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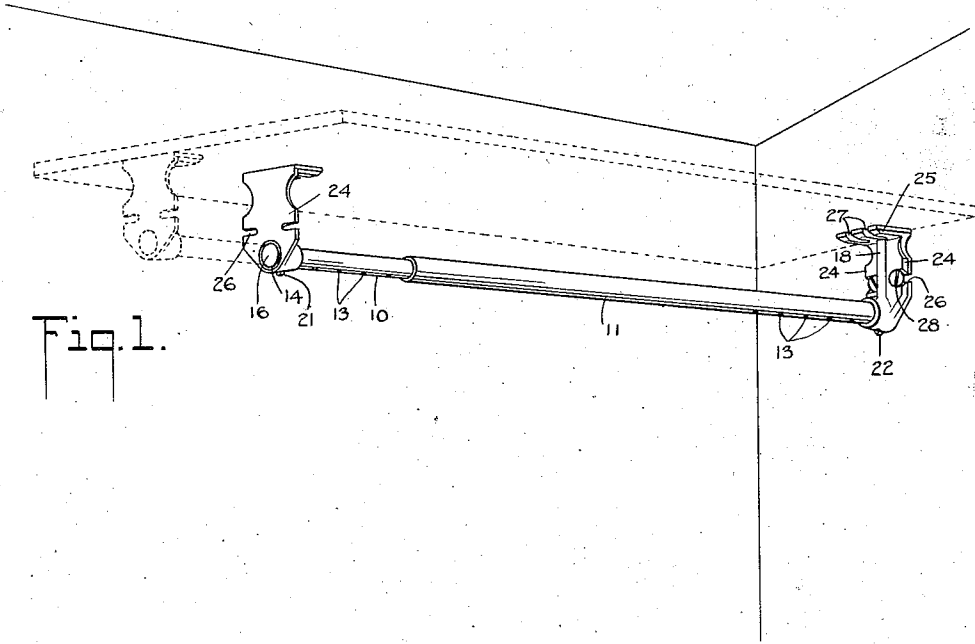


Fig. 1.

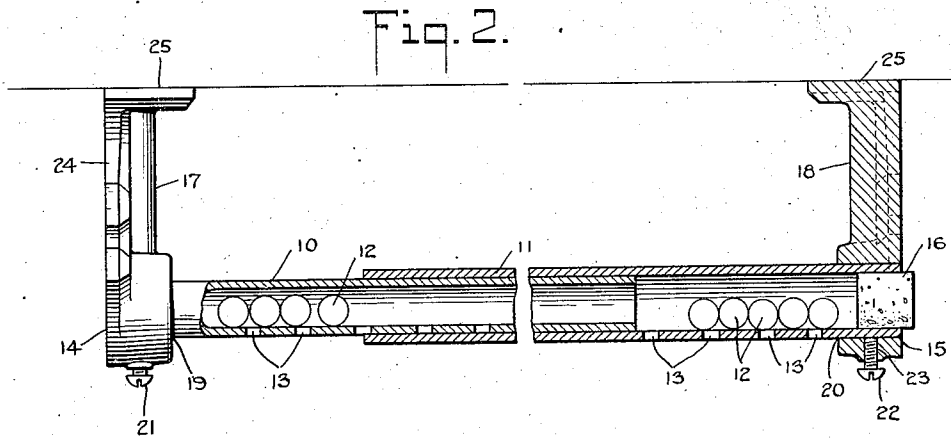


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to builder's hardware accessories, such as clothes racks, useful in disposing and hanging therefrom articles of apparel or coordinately resides in a clothes rack from which may be suspended clothes hangers.

My invention has for an object thereof the provision of a hardware accessory for suspending clothes or clothes hangers which may be associated and affixed in closets on the walls or shelves thereof and coordinately resides in the association therewith of means to render such rack suitable for deodorizing and disinfecting purposes so that when the device is used in a clothes closet, it may serve to disseminate the vapors of a deodorizing or disinfecting agent to render the clothes chamber or closet of pleasant odor or to aid in preserving the articles of apparel retained therein free from attack by insects, bugs, moths or the like.

My invention still further resides in the provision of a hardware accessory in the form of a clothes rack which may be suspended from the end or side walls of a chamber, such as a clothes closet, and which may be accommodated to various sizes of shelves or walls of chambers or clothes closets or which may be suspended from variously spaced walls of chambers, and my invention still further coordinately resides in so constructing the variability of my device so as to contain material which has a pleasant odor or an odor obnoxious to insects, such as moths, and thereby act as a disinfectant for articles of apparel. My invention contemplates the suspension of a clothes rack or rod for disposing therefrom clothes hangers whereby not only may the device be adjustable to conform with various sizes of chambers or clothes closets but facilitates the assembly therewith of deodorizing or disinfecting agents whereby the deodorizing or disinfecting agent may be renewed with great facility and ease.

