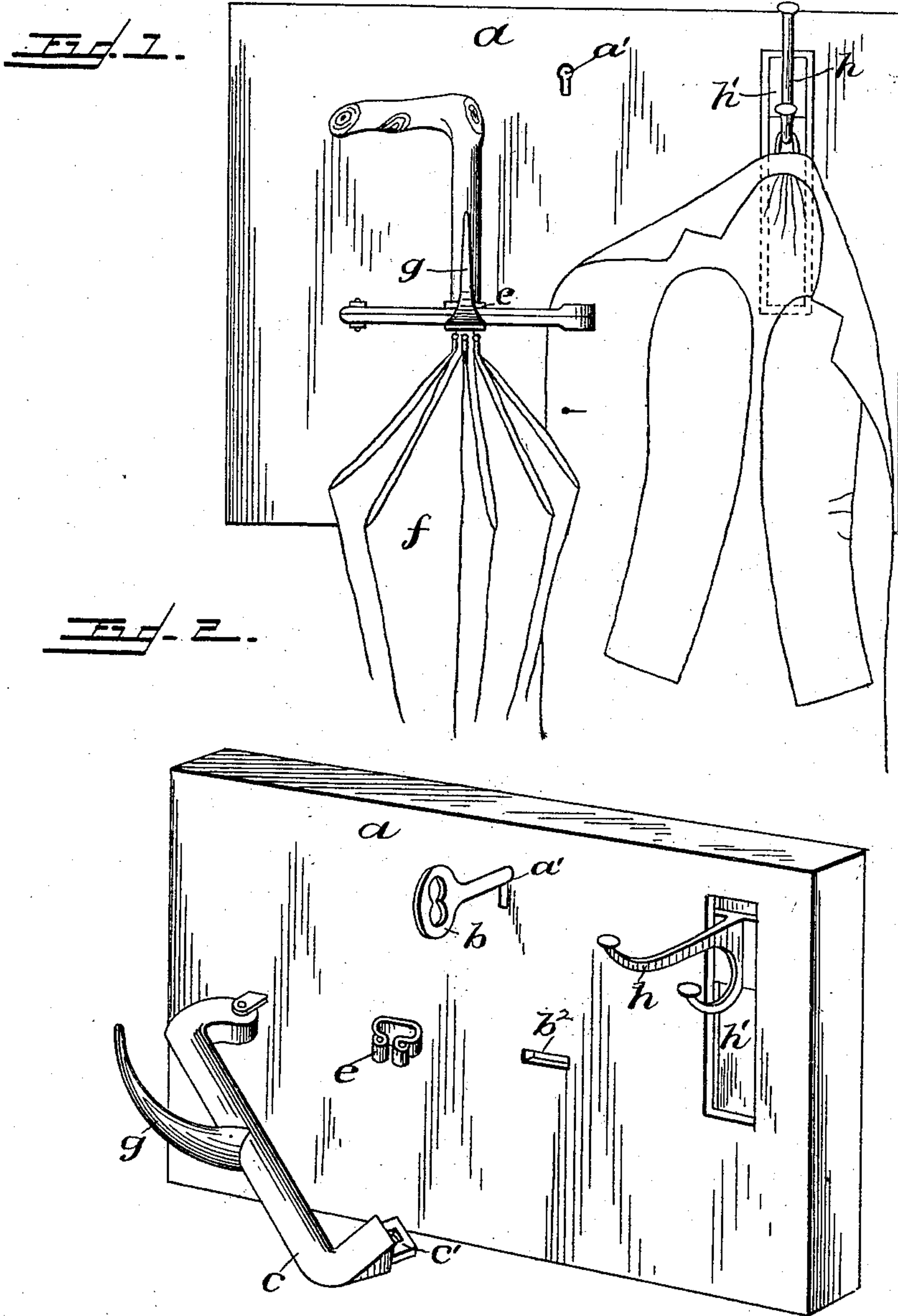


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. THOMAS, of Latrobe, in the county of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in  
10 the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

15 This invention relates to certain improvements in racks.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple hat, cloak, and umbrella rack so constructed and arranged that an umbrella and coat can be secured thereto, so that removal  
20 without mutilation is impossible, except by applying the proper key.

The invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangements of parts more fully described hereinafter and  
25 particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation showing my improved rack with a coat and umbrella locked and secured thereto, the key being removed from  
30 the lock, which is not shown. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, the hat and coat being removed and the locking devices thrown open and the key in position in the lock.

In the drawings, *a* is a base or support of  
35 any suitable or desirable construction. This base or support is provided with a suitable lock (not shown) and arranged or inserted in the rear side of the base.

*a'* is a keyhole opening through the base  
40 from the front side thereof into the lock to receive a key *b*, which will operate the lock.

*b*<sup>2</sup> is an opening from the front side of the base through the same and to the space traversed by the bolt of the lock.

45 *c* is a swinging hasp suitably pivoted at one end to the front side of the base, so that its opposite end can swing toward and from the base and the perforated tongue or tenon *c'* thereof can pass into or move out of the said  
50 hole *b*<sup>2</sup>, so that the bolt of the lock can pass through the said tongue and thus lock the

hasp, or can move from the said tongue and thus release the hasp.

*e* is a clasp usually formed of two spring-arms secured on the front of the base about  
55 opposite the central portion of the hasp, which swings toward and from the same, and which is so arranged as to press against the outer ends of said arms and prevent their opening movement when the hasp is secured and  
60 held by the lock. This clasp is formed and adapted to receive and hold an umbrella, as *f* in Fig. 1, so that the umbrella can be released from the clasp by pulling out between the  
65 arms. The umbrella can be placed in or removed from the clasp only when the hasp is swung out. Consequently when an umbrella is placed in the clasp and the hasp is swung against the same and secured the umbrella cannot be removed without mutilation or in-  
70 jury. The hasp can be provided with a hook *g*, if so desired, to receive a hat or other article.

*h* is a coat-hook secured to the base on the opposite side of the opening *b*<sup>2</sup> from the hasp, and preferably above the horizontal plane of  
75 said opening, so that the tongue of the hasp can be passed through a buttonhole of a coat hung on hook *h*, and thus when the hasp is locked secure the coat as well as the umbrella against removal without mutilation.  
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The hook *h* has its base mounted in a vertical slideway *h'* in the support *a*, so that the hook can be moved vertically to permit ready insertion of the tongue of the hasp through the coat-buttonhole, after which, if neces-  
85 sary, the hook can be forced upwardly to take all strain from the buttonhole. Any suitable means may be provided to hold the hook in the desired position.

It is evident that various changes can be  
90 made in the forms, constructions, and arrangements of the parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact constructions herein set forth.  
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Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A rack comprising a base, an umbrella-holder consisting of a spring-clasp rigidly se-  
100 cured thereto, a vertically-adjustable coat-support comprising a hook, the opening *b*<sup>2</sup> for



the hasp which passes through the buttonhole of the coat, and a swinging hasp pivoted to said base at one end and adapted to lock and close the umbrella-holder and to pass  
5 through a buttonhole of the coat and be locked within said opening  $b^2$ , for the purpose set forth.

2. A rack comprising a base, an umbrella-clasp, the vertically-adjustable coat-hanger,  
10 a vertical guideway for said hanger, the opening  $b^2$ , a swinging hasp to lock or close the umbrella-holder and to pass through the buttonhole of the coat and be locked in said opening, and suitable locking means, for the  
15 purpose set forth.

3. A rack consisting of the base, the um-

brella-holder comprising a spring-clasp secured to the base, a vertical guideway, a coat-hook vertically adjustable therein, the opening  $b^2$ , a swinging hasp arranged to lock or  
20 close the umbrella-holder and to pass through the buttonhole of the coat and into the opening  $b^2$  and be locked therein, and the hook formed integral with said swinging hasp, for  
the purpose set forth. 25

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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