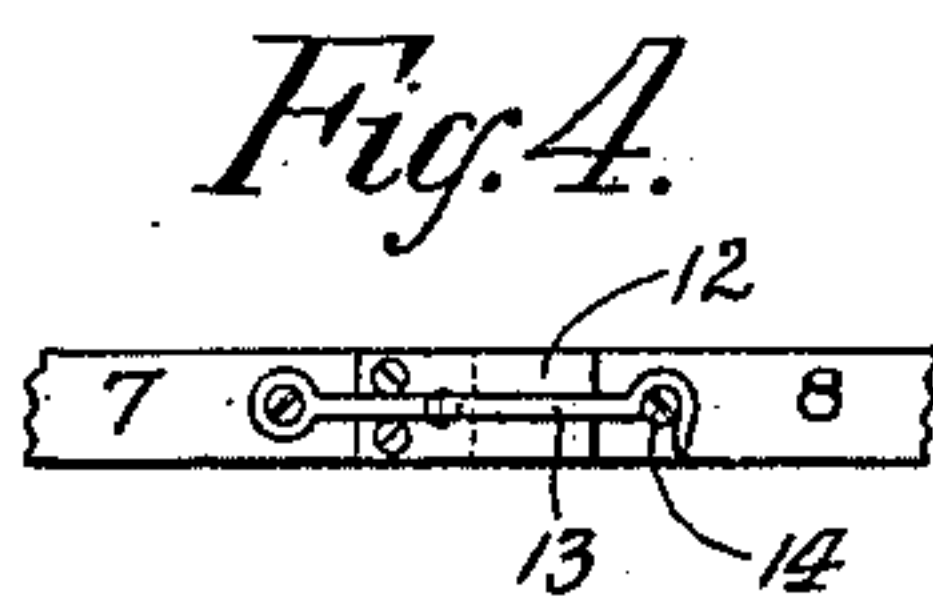
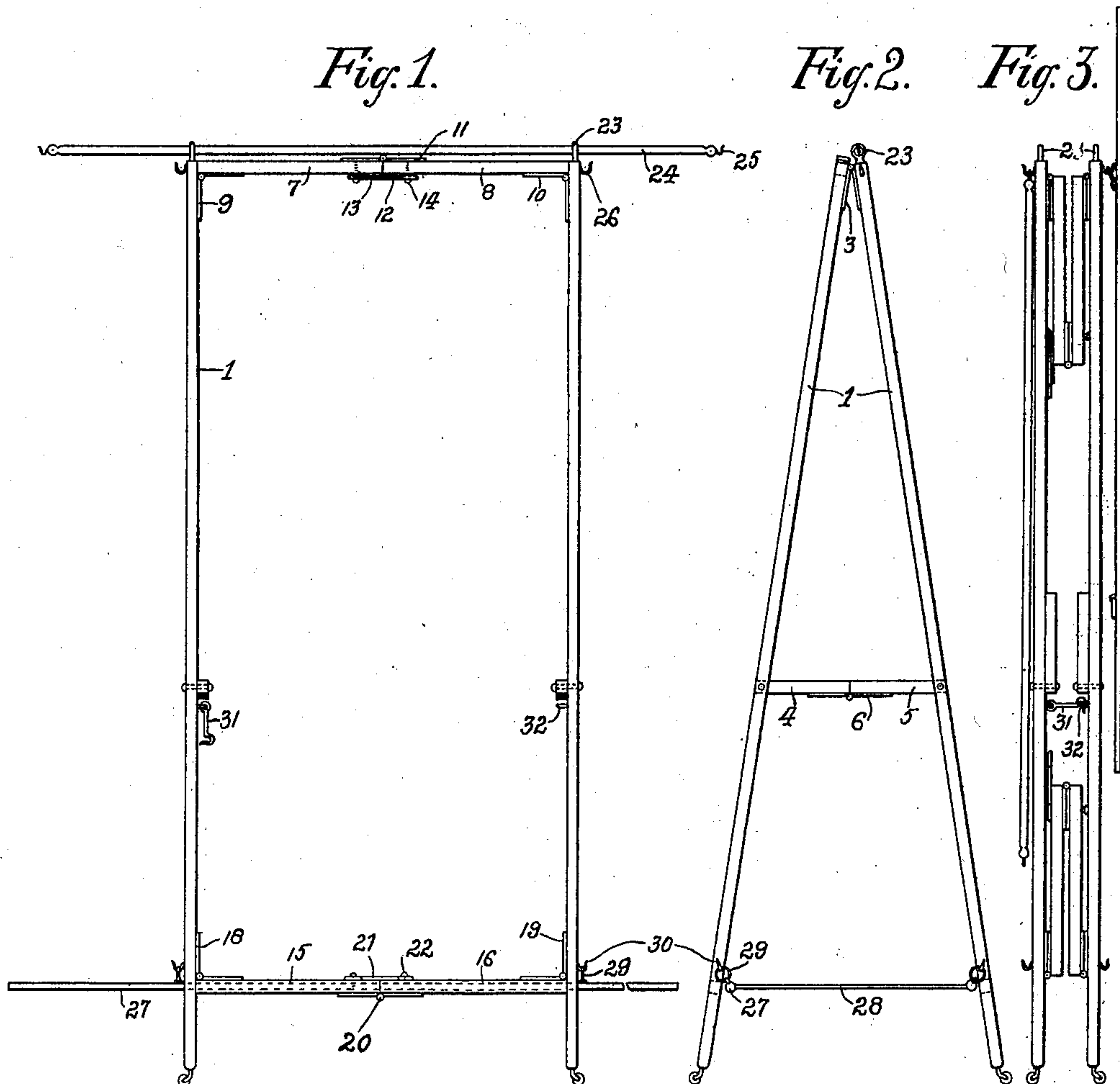


