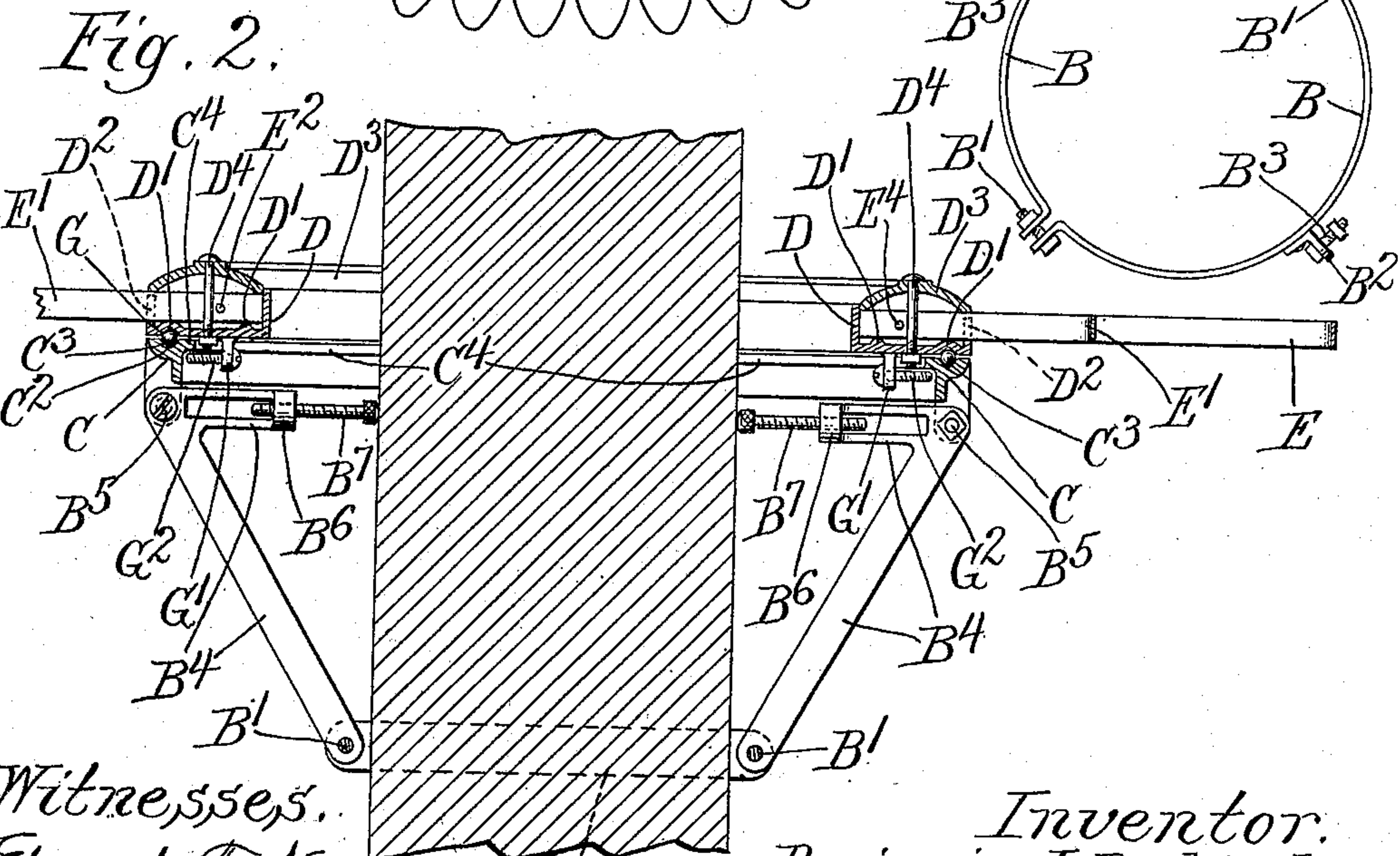
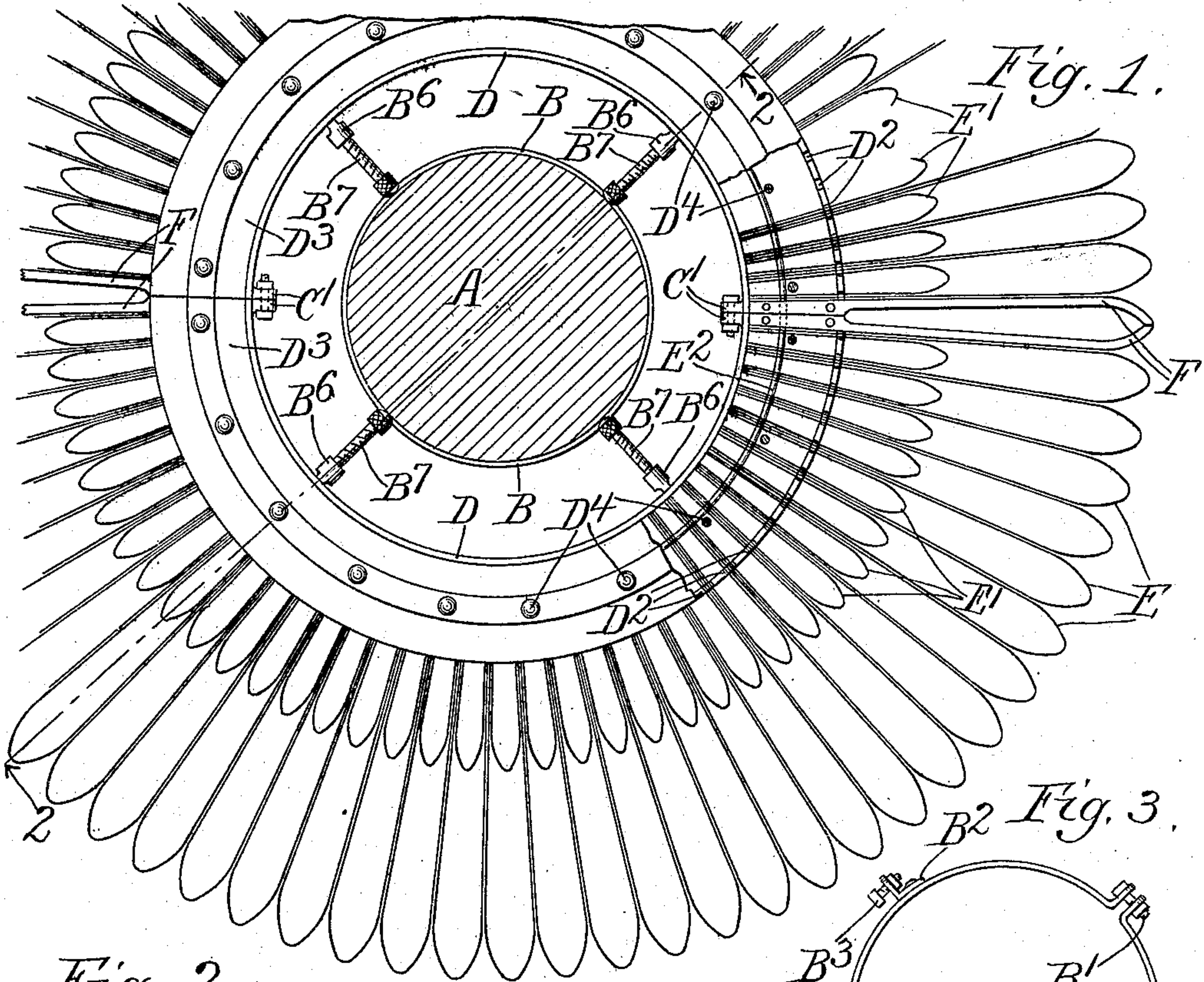


