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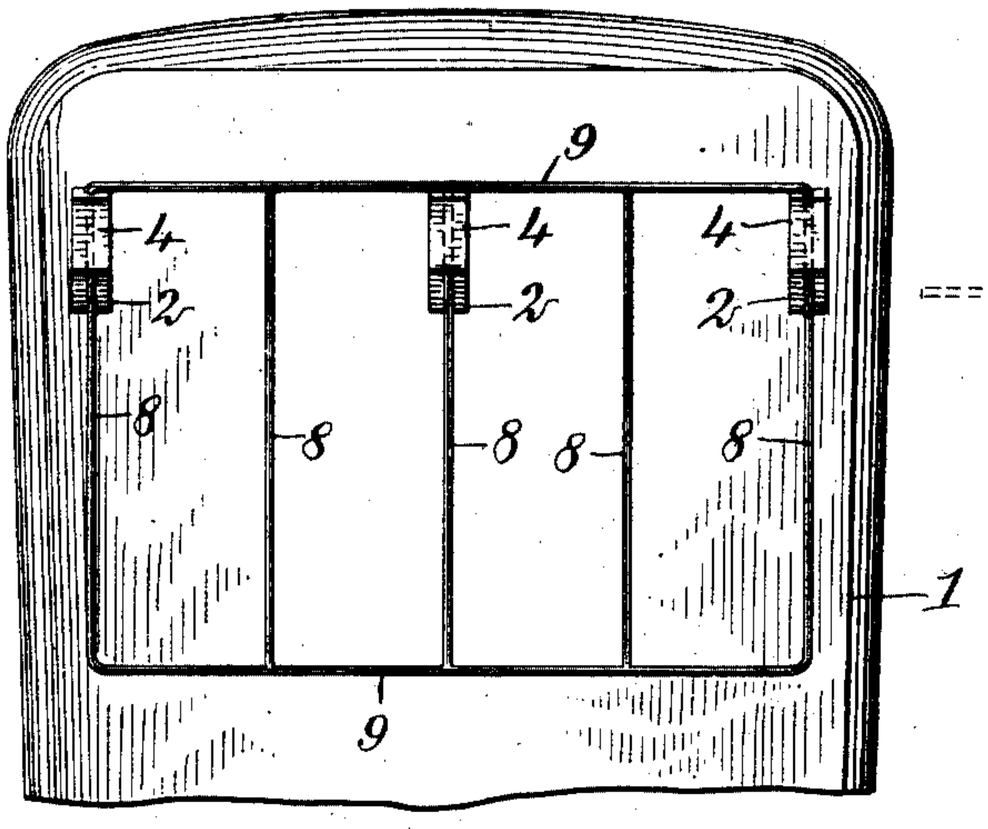
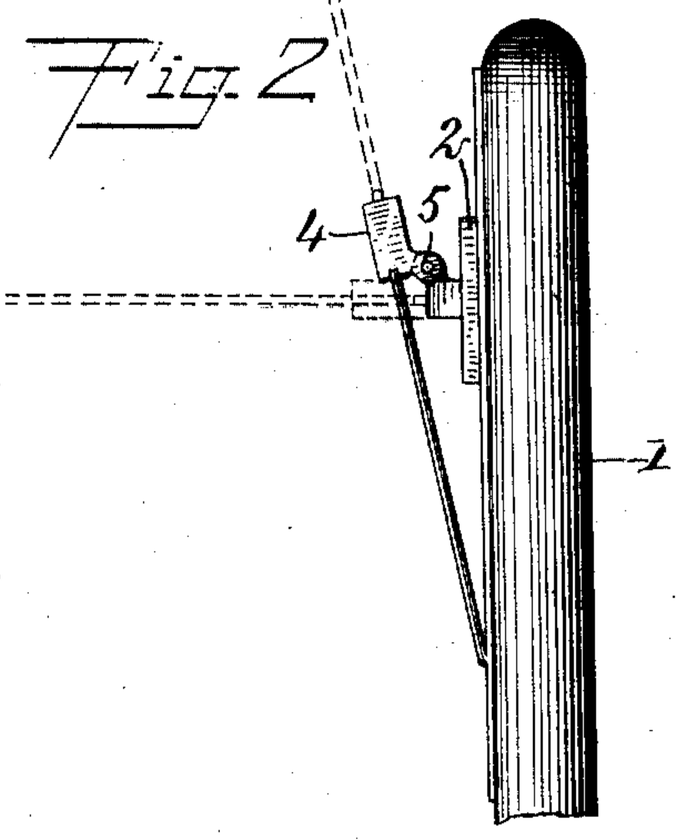


