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Fig. 1.

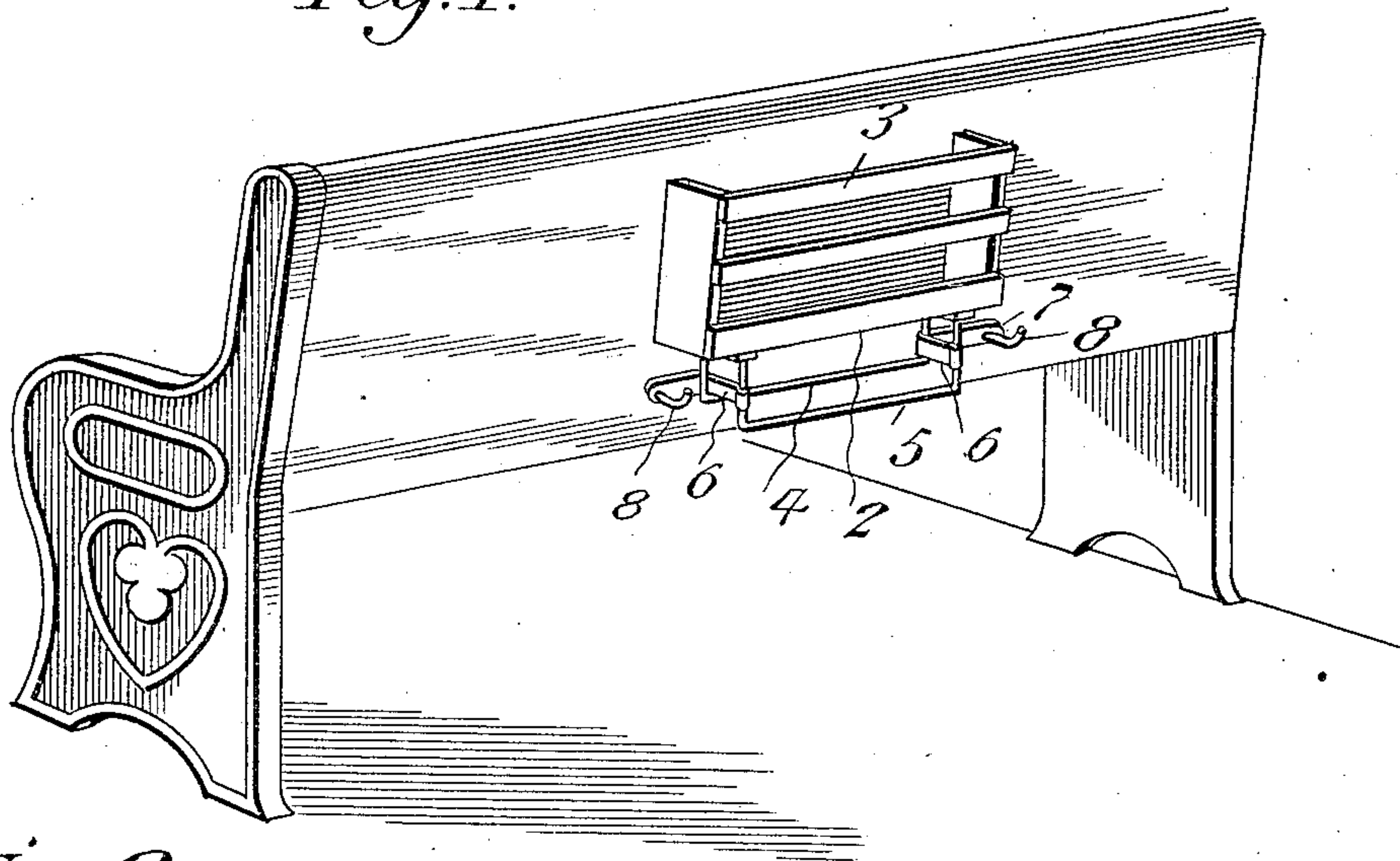


Fig. 2.

