

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

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE T. BENSON, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and in the State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat - Racks; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my device when extended and ready for use;

Figures 2 and 3 are a front and an edge view, respectively, of the same when folded together;

Figure 4 is a side elevation of one of the hooks; and

Figure 5 is a rear elevation of one of the sections.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The object of my invention is to produce a cheap and durable hat and coat-rack, that shall be capable of folding together in a compact form, so as to occupy but little space when not in use; and

It consists in the employment of an open frame composed of pivoted, edgewise-folding sections, each of which contains one or more horizontally-swinging hooks journaled vertically therein, substantially as is hereinafter shown.

It also consists in the arrangement upon the said sections of the lugs or detents and their corresponding sockets, substantially as is hereinafter shown and described.

In the annexed drawing—

A represents a frame, of cast metal, composed of two parallel bars, *a*, connected together at their ends by means of two semicircular bars, *a'*, the whole forming one of the sections of the main frame.

Pivoted to or within the parallel bars *a* is a hook, B, consisting of a vertical bar, *b*, having its ends pointed so as to fit into corresponding sockets within the frame, and furnishing a support for two outward-projecting branches, *b'*, the ends of which terminate in small knobs or buttons, as shown.

The hook and frame are each formed of cast metal,

and are connected together by placing the former within a mold and casting the latter around it, by which means greater strength and durability are secured, and a saving in time and labor effected over other methods of accomplishing this result.

As thus constructed the sections are pivoted together so as to swing edgewise, as shown in fig. 1, and the outer sections provided with suitable metal eyes C, by means of which the rack may be suspended upon or from screws or nails projecting from a vertical wall or other surface.

In order that the relative vertical position of the sections may be insured when the frame is extended or closed, a half-round stud, *z*, is secured to and projects rearward from the bar *a* a short distance, to one side of the pivot, at one end of each section, and engages with suitable corresponding recesses *z'* provided within the outer face of the contiguous bar of the adjoining section, the relative arrangement of said stud and recesses being such as to arrest the movement of the sections whenever they are shut together or extended, so as to bring the bars *a* of each in a line with each other.

The device is now complete, and possesses the advantage of strength and durability, in combination with a comparatively small cost.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention,

What I claim as new, is—

1. The combination of an open frame and a horizontally-swinging hook journaled vertically between its sides, when said frame is pivoted to and folds edgewise upon a similar frame, substantially as and for the purpose shown.

2. In combination with the above-named elements, the studs *z* and recesses *z'*, substantially as shown, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of October, 1870.

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