

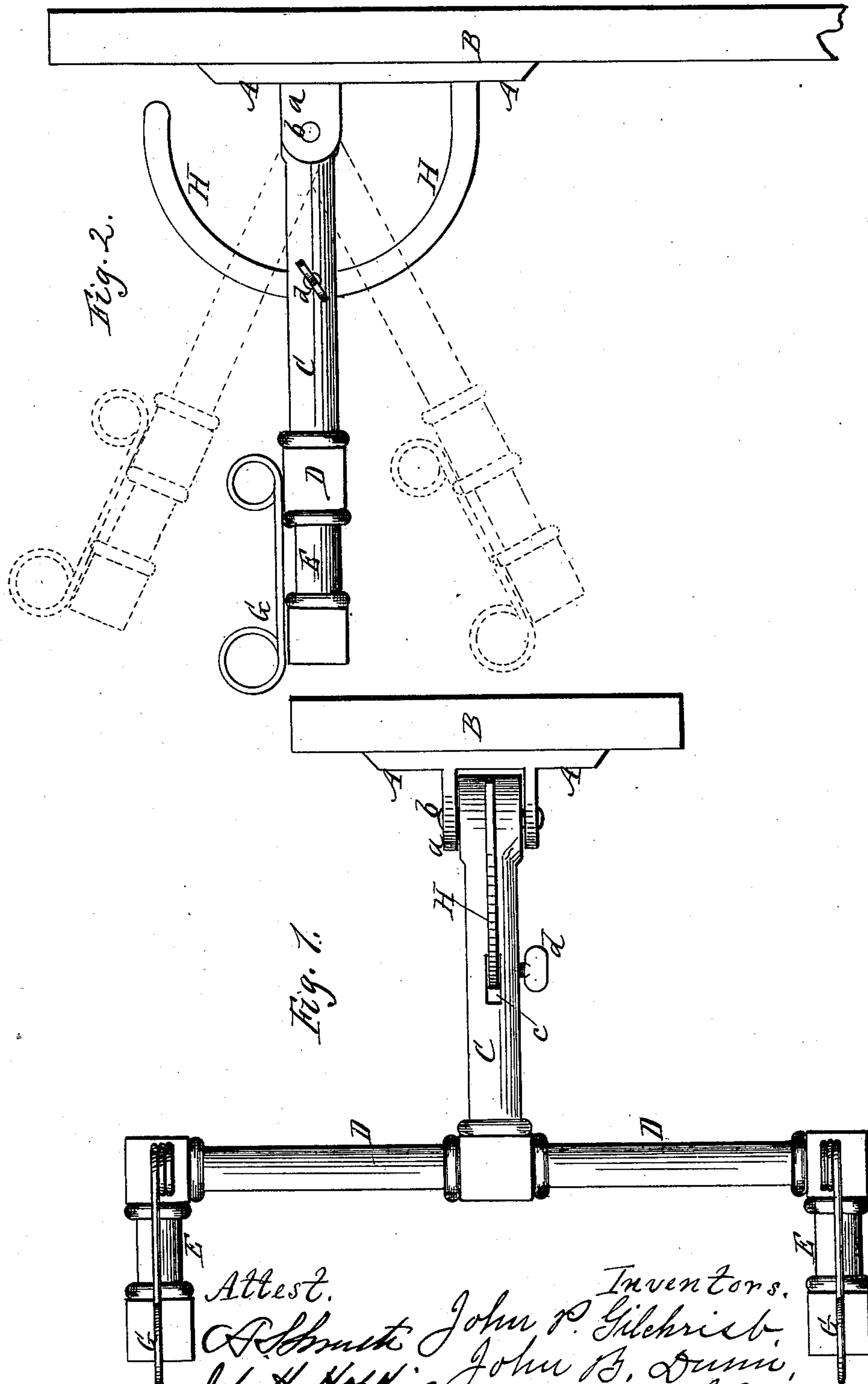
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN P. GILCHRIST and JOHN B. DUNN, both citizens of the United States and residents of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Devices for Assisting to Put on Overcoats or Cloaks; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the drawings accompanying this application.

Our improvement relates to a device for holding an overcoat or cloak in position for the wearer to apply his arms in the arm-holes and draw the same on without difficulty; and it consists in the combination of a bearing, a swinging arm pivoted to the bearing so as to turn up and down, a cross-head at the end of the arm, clamps connected with the cross-head for holding the garment, and a segment and set-screw by which the swinging arm may be adjusted and held, all as hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the device. Fig. 2 is a side elevation.

A indicates the bearing or plate for supporting the attachment. This bearing may be attached to a standard, B, provided with a suitable base like a hat-rack, so as to be portable, or it may be attached to a wall or any other support. It is provided with lugs *a a* to joint the swinging arm to.

C is the swinging arm, and D is a stiff cross-head attached to the outer end of the swinging arm and moving with it. The inner end of the swinging arm is attached to the lugs *a a* by a pivot, *b*, so that it can be swung up or down to any desired position. The cross-head D is provided with projections *E E*, and on the latter are mounted clamps *G G*, for catching and holding the collar of the overcoat or cloak. The clamps may be of any desired form capable of opening to admit the collar and clamping down to hold it, that shown in the drawings being spring-wires having base-coils to give elasticity, and having upturned outer ends forming finger-holds.

H is a segment attached fast at its lower end to the bearing A and passing up through a slot, *c*, in the arm C. It is concentric with the pivot of the arm, and therefore the arm can be turned up and down on it, and can be secured at any adjustment by a set-screw, *d*, or other device.

The operation is as follows: The overcoat or cloak is opened and the edges of the collar are inserted under the clamps *G G*, which spread the garment and suspend the same with the armholes in proper position for the insertion of the arms of the wearer. In this position the person standing back to the garment can put the same on in the same manner as if assisted by a second person. When the garment is in place on the wearer, a slight forward pull will withdraw it from the clamps. By this means, and without assistance, the garment can be applied, which is a matter of great convenience, especially in the use of very heavy garments, or to accommodate a heavy and unwieldy person.

By means of the adjustment of the device, as before explained, it can be set higher or lower to accommodate persons of different height. The dotted lines in Fig. 2 indicate different adjustments.

We do not wish to confine ourselves to the particular form above described, as different forms of the arms that support the clamps may be used with the same effect. Different clamps and means for attaching to the standard or other support might be used; but it is essential that the arm shall be pivoted and capable of vertical adjustment, and that clamps shall be used at the outer ends, said clamps being separated sufficiently to spread the garment.

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

The device herein described, consisting of the bearing, the swinging arm pivoted to the bearing so as to turn up and down, the cross-head at the end of the arm, the clamps connected with the cross-head, and the segment and set-screw by which the swinging arm is adjusted and held, the whole combined to operate in the manner and for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof we have hereunto signed our names in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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