

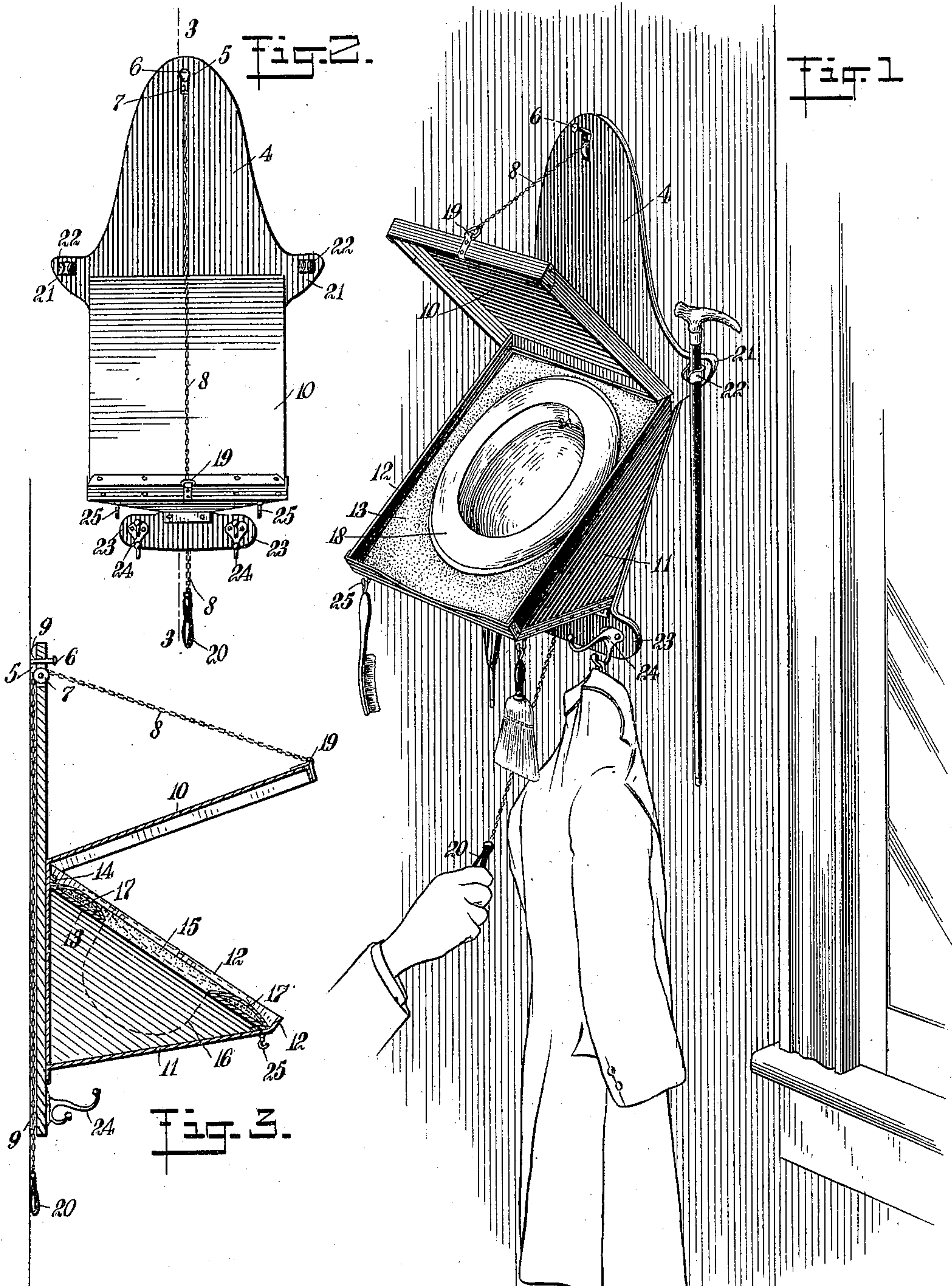
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAURITZ LOWENSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Malden, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Wall-Rack, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are: To provide a compact and convenient form of rack for hanging coats, having combined therewith a box receptacle for a hat, and hanging devices for canes and umbrellas, as well as brushes suitable for use for both the coat and hat; to provide a hat receptacle constructed and arranged to be used in an elevated position; to provide means for opening and closing the lid of said hat receptacle; and to provide a construction for the rack which is simple, efficient and durable.

