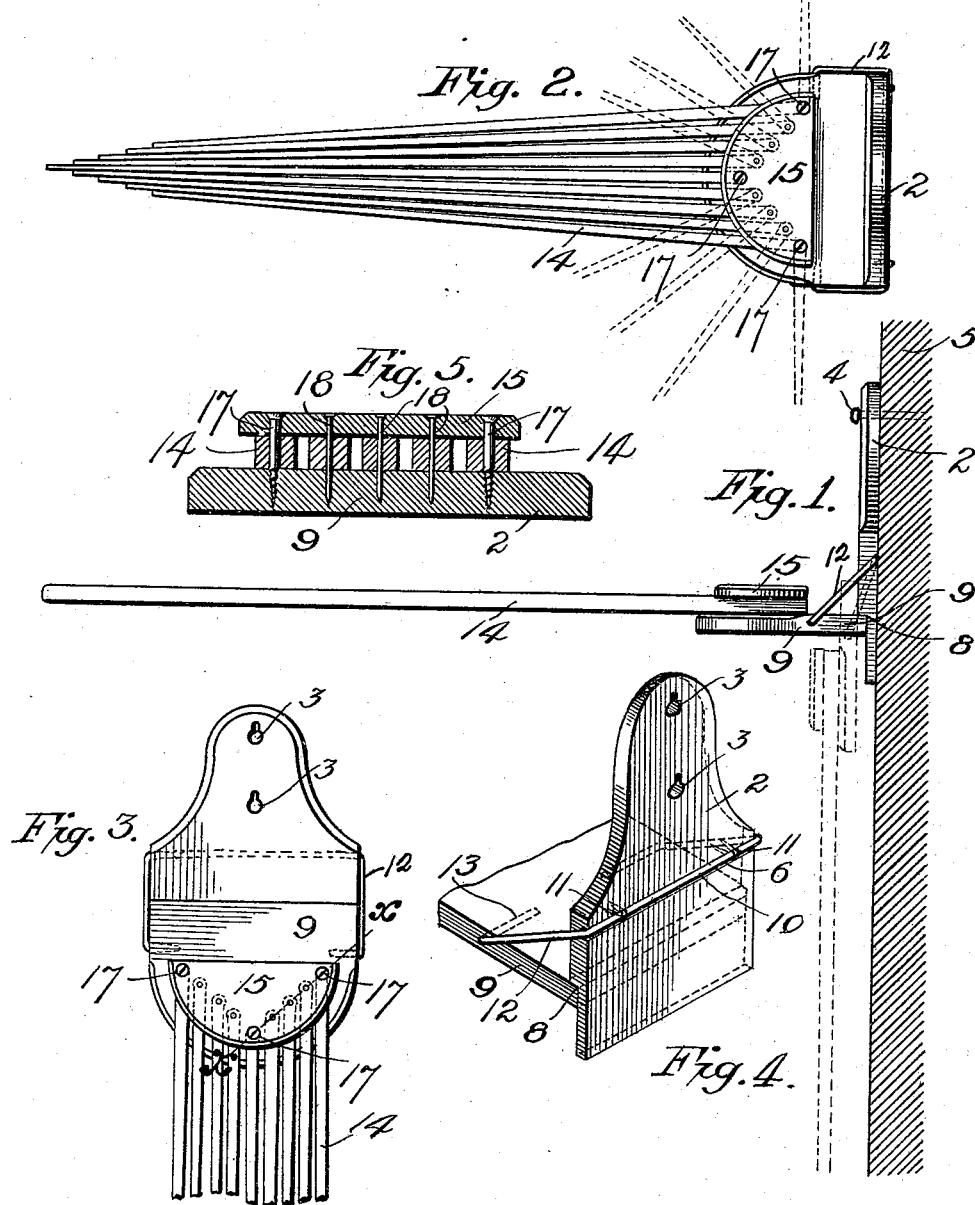


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MELBOURNE C. BURR, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented a certain Improved Clothes-Drying Rack, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to folding clothes racks and its object is to provide a clothes rack of an extremely simple and durable construction and render the same of such a cheap construction as to permit a profitable manufacture and sale of the rack.

To this end my invention consists in the constructions and combinations hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view of one of my clothes racks distended and hung upon the wall and showing in dotted lines the rods or bars hanging down. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof. Fig. 3 is a front view showing the rods or bars hanging down, in the position indicated in dotted lines of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective rear view of the back board of my device. Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional detail view on the line *x—x* of Fig. 3.

As shown in the drawings, 2 represents the back-board having two holes 3 by means of which the board may be hung upon a nail 4 driven into the wall 5. The lower end of the board is rabbeted back to form the shoulder 8 with which the end of the swinging board 9 is adapted to engage. The board 9 is attached to the back board by means of a wire link or links, preferably of the form shown in Fig. 4 where it is seen that both links are made of a single piece of wire or light rod 10 having its upper portion confined in the groove 6 extending across the back of the board 2

the rod being secured therein by two staples 11 11. The ends of this rod are bent down to form the links proper 12 having the short ends 13 driven into the edges of the board 9. The outer end of the board 9 has the semi-circular form shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and upon this board are pivoted the ends of the rods or bars 14. These ends are confined between the board 9 and the smaller semi-circular board 15. Three of the bars are pivoted on the shanks of the screws 17, three in number, which secure the board 15 upon the swing board. The other bars are pivoted on short wire nails 18 driven down through both boards and the ends of the rods, as shown clearly in Fig. 5. The screws and nails are preferably arranged in the V form shown, a greater strength being thereby acquired.

In use the clothes rack is raised into the position shown in Fig. 1 and the end of the board 9 pushed back in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 4 so that the bars are held out on a strong bracket. When not in use the end of the board 9 is drawn out a little and then turned down into the dotted line position of Fig. 1.

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

The combination with the back-board having the rabbeted and shouldered end of the board 9, the wire 12 confined in a groove provided in the back board and having the link and end portions 12 and 13 respectively, and bars 14 pivoted on the board 9, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of January, A. D. 1892.

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