

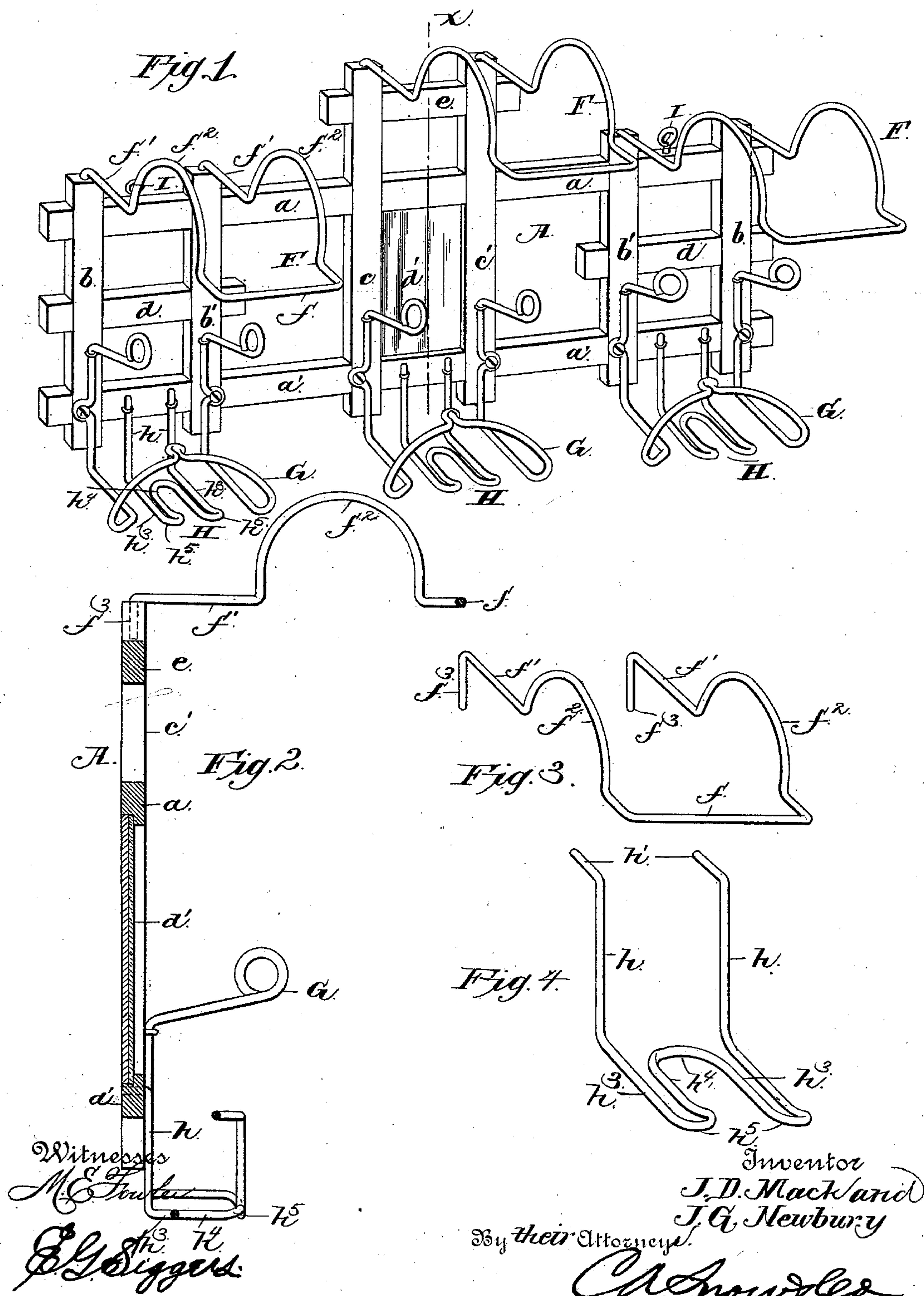
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSIAH D. MACK and JAMES G. NEWBURY, citizens of the United States, residing at Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat and Coat Racks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Our invention relates to improvements in hat and coat racks; and it consists of the peculiar and novel construction and combination of parts, substantially as hereinafter fully set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

The objects of our invention are to provide an improved article or device of the class named, which is adapted to be suspended on a wall and to present a neat, ornamental, and attractive appearance, which shall be cheap and inexpensive of manufacture, and simple, light, and strong in construction.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved hat-holder which shall retain the hat securely in place without any danger of becoming detached or broken, and to provide an improved support for a cane, brush, umbrella, &c., said hat and umbrella or cane holders to be bent or formed from a single piece of wire, for cheapness and strength.