Fig. 1



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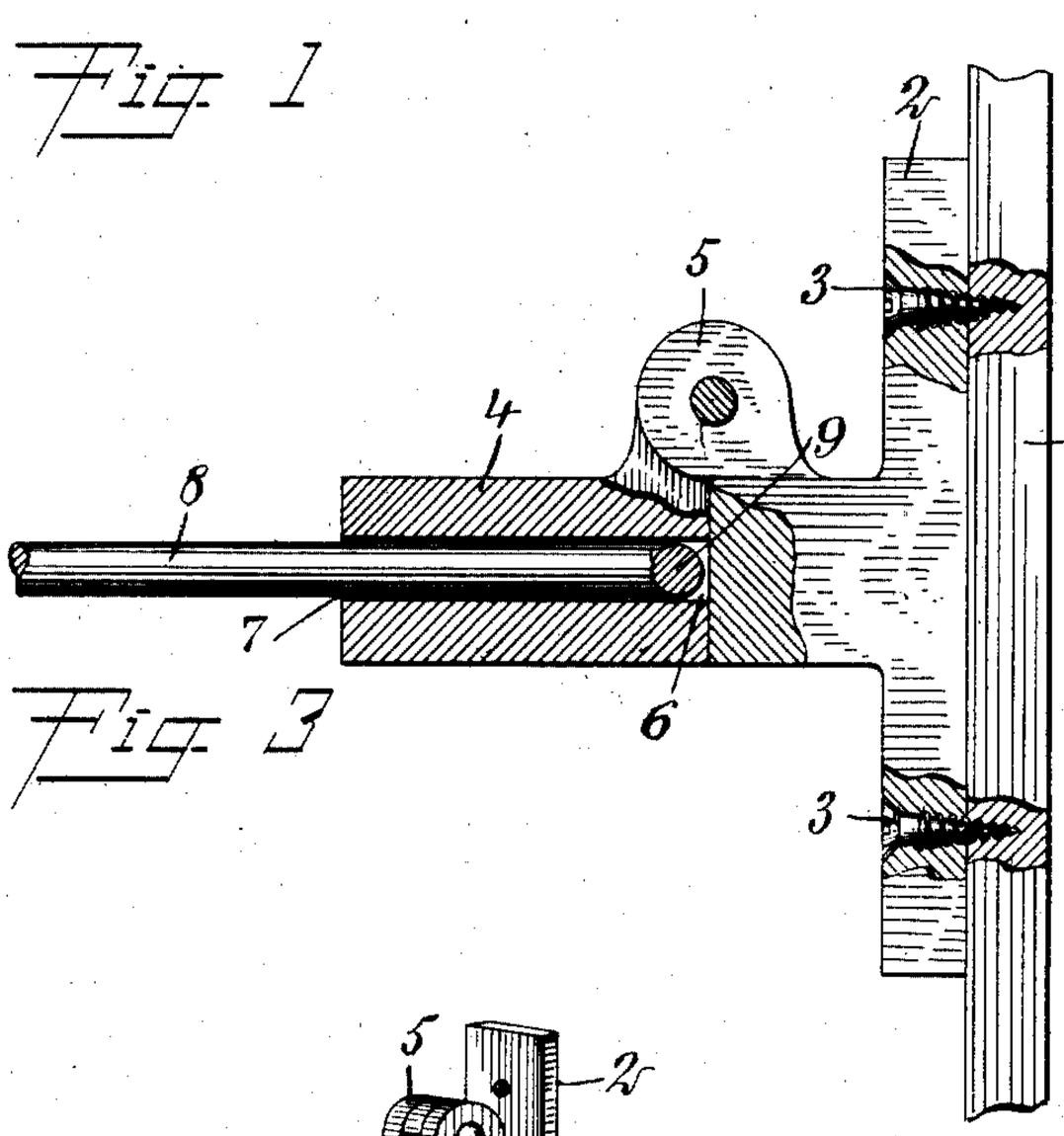

