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FIG. 1.

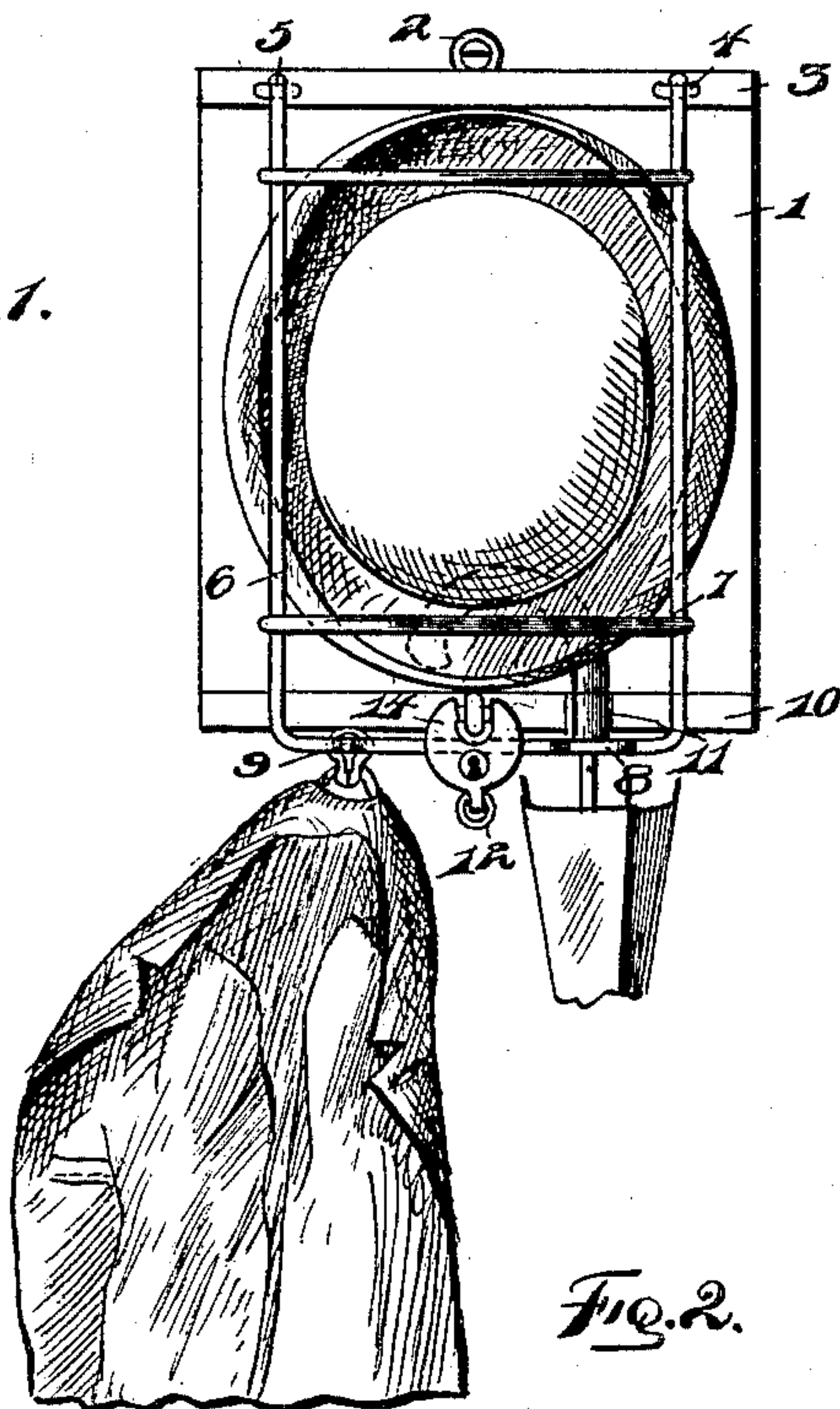
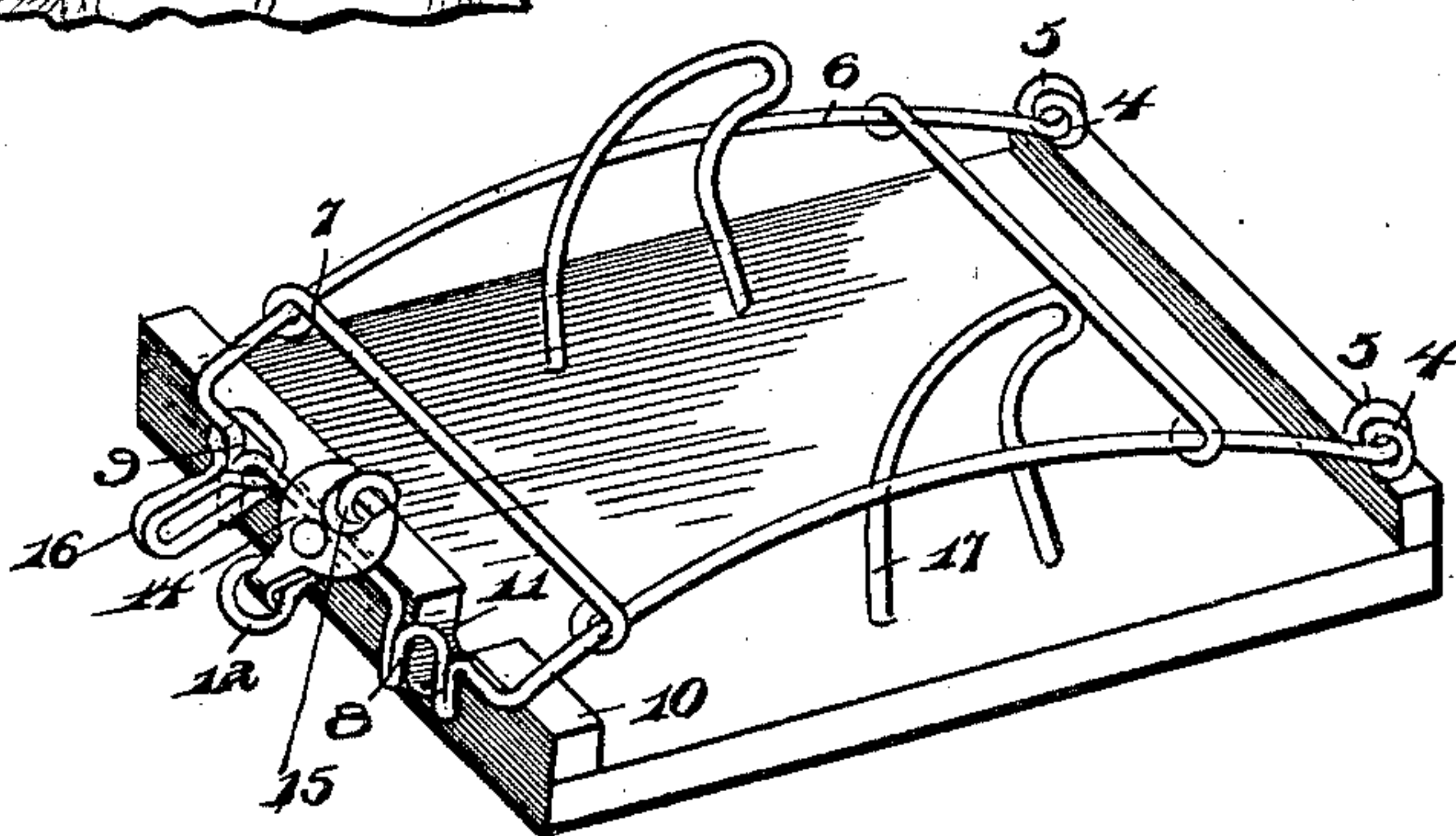


