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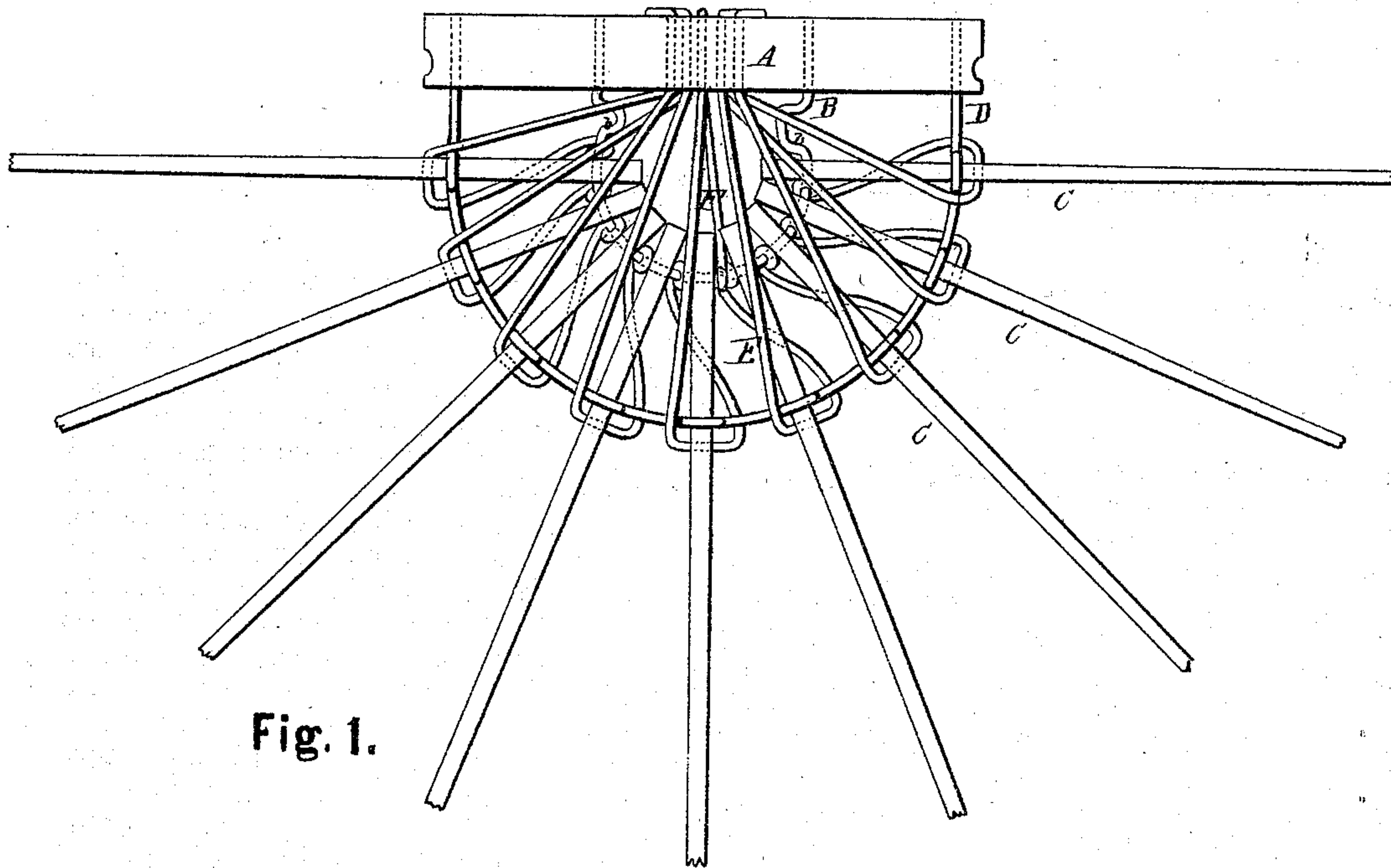


Fig. 1.

