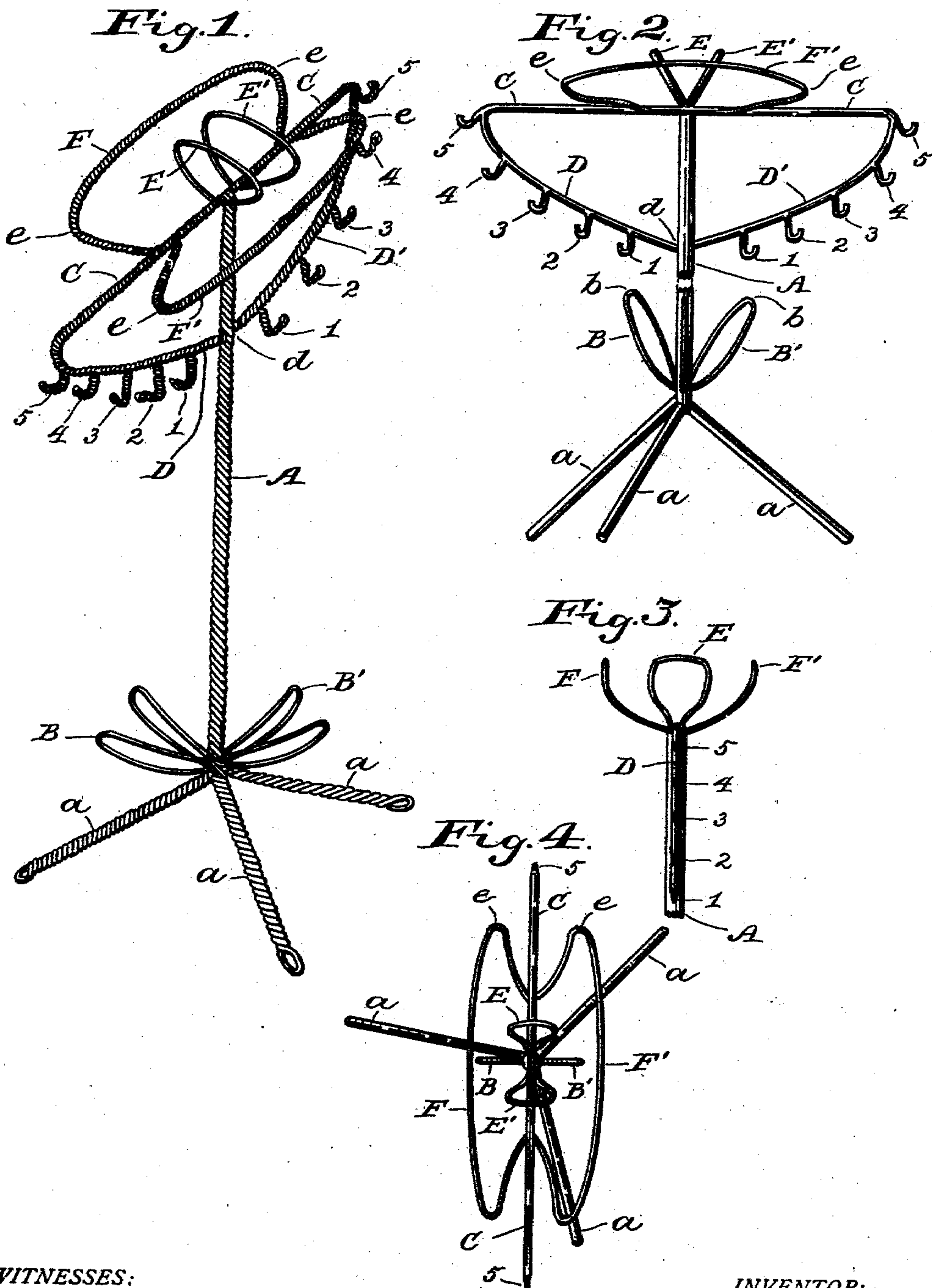


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN F. MESSICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodruff Place, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hygienic Garment-Racks; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to portable racks; and it has reference more particularly to racks that are designed to be used in sleeping-apartments whereon to hang or place garments at night-time that have been worn during the day-time, the object of the invention being to provide a cheap hygienic rack that may be easily handled and moved about a room and with the garments thereon, so that they may be placed in the air-currents that may pass through the room in order to ventilate and also dry the garments when damp from perspiration.

Another object is to provide a rack on which the garments may be placed, so as to be separated from each other, and therefore be the better ventilated.

A further object is to provide a rack having the devices for supporting the garments or wearing-apparel so arranged that the articles may be conveniently placed thereon in the order in which they may be removed from the person.

A still further object is to so construct a garment-rack that it may be roughly handled without liability to breakage and which shall be neat in appearance and adapted to be easily cleaned and that may also be suitable for use as a display-rack in stores.