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. STORM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat and Hat Racks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hat and coat racks, and relates more particularly to that class that may be locked in a manner that will prevent the removal of the coat, hat, or umbrella from the rack unless the lock is turned and the device allowed to open.

The present invention contemplates to effectually retain a hat, coat, and umbrella in a small space and effectually lock the same thereto.

My invention also aims to construct a device of the above-described character that will be extremely simple in construction, strong, durable, comparatively inexpensive to manufacture, and highly efficient in its use.

Briefly described, the invention consists of a base-board that may be easily suspended from the wall or otherwise suitably fastened to a standard and having arranged on said base-board a series of loops formed of wire, all of which may be easily locked at the lower side of the rack in a manner that will prevent the wearing-apparel from being removed from the same.

35 The invention further consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

45 Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved hat and coat rack, showing applied and locked thereto wearing-apparel. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same with the apparel removed therefrom.

50 In the drawings, the reference-numeral 1 indicates the base-board, which may be suspended by means of an eye 2 to receive suitable

fastening means, said base-board 1 being provided at its upper side with a raised portion 3. In said raised portion 3 are secured eyes 4 to receive the looped ends 5 of the securing-frame 6, said securing-frame being provided with strengthening-ribs 7 7, which also serve to retain the hat in position and prevent the upward displacement of the same. The lower end of the frame 6 terminates in an inverted-U-shaped loop 8 and a downward extension 9, the wire being bent over upon itself.

The reference-numeral 10 represents a raised portion of the base-board, secured to the lower face of the same, in which is formed a U-shaped opening 11, which corresponds but is oppositely inclined from the inverted-U-shaped loop 8 of the wire.

The reference-numeral 12 represents a wire loop secured to the outer lower edge of the base-board and is adapted to receive the padlock 14, forming a hinge connection with said loop 12. The said padlock is adapted to engage the staple 15, secured to the upper face of the raised portion 10 of the base-board.

The reference-numeral 16 represents a loop carried by the base-board, forming a hook for the reception of the garment, the said downwardly-extending portion 9 of the frame being adapted to be inserted through the said loop and forming a lock for the garment.

The reference-numeral 17 represents arms which are rigidly secured to the front face of the base-board and are likewise formed of wire to receive the hat and adapted to retain the same before the device is locked, these arms serving also to firmly hold the hat in position when the device has been locked, preventing the hat from being removed from the rack.

The operation of my improved device is as follows: The padlock is opened, which will allow the frame portion to swing by means of the hinged connection of the eye 4 and loops 5 of the frame. The hat is then placed upon the arms, the coat or other garments are placed upon the hook 16, and the umbrella or cane is placed in the U-shaped opening 11. The frame is then brought down upon the hat, the strengthening-ribs 7 preventing the upward displacement of the hat and the arms retaining the hat in proper position. Simul-

taneously with this operation the inverted-
U-shaped loop 8 will inclose the handle of the
cane or umbrella and the downward extension 9 of the frame will engage in the looped
5 end of the hook 16. The locking or engaging
end of the padlock is then placed through the
staple 15, and the device is in a locked position,
preventing the removal of either hat,
coat, umbrella, or cane.

10 The many advantages obtained by the use
of my improved device will be readily apparent
from the foregoing description, taken in
connection with the accompanying drawings.

It will be noted that various changes may
15 be made in the details of construction without
departing from the general spirit of my invention.

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

In a hat and coat rack, the combination of
a rectangular base-board having raised portions
on its outer face at its upper end and

lower sides in parallel alinement, eyes secured
to said upper raised portion, a rectangular
25 wire frame carrying looped securing
ends engaging said eyes, strengthening-ribs
secured to said frame, a downward extension
and an inverted-U-shaped loop formed in the
lower portion of said rectangular frame, a
30 staple carried by the outer face of said lower
raised portion, a loop carried by the base-
board for receiving said downward extension
when the device is in a locked position, a second
loop secured to the outer lower edge of
35 the base-board, a padlock engaging said staple
and said last-named loop, and arms secured
to said base-board within said rectangular
frame, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
40 in the presence of two witnesses.

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