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Fig. 1.

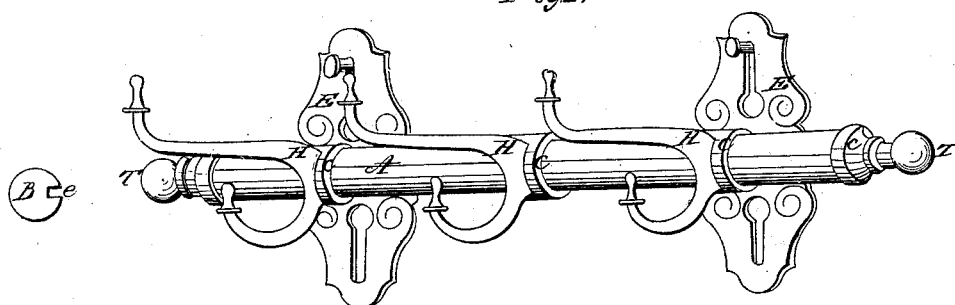


Fig. 2.

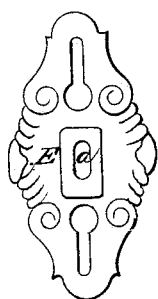


Fig. 3.

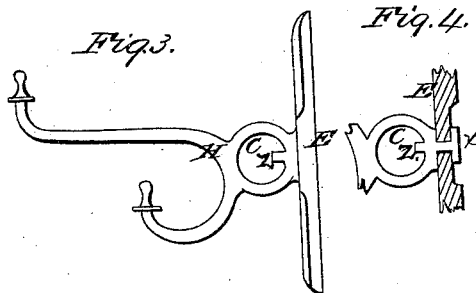


Fig. 4.



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CLOTHES-RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN O. MONTIGNANI, of the city of Albany, State of New York, have invented an Improved Method of Constructing a Clothes-Rack; and I declare the following specification, with the drawings forming part thereof, to be a full and complete description of my invention.

Figure 1 represents the rack in perspective when secured in its place for service. Fig. 2 represents the supporting-bracket in profile—the other figures detached parts of the apparatus.

Similar letters denote the same parts of the apparatus in the various figures.

A represents a wooden rod of suitable length and thickness for the service to which it is to be applied. It is a cylinder with a rectangular groove, *e*, cut into it lengthwise. Its cross-section is as shown at R, Fig. 1. Hooks H, formed as usual, for the holding of clothes, hats, &c., are arranged to slide upon this rod by being attached to or formed with a socket or ring, C, formed and fitted to embrace the rod, having a projecting tongue, Z, to fit into the groove *e*, yet so as to slide smoothly along it, to be placed at convenient distances for use. The rod, with its hooks, is secured to a wall by means of a bracket, which is made by attaching a hook and ring, formed as described, to a back plate, E, having nail-holes and slots. (Shown in front view at Fig. 2 and in profile at Fig. 3.) The hook is separate from the bracket for the convenience of packing away, and is attached to it by the following devices. (Shown in profile in Fig. 4.) It is an oval button, X, upon the ring of the hook, entering into an oval hole, *a*, in the center of the plate, (see Fig. 3,) the hole in the plate having its long diameter vertically and that of the button upon the hook horizontally, or vice versa, so that to enter the button into the hole the hook must be held at right angles to its proper position, and when entered be turned to its proper position, which secures the hook and the bracket firmly together. The plates are finished smoothly on their backs, so as to rest against a wall without defacing it, and they hold the rod so far

from the wall as to permit the free movements of the hooks along the rod without touching the wall. The rod may be finished at the ends by neat terminals T, fitted to it with pins for easy removal when taking the apparatus apart.

The mode of putting up and using the apparatus is too obvious to need explanation.

The advantage of the above mode of construction I deem to be: First, the use of a round rod gives the strongest form with the least material to support weight and to resist the torsion of the leverage of the hooks when loaded; second, the arrangement of the brackets so that the rods can slide through, instead of being fixed to their ends, permits their convenient adjustment in reference to each other, so as to permit their holding-nails to be entered into a wall where they can hold best and with least defacement, adapted to the varying positions of studs in a hollow or the crevices between the bricks in a solid one; third, the promptness with which a hook can be put on or taken off the rod, or, if broken, replaced without removing fastenings, by simply drawing the rod out of one of the brackets and slipping a hook on or off; fourth, the utilization of a bracket by connecting a rod with it.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The rod A, with its groove *e*, in combination with the hooks H and their rings C, fitted to rod, in the manner and for the purpose described.

2. The bracket consisting of a back plate, E, and a hook, H, with its ring C and tongue Z, united together by means of the button X and the hole *a*, in the manner and for the purpose described.

3. The rod A, with its groove *e*, the bracket formed by the back plate, E, and a hook, H, with its ring C, the hooks H, with their rings C, and tongues Z, in combination with each other, substantially as described, together forming an improved clothes-rack.

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