

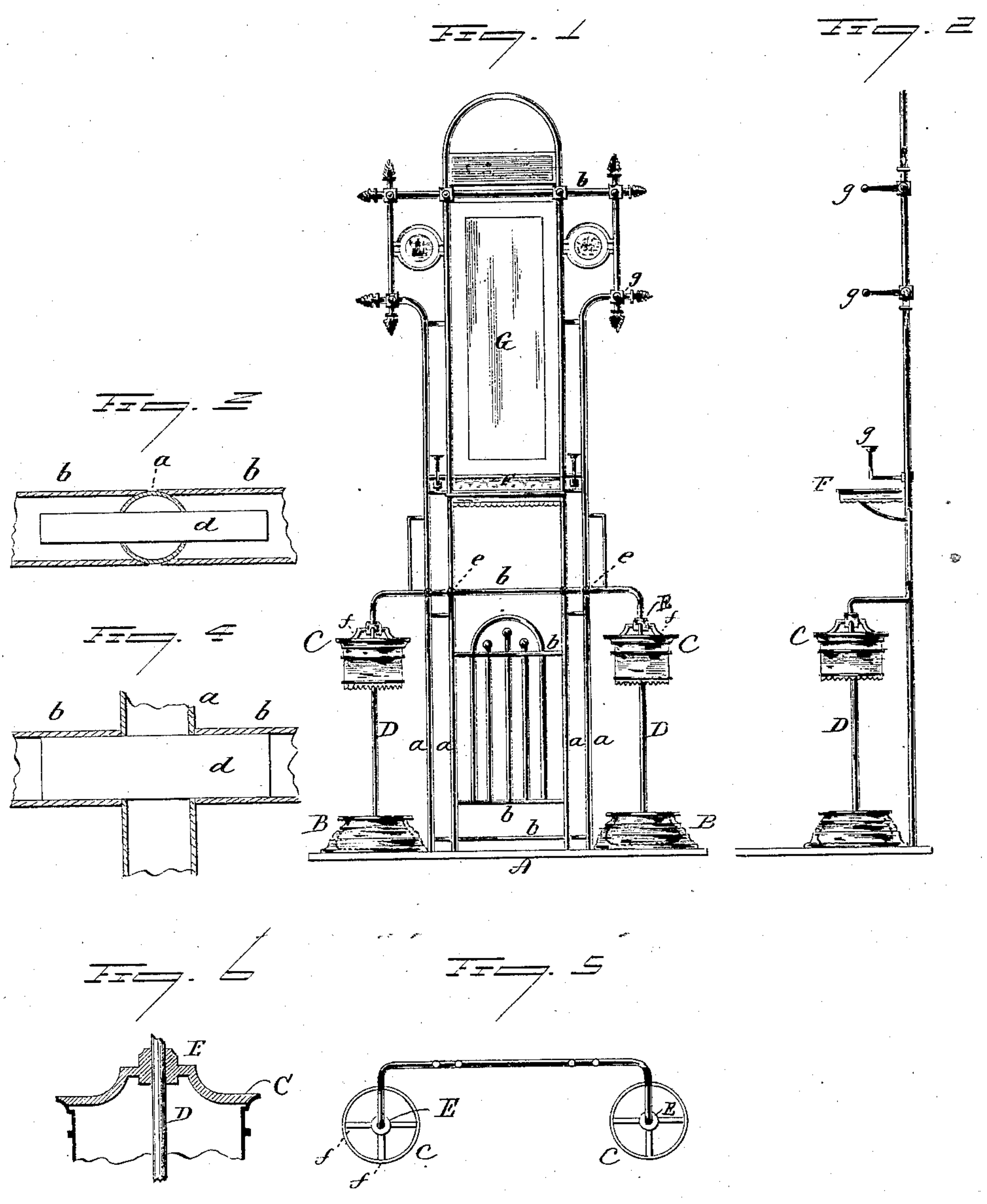
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY A. MATTHEWS and DAVID M. IRELAND, of Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Hat-Stands; and we do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view of the stand complete; Fig. 2, a side view of the same; Fig. 3, a transverse section above the rings C; Figs. 3, 4, 5, and 6, details of construction enlarged.

This invention relates to an improvement in the construction of articles of house-furniture, commonly called "hat-stands"—that is, such a piece of furniture as may conveniently stand in halls or other places as a receptacle for hats, coats, umbrellas, &c., the object of the invention being to construct the stand from metal tubing; and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claims.

A represents the base or platform upon which the stand proper is arranged. From this base uprights *a* extend, more or less in number, and connected at intervals by cross-bars *b*, also more or less in number. These uprights and cross-bars are made from tubing, preferably brass. At their intersection the transverse bars *b* are fitted to the uprights *a*, as seen in Figs. 3 and 4. These should be of substantially the same diameter, and they are united by introducing a block, *d*, through mortises in the uprights, the ends extending to the right and left into the cross-bars *b*, as seen in Figs. 3 and 4. These blocks may be of metal, the cross-bars soldered or brazed thereto. To hide the joints rosettes *e* are applied.

Upon the base at each side a drip-basin, B, is arranged, and above these basins is a ring, C. From the basin a post, D, extends upward centrally through the rings, turned backward into one of the cross-bars, or into connection with the uprights, as seen in Figs. 1, 2, and 5.

The rings C are supported by a hub, E, on the uprights D, with arms *f* extending therefrom into connection with the ring, as seen in Figs. 5 and 6. The spaces between these arms afford convenient openings for the introduction of umbrellas, the tip of the umbrellas standing in the drip below.

At a convenient point on the uprights a projecting shelf, F, is arranged, and above it is a mirror, G, supported in a suitable frame.

At various points on the uprights projecting pins *g* are arranged for the support of hats, coats, &c.

By this construction of the article we are enabled to produce the frame-work entirely from metal tubing and to make this article of furniture entirely from metal, the surface of which, polished and lacquered, produces a most beautiful effect.

The tubing may be bent into various shapes to make the furniture more or less ornamental, as tastes may demand.

We claim—

1. A hat-stand composed of uprights *a* and cross-bars *b*, said uprights and cross-bars made from tubing, said cross-bars and uprights united by a mortise in the one and a block, *d*, extending through said mortise in the one into the adjacent ends of the others, and whereby said cross-bars and uprights are held and secured in their proper relative position to each other, substantially as described.

2. In a hat-stand the frame of which is composed of metal tubing, the drip-basin B, arranged upon the base, a vertical upright, D, extending upward from the center of each basin into connection with the frame above, the metal rings C, arranged concentrically around said uprights and above said basins, the hub E on said uprights, with arms extending therefrom into connection with the said rings, and whereby said rings are supported, substantially as described.

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