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN J. BUCKINGHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Garment-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garment holders and has for its object to provide a garment holder suitable for application to and rotation about a fixed column. Columns are of different sizes and my invention is capable of application in a device which for the most part is suitable for use on columns of various sizes. By making the device of a proper general size, its principal parts are capable of use with any ordinary column and that portion which has to be fitted to each column is simple and easily made and applied.

One form of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view, Fig. 2 a cross section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the two part hollow encircling ring.

Like parts are indicated by the same character in all the figures.

A is the post about which is fixed a ring composed of the two parts B B. The two ends of these two parts are provided with projecting lips and are adapted to be drawn together to complete the ring and tighten it on the post by means of the bolts B¹ B¹. Projecting from each of these half ring pieces B is a lug B² with the bolt B³. Arms B⁴ B⁴ are secured to such ring by attachment between the lips and to the lug by means of the respective bolts B¹ B³. These arms, of course, are more or less loose so that they can assume any angle of inclination, though when the device is set in position as hereinbefore explained, the several bolts may be, and perhaps preferably should be, securely drawn into position. The arms B⁴ are preferably in the shape of elbow crank levers each pivotally secured at B⁵ to a ring section C. There are two of these sections provided at their ends with lugs C¹ C¹ with a ball bearing groove C² into which the balls C³ lie. Each ring section also has an inwardly projecting lip C⁴. The upper end

of the elbow crank lever B⁴ may be provided with an enlargement B⁶ which is adapted to receive a screw-threaded rod B⁷, the outer end of which is shaped as desired and is adapted to impinge upon the surface of the column above the hoop B B.

D D are the two sections of a channel bar preferably provided on their insides and at the bottom with the raised ribs D¹ D¹ and slotted in their outer edges by the slots D². D³ is a cover on each of these channel ring sections held in position by the bolts D⁴ D⁴. Lying across the channel ring sections and upon the ribs D¹ are the outer spring fingers E and the inner spring fingers E¹. They are all held together at their inner ends where they are perforated by a wire E² and they are held in position farther out by being inserted in the slots D². When they are thus put in position they are held by the cover D³. At each end of each of these channel ring sections is a rigid finger section F. They are positioned and shaped so that when the two rings are brought together their outer outwardly curved ends will abut each other so as to form a finger approximating in size and shape the outer spring fingers. When the parts are assembled the whole device is rigidly mounted on the post but the channel ring from which the spring fingers project is capable of rotating freely around the post, for the balls C³ are received into the groove G in the bottom of the channel ring. To keep this channel ring from rising or becoming displaced, I provide a series of lugs G¹ on the bottom and through them I pass a series of set screws G² which are adapted to take under the lip C⁴.

