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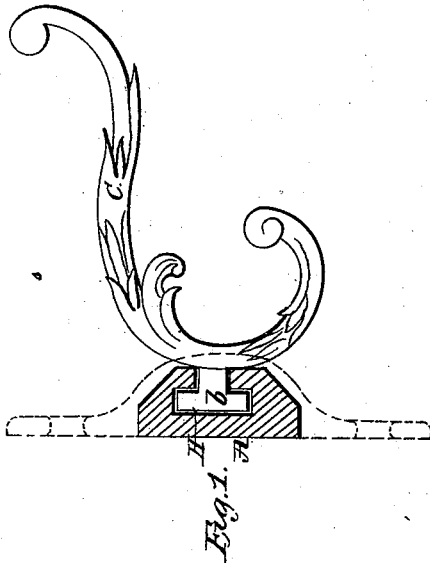
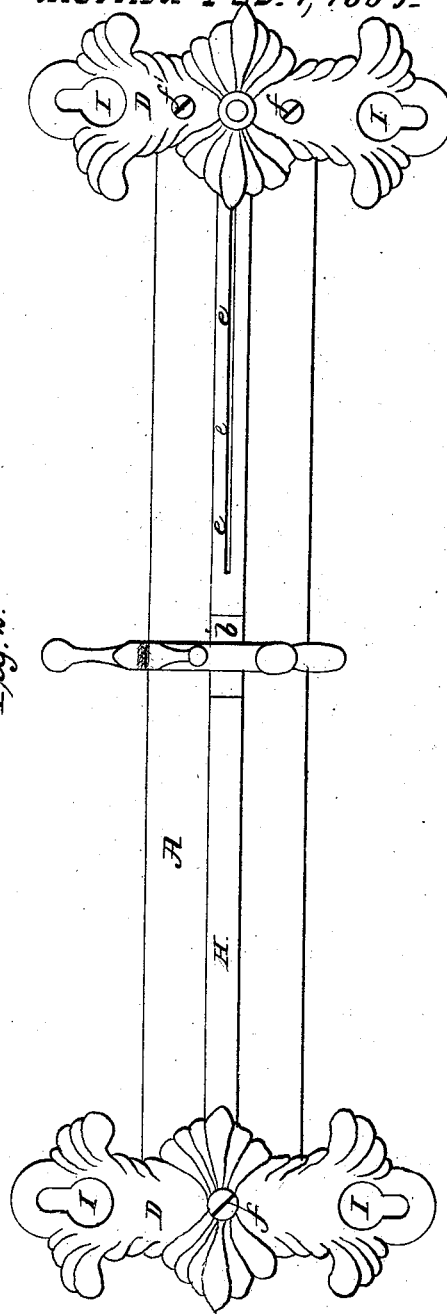


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED COAT AND HAT RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. J. COLBURN, of the city of Newark, county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Coat and Hat Hook; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional side elevation of this invention; Fig. 2, a front elevation of the same.

Letters D D show the device used on each end (of a bar or strip of wood or other material suitable for the purpose when used in combination with the hooks as a portable hat or coat rack or bar) to suspend it by nails, hooks, or screws to the wall. *ff* show the screws for attaching the end piece to the bar. I I show the orifices through which passes the head of the screw or nail to suspend the bar upon when in position.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention consists of a T or similar shaped contrivance attached to or making part of a coat and hat hook in such a manner that when used in combination with a rail or slip of wood or other suitable material through which a U or similar shaped groove is made the hook can be readily attached to the rail by the T-shaped projection being placed in the groove, and the hook can be slid forward and backward at pleasure.

A rail with hooks constructed and attached as described can be readily secured in any desired locality either by first fastening the rail to the wall in the usual manner by nails or screws, and then fixing the hooks in position by sliding them in the groove; or some suitable device, shown by D D, in the drawing, may be attached to the rail so that the rail and hooks attached can be suspended or hung by means of nails or screws driven in the wall, thus constituting a portable hat and clothes bar, which, without removing the hooks, can be put up or taken down at pleasure.

A, Fig. 1, represents a slip of wood or other suitable material provided with a groove, (seen

at *x*), to receive the ends of the projection *b*, which is cast solid with or otherwise secured to the hook C.

In the drawings, a U-shaped groove is shown made in a solid strip of wood or other material suitable for the purpose; but it is obvious that the same effect would be produced if the rail or strip should be divided lengthwise through the groove or the rail be made of two pieces, with a portion of the groove attached to each, as by the two pieces or halves of the strip, when united with the portions of the groove approximating, the same effect would be produced—namely, a U-shaped groove—as if the strip or rail were in one piece. E E E of the drawings show such arrangement.

The projection or attachment *b* (shown in the drawing) is T shaped. I would not limit myself strictly to this shape, as there are other forms that might be used, as a diamond shape. In fact, any similar device would effect the purpose in combination with a U or similar shaped groove.

A U-shaped groove is shown in the drawing, which I consider best adapted for the purpose of supporting the hook in the manner desired. Still a similar effect might be produced by half of an L or similar shaped groove in connection with a half of an T or similar shaped projection on the hook. It is obvious also that the effect I produce by one projection or attachment to the hook, in combination with the rail, as described, might be produced by more than one, as, for instance, two projections of an I or similar shape might be cast or attached to a hook, and also two grooves of a U or similar shape might be used in combination with them in like manner; therefore I would not limit myself to one projection or one groove, but would employ more if necessary to more fully effect my object.

Having thus described the construction of my invention, I will proceed to state the mode of using it. I attach the slip or rail A to the wall, or wherever it may be convenient to use it, by means of nails or screws, in the usual manner. I then place the hooks in position on the bar by sliding the T-projection in the groove and adjust them at the desired distance apart. This method of using hooks requires no screws or nails to fasten them

The hooks can be removed at any time without disturbing the rail.

When I desire to form a portable hat or coat rack, I attach to the rail a device, D D, or its equivalent, cast or otherwise formed, and so constructed and applied to the rail that the rail with a desired number of hooks attached can be suspended to a wall and removed at pleasure.

Having thus stated the nature of my invention and described fully its construction

and operation, I will state what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent.

I claim—

The combination of the hook C, bar or strip A, attachments D D, constructed, arranged, and applied in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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