We attain the above-named objects by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat and coat rack constructed in accordance with our invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view on the line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of our improved hat-holder on an enlarged scale, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of our improved cane or umbrella holder.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures, A designates the improved rack, which consists, essentially, of upper and lower longitudinal bars or rods, *a a'*, that are disposed in horizontal parallel planes, a pair of parallel vertical bars or rods, *b b'*, suitably secured to both the ends of the longitudinal bars, and parallel vertical bars or rods *c c'*, secured at or near the middle of the horizontal longitudinal bars, these several bars being connected together in any suitable or prefer-

able manner. The two pairs of end bars, *b b'*, are braced or strengthened by horizontal bars *d*, and between the middle bars, *c c'*, and the bars *a a'* is secured a looking-glass, *d'*, the several bars being ornamented and finished in any preferable manner to present an ornamental and attractive appearance. The upper ends of the middle vertical bars, *c c'*, are extended upwardly and connected by a horizontal bar, *e*.

To the upper ends of the middle and end vertical bars, *b b'* and *c c'*, is secured one of our improved hat-holders, F, and to the lower ends of said bars is attached our coat-holder G, which is constructed in substantially the same manner as the device shown in Letters Patent granted to us on the 31st day of March, 1885, No. 314,591.

H designates our improved umbrella or cane holder, that is attached to the lower bar, *a'*, and disposed between the vertical arms of the coat-holder G.

Our improved hat-holder F comprises a horizontal front bar, *f*, two parallel side bars, *f'*, having curved or semicircular bent portions *f²*, and vertical arms or prongs *f³*, the several arms and bars being bent or formed from a single piece of wire, for strength and simplicity in the construction and cheapness of manufacture. The vertical arms or prongs *f³* are driven into or enter openings in the upper ends of the vertical bars *b b'* and *c c'*, one of the holders F being provided for each of the pairs of vertical bars, as shown. The holder F projects outwardly at right angles to the rack, and when a hat is placed thereon the brim of the hat rests and is supported on the straight portions of the parallel side bars, while the curved or semicircular portions of said bars project up into the crown of the hat, to prevent the latter from becoming displaced accidentally.

The umbrella or cane holder H depends downwardly from the lower horizontal bar, *a'*, and comprises two vertical parallel arms, *h*, having teeth or prongs *h'*, that enter the bar *a'*, parallel right-angled horizontal arms *h³*, and an inwardly curved or inclined arm, *h⁴*, connecting the horizontal arms *h³* and arranged between the same and in parallel planes therewith, the outer ends of the horizontal arms *h³ h⁴* being bent or inclined up-

wardly, as at h^5 , and made rounded or blunt to prevent tearing or otherwise injuring an umbrella, &c. The umbrella-holder is made from a single piece of wire, and the vertical bars or arms h of which bear against the outer face of the lower horizontal bar, a' , of the rack A , and are secured rigidly thereto by means of staples or other suitable fastening devices.

The cane or umbrella holder receives and supports the article placed therein between its horizontal curved arm h^4 , and it supports the umbrella or cane, which is usually made with a tapering handle provided with an enlarged or angular head that rests between the curved arms h^4 , without injuring or otherwise defacing the umbrella, &c., while at the same time it can be quickly and readily detached.

The coat-holder G is secured to the outer vertical faces of the vertical bars b b' and c c' by screws and staples, and the cane-holder H is arranged between the vertical arms thereof.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings, it will be seen that we provide an improved hat or coat rack that is very strong, light, and simple in construction, is cheap and inexpensive of manufacture, and attractive and ornamental in appearance. The hat, coat, and umbrella or cane holders are very strong and simple, while, as they are each made from a single piece of wire, they are very light and cheap. The holders are effective for the purposes designed, and prevent the accidental detachment of the article suspended thereon.

The rack A is suspended on a wall or other place by means of hooks or eyes I , that are secured in the upper bar, a , thereof.

We are aware that heretofore it has been proposed to provide a broom-support which is formed from a single piece of wire and having a central loop for the passage of a screw, &c., to secure it to the wall, said support having two lateral inclined arms, which are bent outwardly, then backwardly upon themselves, to form two horizontal connected

arms, and then at an angle across the horizontal arms.

In our improved umbrella-support we provide the vertical arms h , having prongs at their upper ends to secure the same to the rack, the horizontal arms formed with the vertical arm and projecting therefrom at right angles and parallel with each other, and a curved arm lying in the plane of and connecting the free outer ends of the horizontal arms.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a hat-rack comprising a frame adapted to be suspended from a wall and an outwardly-extending holder, F , having the connected side bars provided with the upwardly curved or inclined sections f^2 intermediate of their ends, substantially as described.

2. A hat-holder, F , formed of a single piece of wire and comprising the parallel side arms, f' , having the upwardly-curved loops or portions f^2 intermediate of its ends, the angular prongs f^3 at one end of the side arms, and the transverse arm f , connecting the outer ends of the side arms, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a rack, of an umbrella-support formed of a single piece of wire and comprising the parallel vertical arms h , having the prongs at their upper ends, the horizontal parallel arms h^3 , extending outwardly at right angles from the vertical arms, and a curved intermediate arm, h^4 , lying in the plane of and connecting the free outer ends of the arms h^3 , substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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