Of course it will be understood that these parts are capable of great variation in size, shape, form and arrangement and that my drawing is to be considered as in an important sense diagrammatic or intended only to illustrate one form of device in which my invention is disclosed, though, of course, some of these features could be omitted and others varied without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The use and operation of my invention are as follows: These articles will be manufactured at some central distributing point, and

they are intended to be sold for use at widely scattered points, and in cities of various sizes, and thus for use under various conditions. Experience shows that there is a wide
 5 variation in the size of columns, and it is desirable to have a garment rack or holder for skirts, trousers and the like which can be applied to these posts. Since the posts are of different diameters it is desirable to have
 10 a rack which is applicable to any of them with the least possible variation so that the racks can be made in quantity and carried in stock and can be, with the least possible difficulty, varied to suit particular conditions.
 15 The channel ring or finger holding ring is made with a center aperture of sufficient diameter to encircle the thickest column ordinarily found. The support for this ring must bear upon the column at two points,
 20 at one of these points it must encircle the column, at the other it need only impinge upon the column. The supporting device, therefore, must contain one element which will be varied in size to suit the several col-
 25 umns, whereas the other element needs only to be adjustable. My support, therefore, for the finger-holding ring embraces two elements or principles; one adapted to clasp the column, the other to abut the column. The
 30 latter is adjustable as to length. When the ring or hoop is clamped upon the column, its arms may fall into any position. They are, however, preferably directed upwardly and outwardly as indicated and secured to the
 35 two sections of the ball-bearing ring, which sections are bolted together so as to make another hoop or ring about the post. This ring, of course, would tilt in either direction were it not for the fact that the distance be-
 40 tween it and the post is bridged in say four different places by adjustable arms. When the adjustment has been made, the ball-bearing ring will be properly centered about the axis of the column, and will be securely
 45 and rigidly held in position. The two sections of the finger holding ring are then placed upon it, and on the balls. They are bolted together and the set screws are manipulated so as to hold the parts together.
 50 Now it is obvious that all of these parts are interchangeable, and uniform, and, therefore can be prepared anywhere and assembled anywhere else, except the hoop which clasps the column. This must be made to fit the
 55 particular column within reasonable limits, but this is a perfectly simple structure which can be either furnished on order by the manufacturer, or made on the ground by any metal worker out of ordinary metal strips.
 60 Skirts and trousers can be inserted between the spring fingers until the rack be fully loaded, whereupon it can be rotated by a customer or clerk with great ease about the

column, so that all the goods can be easily brought before the customer or to the light
 65 and can be inspected with ease and satisfaction. The balls may be spaced or supported in their respective grooves in any desired manner.

I claim:

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1. A garment holder, comprising a sectional column clasp hoop, a series of arms thereon, on the outer ends of the arms a series of inner projections toward the column, a larger column encircling hoop supported on
 75 the outer ends of said arms, and a garment holding ring mounted on the larger hoop.

2. A garment holder, comprising a sectional column clasp hoop, a series of elbow crank lever arms thereon, secured at one
 80 end to the hoop, and adapted at the other end to engage the column, a larger column encircling hoop supported on said arms, and a garment holding ring mounted on the larger hoop.
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3. A garment holder, comprising a column clasp hoop, a larger column encircling hoop, arms attached to the former, and adapted to hold the latter, means for centering the encircling hoop about the column, a
 90 garment holding ring mounted on the larger hoop, and ball-bearing supports between the larger hoop and the ring.

4. A garment holder, comprising a column clasp hoop, a larger column encircling
 95 hoop, arms attached to the former, and adapted to hold the latter, means for centering the encircling hoop about the column, and a garment holding ring mounted on the larger hoop, said garment holding ring comprising sections whose abutting ends are provided with rigid garment holding fingers and elastic garment holding fingers intermediate such ends.
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5. A garment holder, comprising a column clasp hoop, a larger column encircling
 105 hoop, arms attached to the former, and adapted to hold the latter, means for centering the encircling hoop about the column, and a garment holding ring supported on the
 110 encircling hoop and comprising sections whose abutting ends are provided with rigid garment holding fingers and elastic garment holding fingers intermediate such ends, and a cover over such ring and fingers to hold
 115 the latter in position.

6. A garment holder, comprising a column clasp hoop, a larger column encircling
 120 hoop, arms attached to the former, and adapted to hold the latter, means for centering the encircling hoop about the column, a garment holding ring mounted on the larger hoop, and interlocking means to prevent the ring from being displaced from the larger
 125 hoop.

7. A garment holder, comprising a column

clasp ing hoop, a larger column encircling
hoop, arms attached to the former, and
adapted to hold the latter, means for center-
ing the encircling hoop about the column, a
5 garment holding ring mounted on the larger
hoop and means for holding such ring and
hoop together, consisting of a flange on one

part and a movable interlocking device on
the other.

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