One embodiment of the present invention is disclosed in the structure illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which like characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a rack constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention; Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same, the lid of the hat receptacle being illustrated in its closed position; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the structure taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, the lid being open.

The back 4 is preferably constructed from wood, and is provided at a point near the top with an eyelet 5, which may be extended over a nail 6, or other suitable hanging device. In the lower extension of the eyelet 5 is mounted, on suitable pivots, a pulley 7 to act as a sheave for a pull chain 8, which is passed to the rear of the back 4 between the same and the wall on which it is hung. (See Fig. 3.) It is to permit the free play of the chain 8 between the back 4 and the wall upon which it is suspended that I have provided studs 9, 9. The studs 9, 9 are disposed near the upper, lower and lateral extensions of the back 4 to form a suitable rest against the wall. Preferably the studs are three in number, that combination producing a universal steadying effect on the structural wall upon which the fixture is hung. The disposition of the said studs is optional. The chain 8 is used to elevate the lid 10 of

a receptacle 11. The receptacle 11 is constructed substantially as illustrated in the drawings, having the side walls thereof converged toward the bottom, the walls being brought together so as to clear the usual stiff hat for which the receptacle is best adapted.

Extended between the upper edges 12, 12 of the receptacle is a partition 13. The partition 13 is held in position by a strip 14 which prevents the partition 13 being withdrawn from the receptacle in lifting the hat. In the partition 13 is formed an opening 15 to pass the crown 16 of the usual stiff hat. The partition 13 is provided with pads 17 extended from the opening 15 to the outer edges 12 of the receptacle. It is upon the pads 17 that the rim 18 of the hat rests when held within the receptacle.

The lid 10 of the receptacle is provided with an eyelet 19, to which the anchored end of the chain 8 is attached. The lid 10 is made sufficiently heavy to overcome the weight of the chain 8, to automatically and positively close the receptacle except when the chain 8 is drawn downward by the hand of the user when grasping a handle 20, attached to the free end of the chain. By operating the lid 10 by means of the chain 8, the hand which is employed to raise the lid is lowered thereby.

Mounted upon extensions 21, 21, which are preferably at a level with or above the upper edge of the inclined lid 10, are spring clips 22, 22. The clips 22, 22 are constructed and arranged to expand to permit the insertion within the side members of the clips of such articles as the cane and umbrella, illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Mounted upon extensions 23, 23, which are extended below the lower edge of the hat receptacle 11, are coat hooks 24, 24 of the usual construction. The extensions 21, 21 and 23, 23 may be enlarged to suit the convenience or desire of the user, and arranged to receive a larger number of articles than are provided for in the construction illustrated in the drawings.

Conveniently secured to the forward edge of the receptacle 11 are two or more depended hooks 25, 25, upon which may be hung such small articles as a hat brush and whisk broom illustrated in connection with this device in the accompanying drawings. These brushes, it will be recognized, are desirable

and useful accessories to a fixture of the character described.

The operation whereby the rack is placed on the wall is obvious. Being so placed, the operation of the fixture is as follows: The user, having placed his coat upon one of the hooks 24, grasps the handle 20 connected with the chain 8, and by drawing upon the said chain raises the lid 10 upon its hinge, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings. While retaining the lid open in this position the user can remove his hat, and by reaching upward place the crown thereof within the opening 15 in the partition 13. By releasing the handle 20 the weight of the lid 10 immediately closes the receptacle.

It is obvious that a receptacle of the character illustrated and described has many advantages, among which may be mentioned the protection of the hat from dust while held within the receptacle.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim as new and desire to secure Letters Patent is:

A wall rack comprising a back frame having formed therein means for suspending the same; a box-like receptacle fixedly mounted on said back, having an opening disposed in inclined relation to said frame; a supporting member disposed within said receptacle and in parallel relation to said opening, said member having a sub-circular perforation; a hinged cover for said receptacle; and a flexible lifting member for said cover attached to the free edge thereof and guided through the said frame and at the rear thereof.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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