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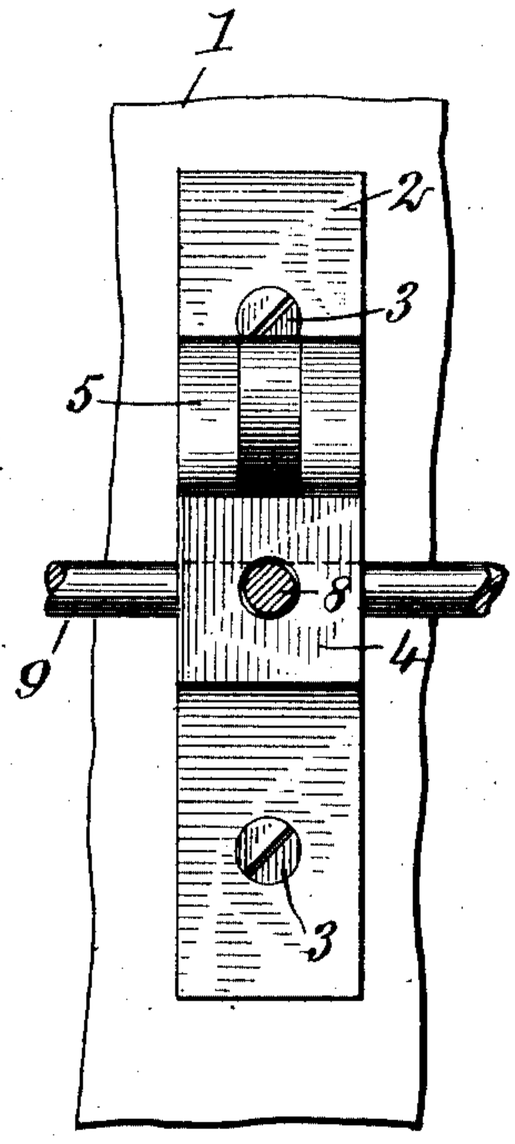

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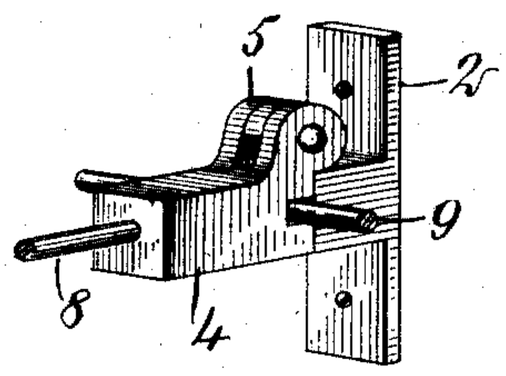

Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES JOSEPH RONAN and JOHN FRANCIS BARRY, both citizens of the United States, and residents of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Folding Rack, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention has for its object to provide means capable of general use, but especially adapted to be attached to the back of a theater chair, to be extended therefrom to form a shelf for supporting a woman's hat or other object, and to be folded up out of the way when not in use.

Other objects relating to the specific construction and special arrangement of the several parts of our invention will be understood from the following description and acompanying drawings, in which drawings like characters of reference indicate like parts throughout the views, and in which

Figure 1 is an elevation of the device attached to the back of a seat; Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional side view, partly broken away, of the device shown in Fig. 2 arranged as when in use; Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the device shown in Fig. 3; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a bracket forming part of our invention.

As illustrated in the drawings, 1 represents the back of a theater seat, to which is attached a plurality of brackets 2 by means of screws 3 or otherwise. The brackets 2 are provided with sections 4 hinged to the main section of the bracket by means of knuckle joints 5. The pivoted sections 4 are provided with transverse recesses 6, and longitudinal recesses 7 adapted to receive the transverse bars 8 of a shelf having longitudinal bars 9. The transverse bars 8 have a sliding engagement with the pivotal sections of the brackets so that when the device is not in use the shelf may be retracted in the pivoted sections of the brackets and extended downward therefrom, as shown in Fig. 2. When, however, it is desired to use the rack the shelf is projected forward in the pivoted sections 4, as shown in Fig. 3. When the parts are so arranged, the inner portion of the pivoted sections of the bracket bear against the main portion thereof and hold the shelf in a horizontal position, with the inner longitudinal bar 9 of the shelf in engagement with the recesses 6 of the pivoted sections of the brackets. The shelf is removed from such position and placed in the position shown in Fig. 2, by raising the free end of the shelf and allowing the shelf to slide through the pivoted sections into the position shown in Fig. 2.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A rack comprising a plurality of brackets having hinged sections pivotally connected therewith, provided with longitudinal recesses, and a rack provided with transverse bars having sliding engagement with the recesses of said pivoted sections, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of a plurality of brackets having hinged sections provided with longitudinal grooves, a rack having transverse bars adapted to slide in the recesses of said sections, and longitudinal bars connected to the ends of the transverse bars, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination of a plurality of brackets having hinged sections provided with longitudinal and transverse recesses, and a shelf comprising longitudinal bars, and cross bars connected therewith and adapted to have a sliding engagement with the longitudinal apertures of said pivoted sections, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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