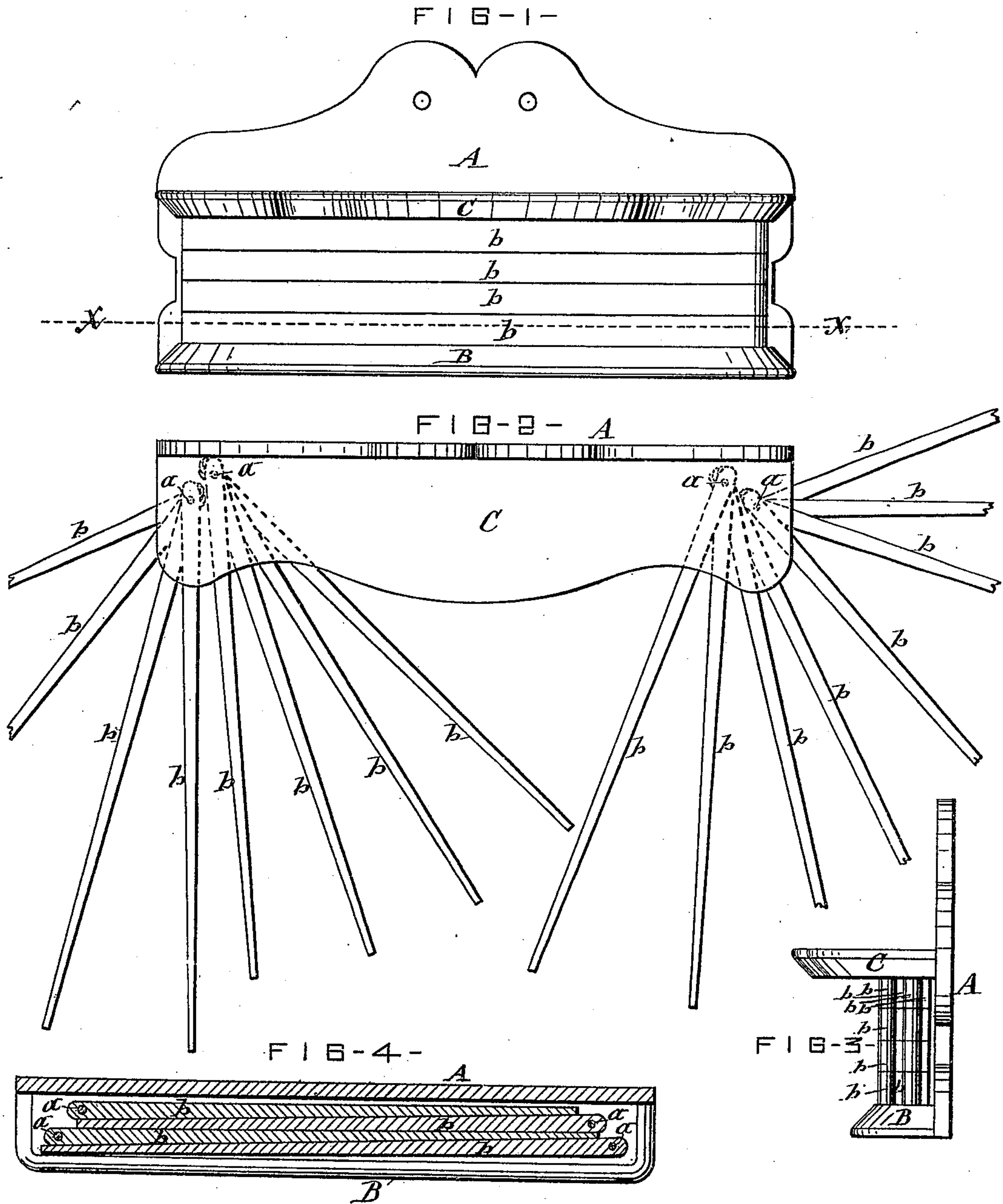


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## FOLDING CLOTHES-BARS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN S. GOURLEY, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and  
5 useful Improvements in Folding Clothes-Bars, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to the class of clothes-  
10 bars which are pivoted at their ends and adapted to project at various angles from their pivot, or swing out of the way and lie close to the wall, as may be desired.

The invention consists in a novel arrange-  
15 ment of several series of clothes-bars pivoted to opposite ends of a shelf and base in such a manner as to allow them to fold toward and upon one another, and when so folded lie close underneath the shelf, and thus be protected  
20 from dust, all as hereinafter more fully explained, and set forth in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my invention with the clothes-bars folded upon one another. Fig. 2 is a top view,  
25 showing the clothes-bars distended. Fig. 3 is an end view of the apparatus with the bars folded, and Fig. 4 is a section on line  $xx$  in Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corre-  
30 sponding parts.

A represents the back plate, from which project a horizontal base-plate, B, and a shelf, C. From the shelf C to the base B, at each end thereof, extend two or more vertical rods,  $a$   $a$ ,  
35 upon each of which is pivoted a series of bars,  $b$   $b$ . Said rods are arranged at different distances from the back A and from the ends of the shelf C, and thus brought into such relative position as to allow the bars of the sev-

eral sets to project in various directions, as  
40 shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and to fold toward and upon one another alternately from opposite ends of the shelf C and base B, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawings, the bars being beveled toward their ends to allow  
45 them to lie close upon one another and snugly under the shelf C when said bars are folded, as aforesaid. When in the latter position the bars are protected from dust by the upper  
shelf, C, and present a straight surface under-  
50 neath said shelf.

The described apparatus is to be secured with its back A to the wall, and may be ornamented to suit the taste.

The shelf C, aside from its described func-  
55 tions in connection with the clothes-bars, serves as an ordinary shelf.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

. In combination with the back A, base B, 60 and shelf C, two or more rods,  $a$   $a$ , secured to each end of the base and shelf and at different distances from the back A and from the ends of the shelf, and the bars  $b$   $b$ , pivoted on  
65 said rods and adapted to fold over one another alternately from opposite ends of the shelf and base, and tapered to lie closely together when folded, all as shown and set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence  
70 of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 18th day of February, 1882.

JOHN S. GOURLEY. [L. S.]

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