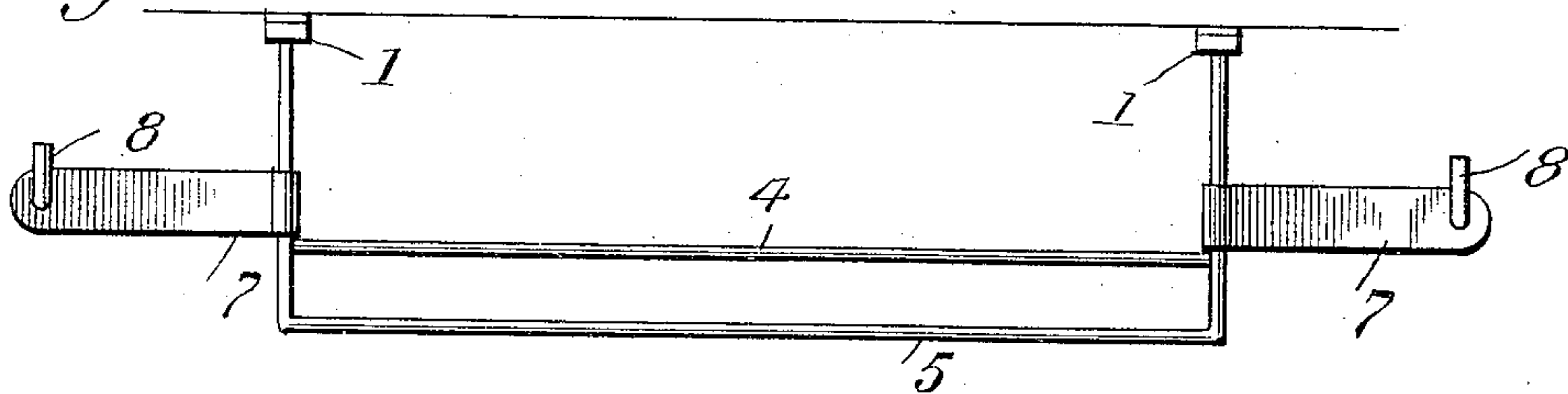
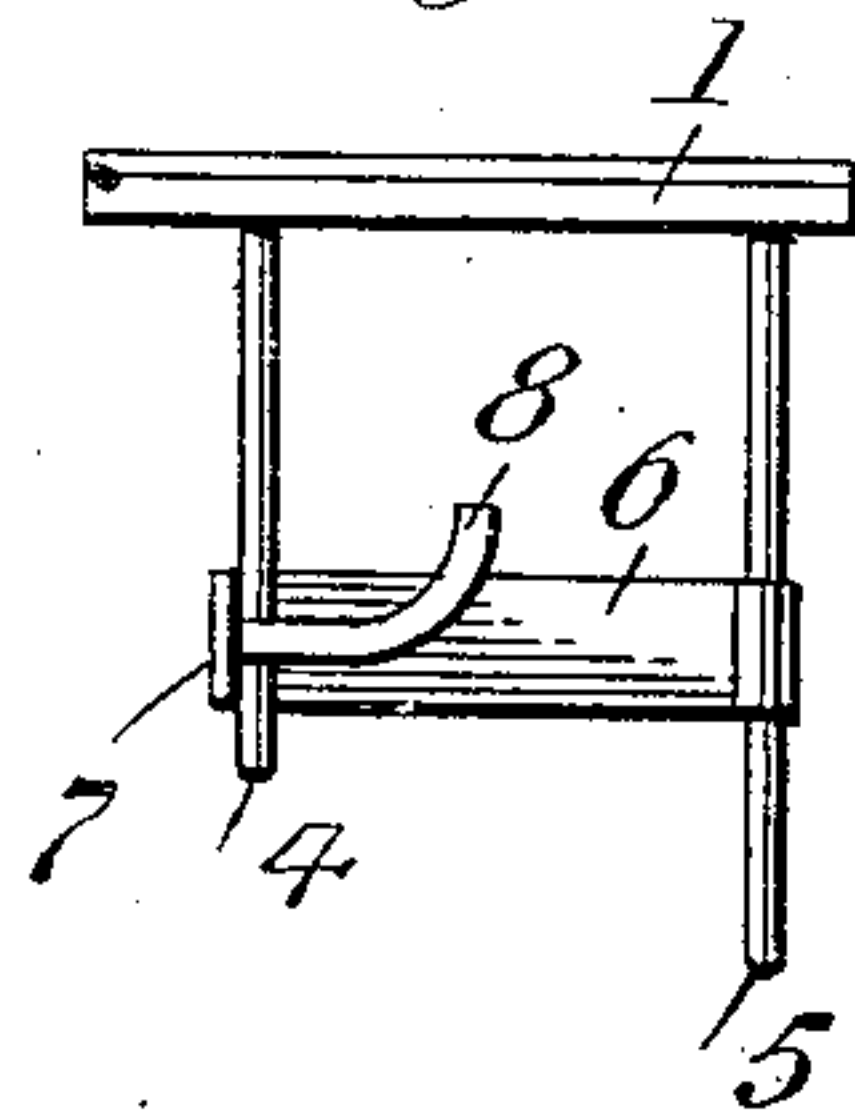


