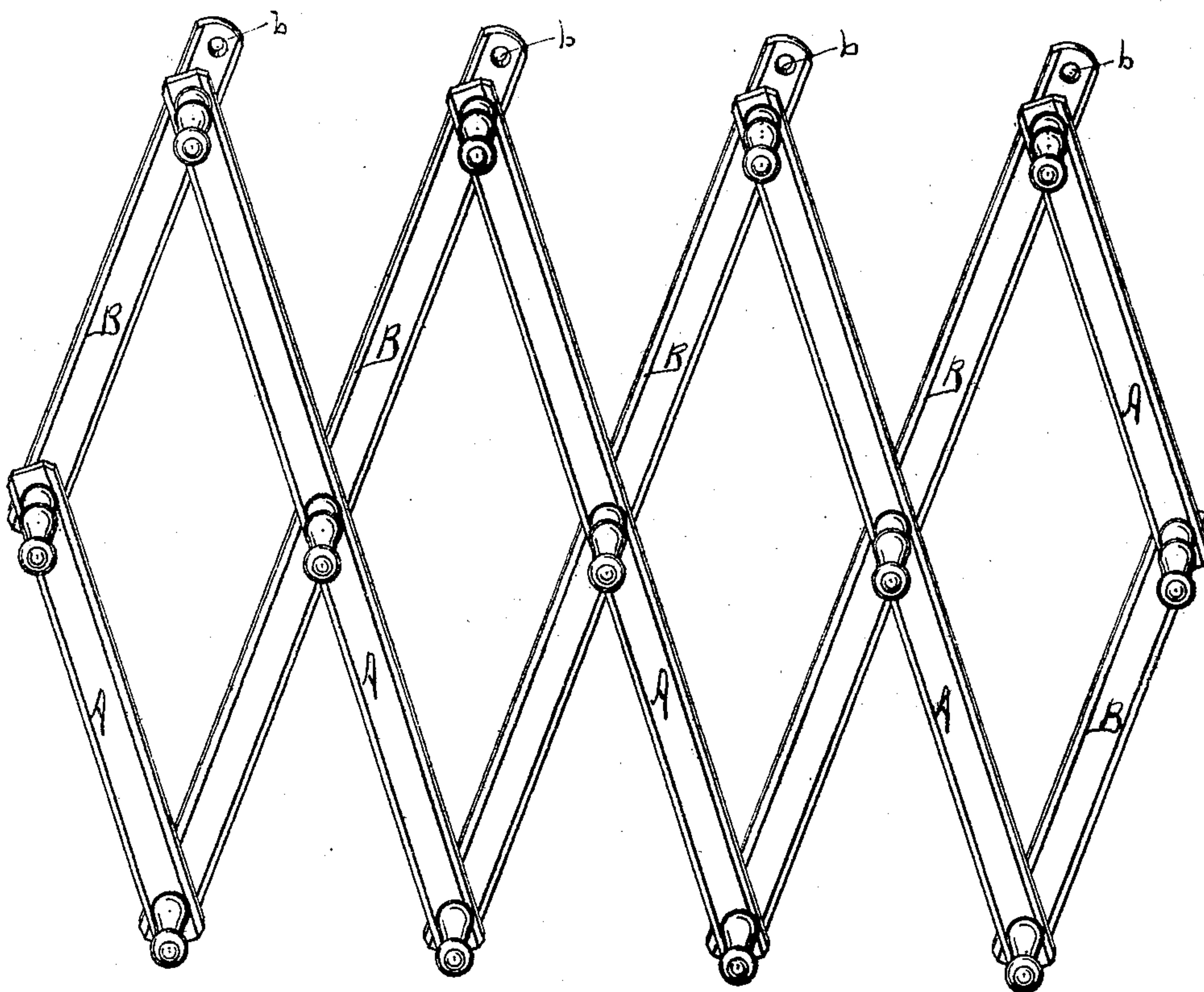


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MITCHELL L. RODDY, of Cincinnati, county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Hat-Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawing representing the same in perspective.

The nature of my invention relates to that class of hat-racks which is formed of strips of wood crossing each other, and at their crossings and junctions work on pins or pivots. These strips consist of two layers—the one nearest the wall against which it is hung, and the other layer nearest the operator. My improvement embraces a device for hanging up the rack against the wall on nails, screws, or pins, the device being simple, cheap, and efficient.

In construction my invention is substantially as follows: A A A is a series of bars or strips nearest the person using the rack; and B B B is a series most remote. These strips cross each other, as seen in the drawing, and articulate freely on pins passing

through them, which pins at the same time form the means of holding the structure together. The strips marked B extend a certain distance further up than the rest, and are each provided with a hole, *b*, which, passing over a nail or screw in the wall, supports the rack.

This device is much neater and more efficient than screw-rings, staples, or castings, while in respect to its cheapness it cannot be easily overcome. An additional advantage is that, being hung at the extreme top, the rack retains its position much better when loaded with coats, hats, &c.

Having thus described the objects and use of my improvement, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An extension hat-rack, constructed of bars A B, crossed and pivoted to each other, as shown, when the upper ends of bars B are extended further than bar A, and provided with holes *b*, as and for the purpose shown.

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