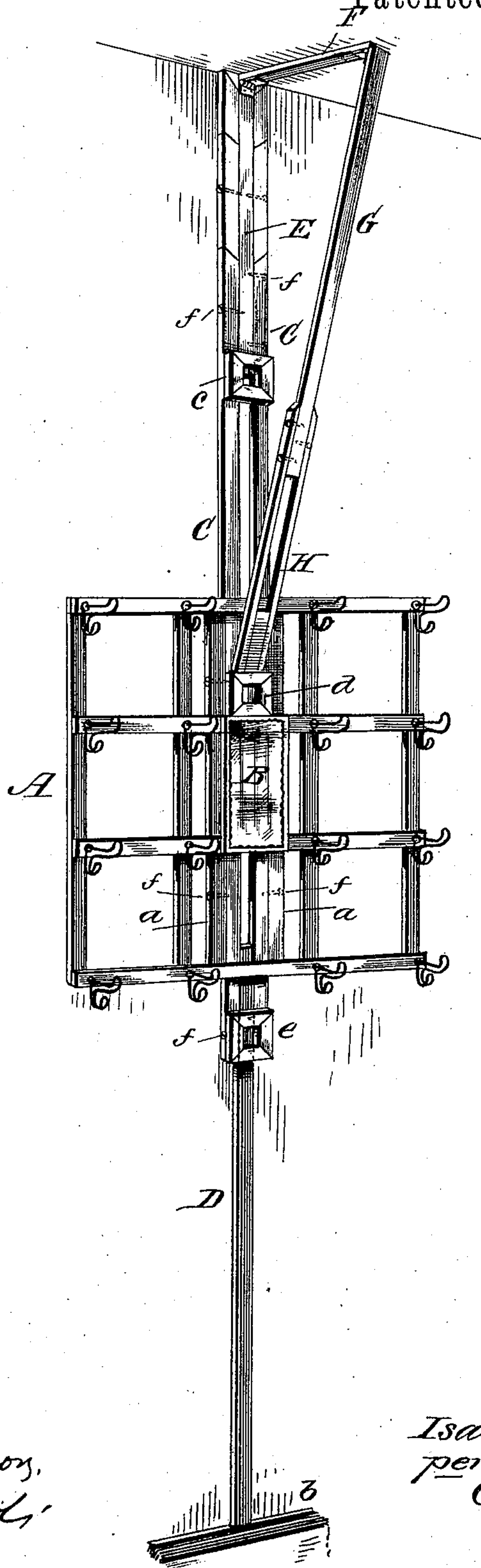


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISAAC C. WELTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kingston, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes and Hat Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The present invention has for its object to provide a clothes and hat rack that may be adjusted to the wall of a room and securely held in place without the use of nails or other like fastenings, thereby avoiding injury to the wall by the driving of nails or similar fastenings.

My invention consists in a rack, suitable guides secured to the back thereof, vertically-adjustable arms connected thereto, a vertically-adjustable standard connected to the lower end of the arms, a hinged clamping-arm at the top of the adjustable arms, a brace hinged to the clamping-arm, and a support therefor, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawing, which represents a perspective view of my invention, A designates the clothes or hat rack, which may be of any suitable construction, but preferably consisting of a frame with pins or hooks for suspending therefrom the hat or garment.

I do not wish to be understood as confining my invention to any special form of rack, and, if preferred, a mirror B may be used in connection therewith, as found most desirable.

To the back of the rack A are secured guide-bars *a*, between which are located the lower ends of vertically-adjustable arms C, and between these arms, at the lower ends thereof, is located the upper end of a vertically-adjustable standard D, which is provided at its lower end with a cross-bar *b* to rest on the floor of the room. At the upper ends of the adjustable arms C and between the same is located the standard E, which is also vertically adjustable in the same manner as is the standard D. To the upper end of the standard E is hinged one end of a clamping-arm F,

and to the outer end of this clamping-arm is hinged a brace G, which is provided at its lower or free end with a foot H of any suitable construction and which may be adjustable or not, as found best adapted to the purpose.

Any suitable number of supports may be used to receive the end of the foot H after the device has been adjusted to the height of the space between the floor and ceiling of the room or apartment. In the present instance I have shown three of such supports, as indicated at *c d e*, and are secured to the arms C a suitable distance apart.

Any suitable form of support may be substituted for that shown, so long as it will support the end of the foot H after the adjustment of the device has been completed.

The adjustable arms C, the adjustable standards D and E, the hinged clamping-arm F, and hinged brace G, with its foot H, when taken together I term an "adjustable clamping device" to hold the clothes and hat rack in position against the wall without the use of nails or other like fastenings usually employed.

The arms C and the standard D should be extended so that their combined length from upper end of the arms to the cross-bar of the standard will be equal to the space between the floor and ceiling, after which the clamping-arm F is brought up against the ceiling and the brace held in position by engaging the foot H with the support on the arms C, as shown.

Should the distance between the floor and ceiling be greater than the adjusting capacity of the arms C and standard D, the standard E may be brought into use to further increase the length of the clamping device.

The arms C and the standards D E are held in their adjusted position by suitable screws *f*, or by any other means found best adapted to the purpose.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A clothes and hat rack, suitable guides secured to the back thereof, vertically-adjustable arms connected thereto, a vertically-adjustable standard connected to the lower end of the arms, a hinged clamping-arm at the top of the adjustable arms, a brace hinged to the



clamping-arm, and a support therefor, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A clothes and hat rack, a clamping device therefor, said device consisting of suitable guides upon the back of the rack, vertically-adjustable arms connected thereto, vertically-adjustable standards connected to the respective ends of the arms, the lower standard provided with a cross-bar and the upper standard provided with a hinged clamping-arm, a brace hinged to the arm and provided at its lower end with a foot extension, and

suitable supports upon the adjustable arms with which the foot engages, and means for holding the adjustable arms and standards in their adjusted position, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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