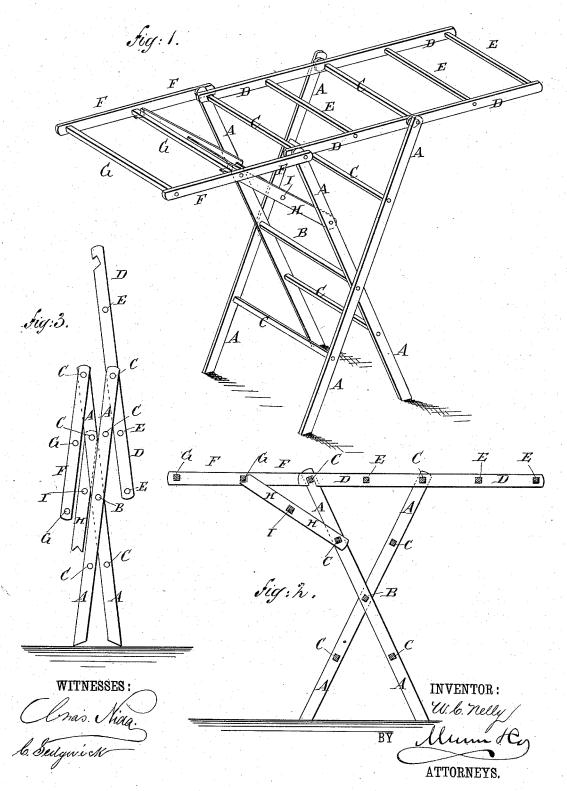
W. C. NELLY. CLOTHES FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. NELLY, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate to corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement shown as extended for use. Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same folded.

The object of this invention is to provide clothes frames constructed in such a manner that they can be compactly folded for storage and transportation, and when extended will have a large clothes-supporting capacity.

The invention consists in a clothes-frame constructed as will be hereinafter fully described.

A are four supporting-bars, which are connected and pivoted to each other at their mid25 dle parts in pairs by a cross-bar B. The corresponding bars A of the two pairs are connected above and below the pivoting-bar B by cross-bars C.

To one of the top cross-bars C are pivoted the middle parts of two side bars D, which are connected by cross-bars E, and have hooknotches formed in the under sides of their inner ends to hook upon the other top cross-bar C, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

As thus far described there is nothing new in the construction.

To the ends of the top cross-bar C that engages with the notched ends of the side bars D are pivoted the ends of the side bars F, which are connected by cross-bars G, forming

a swinging frame, which can be swung up into a horizontal position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or swung down against the supporting-frames

ABC, as shown in Fig. 3.

To the second cross-bar C of the legs A, that 45 support the swinging frame F G, are pivoted the lower ends of two bars, H, which are connected at their middle parts by a cross-bar I. The free ends of the bars H have notches formed in them to receive the inner cross-bar 50 of the frame FG, so that the frame HI will serve as a brace-frame to support the said frame F G in a horizontal position. With this construction, by raising the cross-bar of the frame F G out of the notches in the ends of the side 55 bars of the brace-frame HI the said two frames can be swung down against the supportingframes A B C, as shown in Fig. 3. By this construction the clothes supporting capacity of the clothes frame will be greatly increased, 60 and at the same time the said clothes-frame can be folded nearly as compactly as when the frames FG and HI are not used.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—65

The combination, with the two cross-frames A C, pivoted together upon the cross-bar B, and the top frame D E, pivoted on the top cross-bar C of one frame A and hooked to the other top cross-bar of the extension top 70 frame, F G, pivoted on said other top bar C, and the brace-frame H I, pivoted to a middle cross-bar C of the frame A and supporting said extension-frame by one of the cross-bars G, resting in notches in the ends of the side 75 bars H, as shown and described.

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