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH R. MAURAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and the State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Portable Dusting-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a frame for holding garments while they are being dusted; and the object thereof is to provide a convenient frame for that purpose which can be easily moved from place to place in the room or place where the dusting is required to be done. In cloak stores and other stores where garments are sold large cases are used in which the cloaks or other goods are hung up. These garments sometimes hang in cases for long periods of time, and more or less dust settles on them, so that they require dusting every few days. This has usually been done by taking a garment off the hook, removing it from the case, and then while holding it with one hand to dust it with a duster operated by the other hand. This work is very tiresome, and in large establishments it takes considerable time for its accomplishment. With my dusting-frame this work is rendered much easier of accomplishment, saving time and wear on the garment and of the operator.

Figure 1 is a side view of my duster-frame, and Fig. 2 is an end view thereof. Fig. 3 is a view of the frame folded up ready to be put aside. Fig. 4 is a detail of a joint in the cross-braces.

In the drawings, 1 represents the upright corner-posts having in the bottom thereof casters 2. These corner-posts are arranged in pairs which are united at their tops by hinges 3 and are also centrally united by end braces 4 and 5, pivotally connected to the corner-posts and connected together by the upwardly-closing hinge 6. The two pairs of corner-posts are united at the top by top side braces 7 and 8, which are united to the posts by hinges 9 and 10. These top braces are united by the downwardly-closing hinge 11. Beneath the joint formed by this hinge is a supporting-plate 12, one end of which is rigidly fastened to one of the braces, as shown in Fig. 4.

To one of said braces is also fastened a retaining-hook 13, which turns on the screw which fastens it to the brace and engages with a screw 14 in the other brace to prevent breaking at the joint when the frame is in use. Similar bottom side braces 15 and 16 on each side, secured to the posts by hinges 18 and 19 and united by the upwardly-closing hinge 20, are provided near the bottom of the posts. The joint between the braces is prevented from breaking upwardly by a hook 21 and screw 22. Large eyes 23 in the top of the corner-posts hold an extension-pole 24, which provides additional means to support garments. In the ends of this pole are hooks 25. Other hooks 26 may be secured to the corner-posts, on which garments may be hung. A dust-collecting frame is secured between the corner-posts and extends on each side thereof. It is composed of poles 27, to which is secured fabric 28. These poles are provided with rings 29, which pass over hooks 30 to secure the frame to the corner-posts and which permit the removal thereof.

When the dusting-frame is not in use, it is folded up, as shown in Fig. 3, and a hook 31 on one part engages an eye 32 on the other part and keeps them secured together. The top pole and the dust-frame may be hung on hooks on the corner-posts, as shown, and the frame stored away.

In the use of my device the operator assembles the parts as shown in the drawings and rolls the same in front of a case containing garments to be dusted. A garment is taken from the case and hung upon or to the top bar. The operator then takes a duster and standing at a proper distance therefrom dusts the garment. If desired, the operator could use a duster in each hand. By the use of this frame the operator is relieved of the weight of the garment while dusting it, and can stand at a proper distance therefrom for the most effective use of the duster thereto, which is not possible if the garment is held with one hand, thereby lessening the wear on the garment and enabling the operator to dust it in much less time than if held in the hand. Several garments can be hung on the frame at the same time, and one or more operators can

work at the same frame. When the dusting is completed, by unfastening the hooks which hold the joints of the braces from breaking and removing the top pole and the dust-frame 5 the parts can be folded together, as shown in Fig. 3, and in this modified form by removing the pins which pass through the socket and the base of the standards the base can be swiveled to lie in the same plane with the 10 longitudinal bars, when the pins can be replaced, holes being arranged in the standard therefor, and the frame can be rolled into the case back of the garments, out of the way, or can be stood up against a wall, thereby oc- 15 cupying little space.

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

A dusting-frame comprising four corner-

posts arranged in pairs, said pairs being piv- 20 otally united at the top and centrally connected by end braces, said braces being pivotally connected to each other and to the corner-posts; side braces hinged together and to said 25 corner-posts, connecting the members of said pairs at the top and near the bottom; means to make rigid the central joints of said side braces; an extension-pole removably connected to the 30 top of said corner-posts; and a dust-collecting receptacle removably attached to said corner-posts near the bottom thereof.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 4th day of September, 1902.

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