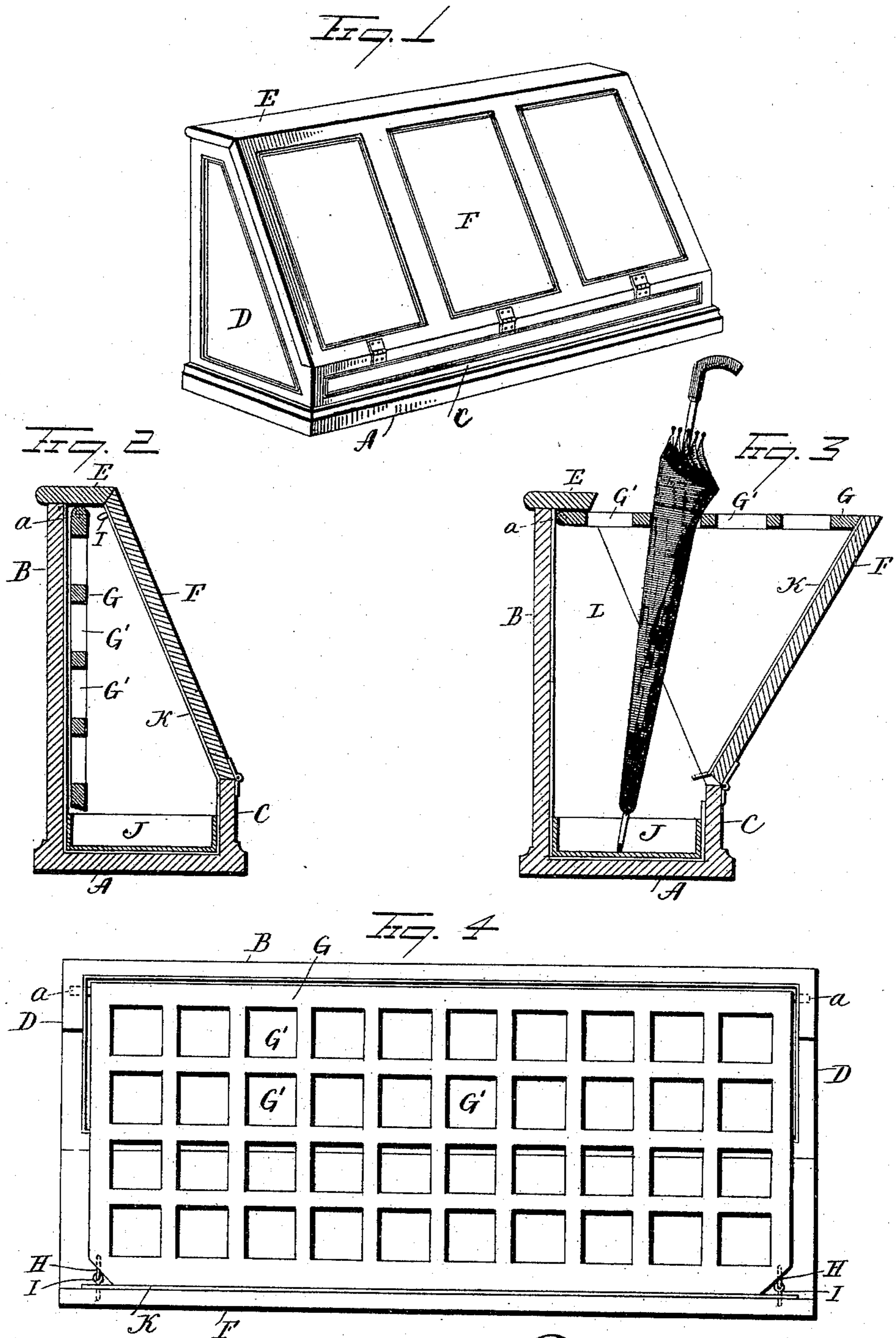


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC C. EARLE, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Umbrella-Racks; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the 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 perspective view of an umbrella-rack embodying my invention and in the closed position; Fig. 2, a sectional view of the same; Fig. 3, a sectional view open; Fig. 4, a top view of the rack in the open position with the top of the case removed.

This invention relates to an improvement in umbrella racks or holders, and particularly such as are designed for churches, halls, or other public places in which a holder is required for a large number of umbrellas, but which it is desired when not in use shall occupy but little space.

The object of this invention is to produce a rack which will not only be compact when not in use and adapted to hold a large number of umbrellas in comparison to its size, but also form a neat and not unornamental piece of furniture; and it consists in suspending a rack within a casing, the front of which tapers from the base upward, and securing the lower end of the rack to the upper end of the cover when it is desired to utilize the holder, and in certain details of construction, as will be hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

The case may be of any desired length, and consists of a base A, back B, and front C, which projects but a short distance above the base, and sides D, the forward edges of which taper from the front wall C upward to the top E, which is comparatively narrow.

To the upper edge of the front C is hinged a cover F, the upper edge of which is adapted to close against the forward edge of the top E and also rest upon the inclined edges of the sides D, so as to completely close the case. Between the sides D and near the top thereof on trunnions *a* is hung a rack G, formed with openings G' in the usual manner of umbrella-racks. This rack is of such a width that as

it is lifted upward it will clear the upper edge of the front wall C, and at its outer end is provided with hooks H for engagement with eyes I at the upper end of the cover.

Within the case and resting on the bottom thereof is a pan J, which corresponds to the internal dimensions of the case and so as to fit comparatively close therein. This pan is removable through the opening in the front of the case, or, if desired, an opening may be formed in one end, through which it may be withdrawn.

Preferably the interior of the case will be lined with zinc or other suitable material and also the inner wall of the cover F, and it is desirable that the lining K of the cover should extend beyond the lower edge thereof, so as to protect the joint between the lower end of the cover and the upper edge of the front wall. When not in use, the rack hangs suspended within the case, as shown in Fig. 2, and with the cover closed a neat appearance is presented and the holder occupies but a comparatively small amount of space. When it is desired to use the rack, the cover F is opened, as shown in Fig. 3, and the rack lifted and engaged with the upper edge of the cover by the hook and eye described, and shown in Fig. 4, or by any other suitable devices.

The lining of the cover, which is liable to come in contact with the umbrellas in the forward row of openings, deflects the water received therefrom into the pan J, in which the ends of all the umbrellas in the rack are supposed to rest. As the lower ends of the umbrellas occupy much less space than the upper ends the bottom of the case and pan therein may be quite small in comparison to the size of the rack, as there is practically no danger of the case being tipped forward, for the reason that an umbrella being forced into the rack is deflected by the cover into the case and therefore does not tend to tip the rack, the case of which, however, is sufficiently heavy to properly support the rack in a horizontal position.

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

1. The herein-described umbrella-rack consisting of a case and a cover to close the front face thereof, of a rack pivoted within the case

and adapted to be engaged at its outer edge with the upper edge of said cover, substantially as described.

2. In an umbrella-rack, comprising a case
5 having a low front wall, and sides which incline rearward from the upper edge of said front wall, a cover secured to said front to close the front of the case, a rack pivotally
suspended within the case and adapted to
10 have its lower edge engaged with the upper

edge of the cover when the cover is open and the rack in a horizontal position, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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