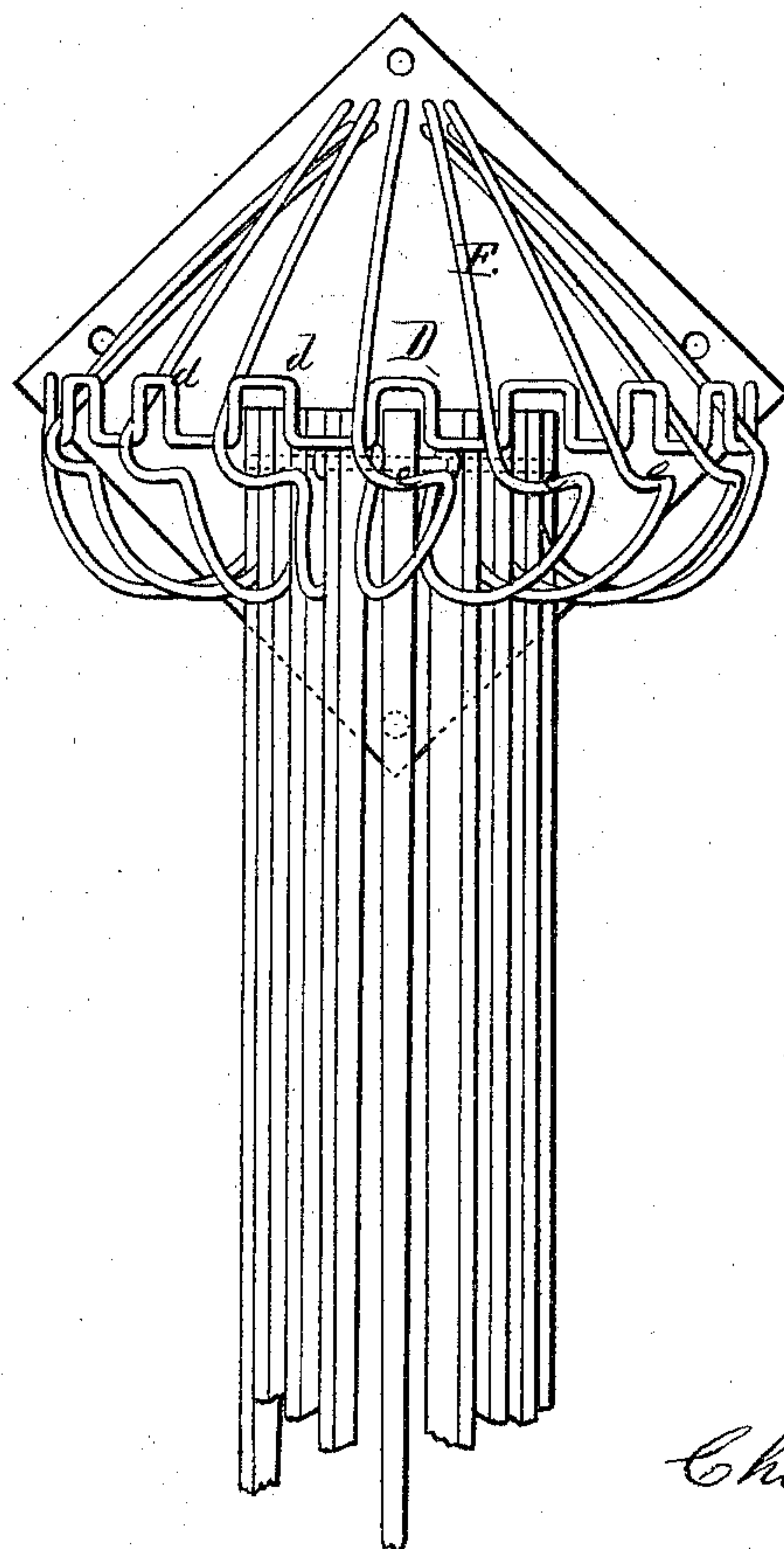


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-RACKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 127,232, dated May 28, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE W. GODFREY and EMMONS J. GODFREY, of Leslie, in the county of Ingham 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 top view of our invention, and Fig. 2 is a front view of the same.

Our invention has relation to clothes-racks; and consists in the construction and novel arrangement of devices for holding in horizontal radiating positions a number of arms adapted to hold clothes, and so arranged that they may be lowered at will when not in use, so as not to occupy much space, all substantially as hereinafter described.

In the drawing, A represents a board to be attached to a wall; B, a semicircular rod, having its ends inserted in said board, and supporting a number of pivoted clothes-arms, C. *b* represents shoulders, to keep the innermost arms apart from the board A. D is a semicircular rod, concentric with the rod B, and having its ends inserted in the board A. The rod D is formed with a number of indentations, *d*, which constitute sockets to receive the arms C when the same are raised for use. When so raised the arms lie in radial order, as shown in

Fig. 1. E represents elastic rods, having their upper ends fastened to the board A above the rods B D. At the place where these rods are thus fastened their ends lie close together. The rods thence project outwardly, and are carried down outside and underneath the rod D, and are attached at their lower ends to the rod B. As the rods E descend they diverge, so that one lies between every two arms C. At a point below the rod D each of the rods E has a shoulder, *e*, bent on it, which lies under the socket indentation adjacent thereto. When the arms C are raised they press aside these shoulders and enter their sockets, after which the rods E spring back, so that said shoulders shall pass under the arms and hold them in position. To enable the arms C to be lowered, the rods E are pushed aside by the hand. F represents a diagonal brace supporting the rod B.

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

The pivoted arms C, automatic-spring arms E with shoulders at *e*, and semicircular indented bracket D, combined substantially as specified.

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

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