With the above objects in view the invention consists in a stand provided with one or more coat and vest supporters, a hat-supporter, stocking-supporters, and other garment-supporters arranged in inclined tiers; and the invention consists also in the parts and the combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter particularly described and claimed.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 repre-

sents perspective view of a rack constructed substantially in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a front elevation thereof with a portion of the stem broken away; Fig. 3, a fragmentary side elevation, and Fig. 4 a top plan view.

Similar reference characters in the drawings indicate corresponding parts throughout.

In construction various materials and combinations of materials may be employed. In Fig. 1 the rack is represented as being composed of twisted wires for the main parts and single wires for smaller parts. In the remaining figures the various parts are represented as being composed of either metallic rods or tubes or partly of wood and single strands of wires. Rattan, bamboo, and willow or the like may also enter into the construction, either twisted or in single strips or pieces.

The stem A is provided with any suitable stand or base, preferably three outspread legs, as *a a a*. At or near the base of the stem are a suitable number of stocking-supporters, as *B B'*, extending outwardly and upwardly from the stem and attached thereto. These are preferably formed as oval loops, the extremities, as at *b*, being adapted to enter stockings and the like to the toes thereof, while the body portions are designed to hold open the articles that may be placed over them.

A beam C is secured to the top of the stem A and extends equal distances oppositely from the stem substantially at right angles thereto. The beam is braced by arms *D D'*, extending therefrom and joined to the stem, as at *d*, below the beam, the upper ends of the arms being braced by the beam. It will be understood that the arms extend at opposite sides of the stem upwardly at oblique angles therefrom, and the arms are provided with suitable hooks, as *1 2 3 4 5*, upon which articles may be suspended, the hooks 2 being situated in a higher plane and farther from the stem A than the hooks 1, the hooks 3 farther and higher than the hooks 2, the hooks 4 farther and higher than the hooks 3, and the hooks 5 farther and higher than the hooks 4.

Extending above the beam C are loops *E E'*, providing support for one or two hats or other articles, the loops preferably being somewhat



flexible, so that they may be reshaped to adapt them to various styles of hats, the loops being secured either to the beam or to the stem, or to both. The planes of the loops are preferably transverse to the beam.

At either side of the beam C coat and vest supporters F F' are secured thereto, extending in opposite directions outwardly beyond the hat-supporters, and preferably comprise loops having the upper portions flattened and the lower portions extending inwardly toward the stem A, so that narrow ends *e* are formed, adapted to enter the arm-openings of the garments.

In practical use the rack is to be set upon the floor of the apartment, the stem being vertical. A coat may be hung over one of the supporters F or F' and a vest over the other, so as to be spread out to the air and entirely free from other portions of the rack. Shoes may be placed between and under the legs of the rack, and stockings or hose may be drawn over the supporters B B'. A hat may be hung by its brim upon and between the two loops of the hat-supporter, or it may be placed uprightly upon or over either loop. Handkerchiefs and neckties may be hung over the beam, and trousers and undergarments may be hung upon the hooks in the order in which they may be removed in disrobing, the shorter garments on the lower hooks and the longer on the upper hooks.

For use in stores the rack will be found convenient upon which to hang or drape various articles of furnishings or novelties.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A garment-rack including a stem, means for supporting the stem uprightly, a beam attached to the top of the stem, arms attached to opposite sides of the stem and also to the beam, devices attached to the arms whereby to support garments, and a hat-supporter

mounted substantially upon the stem above the beam.

2. A garment-rack including a stem, means for supporting the stem uprightly, arms attached to opposite sides of the stem, hooks connected with the arms, and a pair of coat and vest supporters each comprising a loop disposed in a plane above the hooks, the two supporters extending beyond the sides of the stem and supported substantially thereby.

3. A garment-rack including a stem, means for supporting the stem uprightly, arms attached to opposite sides of the stem, hooks connected with the arms, and stocking-supports each comprising a loop attached to the stem and adapted to hold open the stockings, and a loop hat-supporter mounted substantially upon the stem.

4. A garment-rack including a stem, supports for the stem attached thereto, arms attached to the stem, hooks attached to the arms, a pair of coat and vest supporters mounted substantially upon the stem and extending in oblique planes at opposite sides thereof, and a hat-supporter also mounted substantially upon the stem between the pair of coat and vest supporters.

5. A garment-rack comprising a stem, legs attached to the stem, stocking-supports attached to the stem near the legs and extending obliquely from the stem, arms attached to the stem above the stocking-supports and extending obliquely from the stem, hooks connected to the arms, a beam attached to the stem and also to the upper ends of the arms, coat and vest supporters attached to the beam, and a hat-supporter at the top of the stem.

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

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