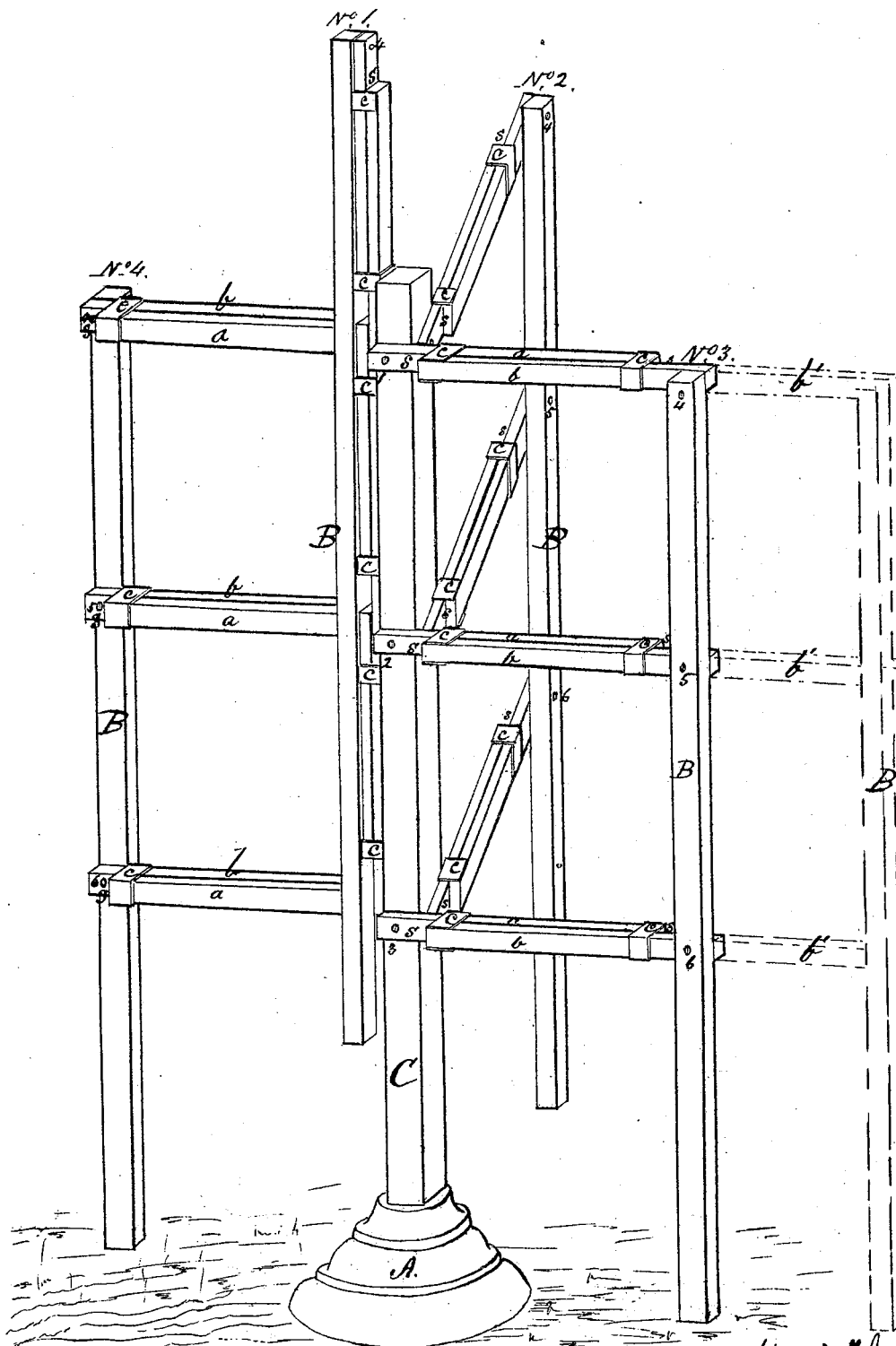


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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARVIN FLANDERS, of Kendall, in the county of Orleans, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The drawing represents my improved clothes-rack with three of its wings partly unfolded.

A is the pedestal supporting the standard C, to which the adjustable wings are pivoted, as seen at 1 2 3.

The arms of each wing are formed of the pieces *a b*, connected together by clasps, *c c*.

The four legs B are pivoted at 4 5 6 to the sliding arms *b*, and the dotted lines *b' b' b' B'* indicate the extent of the expansion of the wings, which is effected by means of clasps, *c*, which hold the two arms *a b* in their proper relations to each other and allow the adjustment or expansion, as represented in the dotted lines, the clasps *c* sliding with their respective arms when being thus adjusted.

The pivots by which the several pieces of the wings are connected together and attached to the standard C allow the wings to be freely adjusted into all the positions indicated in the drawing.

The rack can be very compactly folded together, because the arms *a b* are arranged and connected so as to leave a space at their pivoted ends, which admits

the wings to be adjusted or folded in vertical positions, and also allows each wing to be unfolded upon either side of the standard. This capability of vertical compact adjustment and convertibility of position is due to the provision of the shoulder-spaces at *s*, next to the standard C, and adjoining the legs B, which permit the wings to fold or extend either to the right or left as well as into a vertical position.

Wing number 1 is represented as folded vertically against the standard C; number 2 is adjusted at an angle of about forty-five degrees to a vertical line; number 3 is adjusted at right angles to the standard, and its sliding adjustable parts are represented in dotted lines as extended or expanded. The four wings are constructed and connected to the standard in the same manner.

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

The combination, in a clothes-rack, of the arms *a b* and clasps *c c* with the legs B B and standard C, constructed and arranged so that each wing can be folded vertically, and spread and expanded in opposite directions, in the manner described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of February, 1871.

MARVIN FLANDERS.

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