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR JAMES LE MESSURIER, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at St. Johns, Newfoundland, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat Rests, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in hat and coat racks designed primarily for use in church pews or similar situations.

The main object of the present invention is the production of a device of the character described designed for application to the book rest on the back of the pew and constructed to provide for supporting hats and coats in a convenient and unobstructing manner.

The invention will be described in the following specification, reference being had particularly to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pew illustrating the application thereto of my improved hat and coat rack. Fig. 2 is an enlarged front elevation of a hat and coat rack detached. Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the same.

Referring to the drawing my improved rack comprises duplicate base strips 1 designed to be secured to the base board 2 of the book rest 3 usually secured to the back of the pew or similar structure. The base strips are spaced apart approximating the length of the book rack and support hanger rods 4 and 5, each constructed of rod like material and in approximately U-form, the terminals of the upright portions of the hangers being secured to the base strips, while the cross rods extend in spaced relation from and parallel to the bottom board 2 of the book rack. By preference the uprights of the forward hangers 5 are somewhat greater length than the similar parts of the hanger 4, so that the cross bar of the upright 5 is on a relatively lower plane than the cross bar of the hanger 4, thereby providing convenient access to each hanger without interference.

It is to be noted that the hangers are maintained in relatively spaced parallel relation with the rear hanger arranged such a

distance from the back of the pew as will permit the ready passing of a coat or other garment over the cross bar of said hanger. Brace strips 6 are secured to the respective alined uprights of the hangers 5 and 4, being connected to the forward hanger and extending therefrom parallel to the base strips 1 and secured to the rear hanger, said brace strips beyond the rear hanger being bent laterally to provide arms 7, which are terminally provided with hooks 8, to provide for the reception of a hat or the like. The brace strips 6 serve to maintain the hangers 4 and 5 in fixed relative position, while at the same time providing the necessary length for the spacing of the hat hooks beyond the plane of the hangers, as shown.

The device in use provides for supporting a plurality of hats and coats and owing to its comparatively concealed position beneath the book rack, the hats and coats supported thereon are out of the path of persons desiring entrance to or exit from the pew, thus avoiding obstructing the passage to any appreciable extent.

The support proper is of simple, inexpensive construction and may be readily secured to or detached from the book rack with the minimum of exertion and without in the least marring the appearance or interfering with the function of said racks.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:

. The combination with a supporting rack, of a hat and coat rack secured thereto and comprising independent U-shaped members depending from the supporting rack in spaced relation with their supporting bars in different horizontal planes, brace strips connected to one of the hangers and engaging the other, each of said strips being projected laterally beyond the hangers, and coat hooks carried by the lateral projections of the strips.

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

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