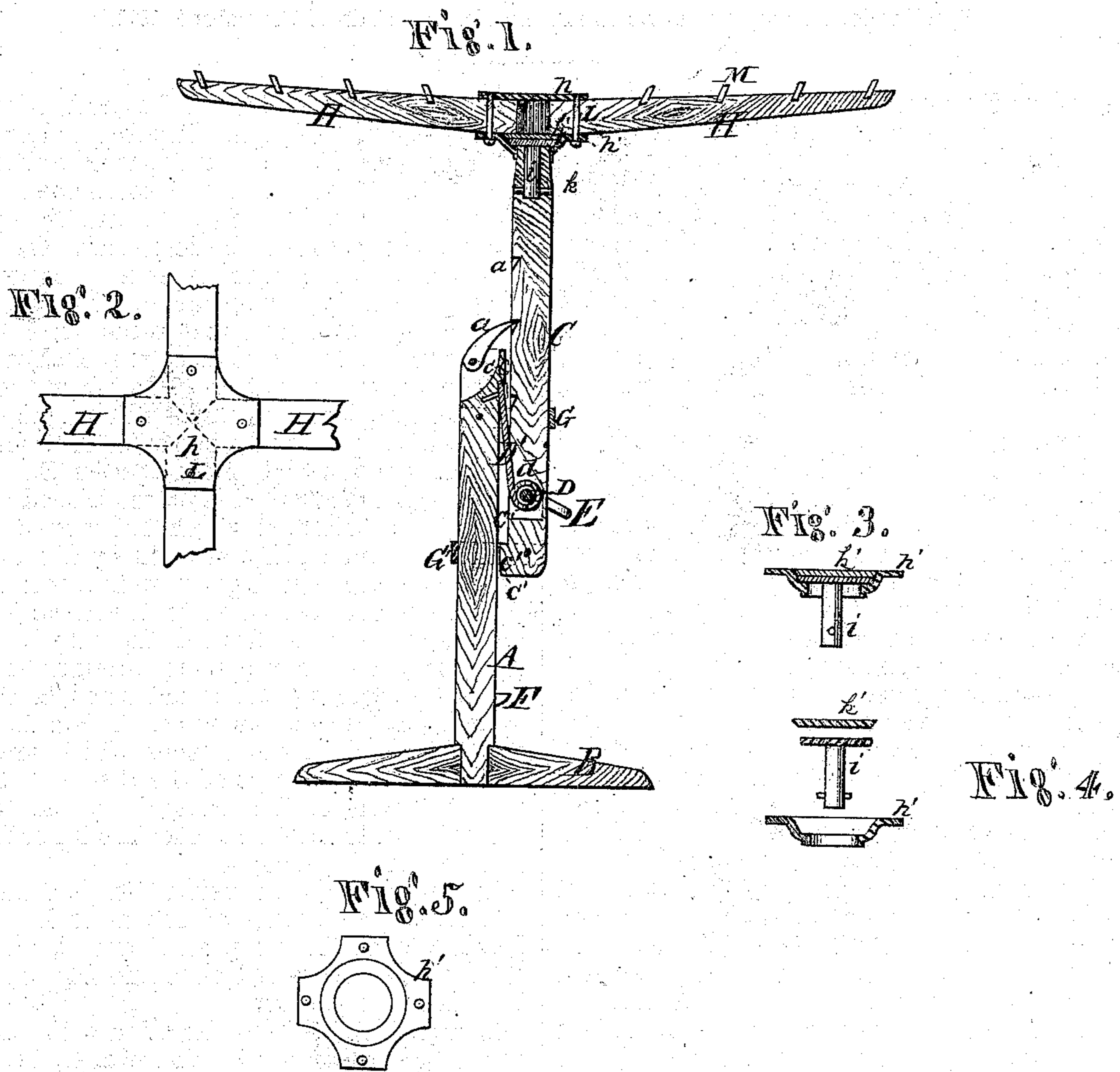


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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-DRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE CLAYTON SMITH and CHARLES HENRY DIETRICH, of Middleville, in the county of Barry and State of Michigan, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Clothes-Racks; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of a vertical section of our invention. Fig. 2 is a top view of a portion of clothes-frame. Fig. 3 is a detached sectional view of hollow plate and gudgeon, upon which the clothes-frame rests. Fig. 4 is a similar view, the parts being separated. Fig. 5 is a top view of said plate.

This invention has relation to an improved clothes-drier; and consists of a horizontally-revolving rack supported on top of an extension frame, the movable section of which is operated by a reel having a crank-arm, by turning which said section is elevated or lowered within suitable guides. A dog is provided to engage with another cut in said movable sections, and thereby lock the latter at every desired height.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating our invention, A represents a stationary post, which may be inserted in the ground or in a broad sill, B. *a* is a dog pivoted in a slot at the upper end of said post, and designed to engage with notches *a'* cut in the movable post or section C. D is a reel arranged within a mortise, *d*, formed in the section C, near the lower end thereof. D' is a strap which winds around said reel, one end being attached to the post A, near the top thereof. E is a crank connected with the reel D for turning the same, the operation of which elevates the section C or allows the same to descend. *c c'* are shoulders on the upper and lower ends of the posts A and C, respectively, and facing each other, so as to leave an opening, *c''*, between the inner sides of the posts for the strap D'. F is a

rest for the section C when the same is lowered. G' G are guiding-loops. The former is secured to the post A by a pin, and passes around the section C. The latter is in like manner secured to the lower end of said section, and passes around the post A. H represents the radial rack-arms, having their inner ends secured between plates *h h'*, which are slightly curved or concave, so as to give the radial arms a slight incline upward so as to keep the clothes which are hung thereon from falling off from the outer ends. The plate *h'* is depressed in the center, and formed with an opening, so as to fit and turn on the rounded end of the section C. In the depression thus formed is placed a headed gudgeon, *i*, the shank of which is inserted in the section C, and rigidly secured by a transverse pin, *k*. On top of said gudgeon is placed a disk, *k'*, slightly concave, so as to form a surface corresponding with the form of the plate *h*. L represents vertical bolts passing through the plates *h h'*, and securing the radial arms H thereto. M are pins inserted, as shown in Fig. 1, in the arms H, to hold the clothes which are hung thereon. The purpose of the disk *k'* is to prevent the wear of the arms H by the turning thereof, and to provide a smooth surface for contact with the gudgeon *i*.

Having described our invention, we claim—

1. The combination of the arms H, curved plates *h h'*, gudgeon *i*, posts A and C, when constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The disk *k'*, in combination with the gudgeon *i*, arms H, plate *h'*, and post C, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that we claim the above we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two witnesses.

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