In its more specific embodiment, my invention has for an object thereof the provision of a hardware accessory in the form of a clothes rack or hanger suspending rod variably adjustable to accommodate itself to various sizes of chambers or clothes closets and includes telescopic tubes serving as a container for a deodorant or disinfectant and coordinately resides, in combination therewith, in an end wall or side wall suspending

bracket which so holds the telescopic tubes whereby a deodorizing or disinfecting agent may be incorporated in the container formed by the telescopic tubes with maximum facility and ease.

To attain these objects and such further objects as may appear herein or be hereinafter pointed out, I make reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device;

Figure 2 is a side elevation, partly in section.

Making reference to the accompanying drawing, my device comprises a pair of metallic tubular members 10 and 11 telescopically disposed by forming the tube 11 with internal dimensions sufficiently large to encompass the outer dimensions of the tube 10. The internal diameter of the tubes 10 and 11 is preferably such as to hold a commonly known deodorant and disinfectant acting as a repellent for moths, such as moth balls 12, made of naphthalene, camphor or paradichlorbenzol. For permitting the vapors of the deodorant or disinfectant to be disseminated, the tubes 10 and 11 are provided with suitable apertures 13 along the length thereof whereby the vapors, as they are generated due to changes in atmospheric conditions or due to the volatility of the ingredients, emerge through the apertures into the atmosphere. It is preferred to provide the free ends 14 and 15 of the tubes with closures 16 in the form of cork stoppers or the like.

The telescopic tubes as above described may, in themselves, serve as a deodorizing and disinfecting container. However it is preferred to utilize these telescopic members as a hardware accessory in the form of a clothes rack and for this purpose the ends of the tubes 14 and 15, respectively, are provided with suspending brackets 17 and 18, preferably comprising castings provided with lugs 19 and 20 corresponding to the small and large diameter of the tubes 10 and 11. The tubes 10 and 11 may be fixedly positioned in the lugs 19 and 20 by forcing the tubes into these lugs. Preferably, however, for purposes as will hereinafter appear, the brackets are releasably positioned on the tubes by providing set screws 21 and 22 tapped through the lugs as shown at 23

whereby screw engagement may be had with the end of the tubes.

The brackets 17 and 18 previously described are in the form of castings provided with end wall flanges 24, 24 or shelf and side wall flanges 25 disposed at right angles to said flanges 24, 24 previously mentioned. The flanges 24 and 25 are provided with slots 26 and 27 suitably chamfered to properly position an attaching element, such as a screw head 28.

It will be observed that by the arrangement shown I have provided a deodorizing or disinfecting container which may be suitably adjusted to conform with chambers of various sizes whereby a deodorant or disinfectant and insect repellent may be positioned in clothes closets or the like to suspend wearing apparel or hangers for wearing apparel and to disseminate such deodorant, insect repellent or disinfectant in a clothes closet to render the odor thereof more agreeable, and to protect the same against insects, such as moths or the like.

It will also be observed that I provide a novel bracket whereby my disinfecting container may be suspended optionally from a shelf, side wall or end wall, the flanges 24 and 25 being so disposed as to hold attaching elements which may position the brackets against a shelf or side wall or, optionally, against an end wall or, where it is desired to merely position the clothes rack across a portion of the chamber or clothes closet, one bracket may be used for end wall attachment and the other bracket for side wall or shelf attachment.

It will be further observed that my brackets as shown will permit refilling or replenishment of the disinfectant through the ends 14 and 15 whether the brackets are positioned at the end walls or side walls of a chamber or clothes closet. Thus, where the brackets are suspended from a shelf or side wall, access may be had through the back end of the flanges 24 to remove the closure member 16 or where either one or both of the brackets is attached to the end walls, I may release the set screws 21 and 22 for removal of either one of the ends 14 and 15 to obtain access to the closure or stopper 16 for

renewing or adding a deodorant or disinfectant, such as the moth balls 12.

By my construction I have provided a simple and efficient clothes rack of rigid construction variably adjustable to accommodate positioning in chambers or clothes closets of various dimensions whereby the adjustability and adaptability to attachment in various positions coordinately provides a chamber for retaining an agent which may be disseminated for deodorizing and disinfecting clothes closets or the like to provide clothes closets or the like with an agreeable odor or to protect articles of apparel against the destructive effect of insects, moths or the like.

Having thus described my invention and illustrated its use, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A clothes rack comprising telescopic tubular members of uniform diameter forming a container and suspending brackets therefor, said brackets comprising end wall flanges and side wall flanges for attachment to a shelf or side walls of a closet or the like, lugs on said brackets for embracing and clamping said tubular members, and fastening means included by said lugs for said tubular members whereby the tubular members may be variably lengthened and shortened to fill the tubular members with a deodorant disinfectant or the like, without displacement of the supporting brackets.

2. In a clothes rack comprising telescopic tubular members of uniform diameters forming a container and perforated for disseminating a deodorant or disinfectant retained therein and arranged for refilling from the ends thereof by shortening of said members, a pair of suspending brackets therefor comprising right angularly disposed flanges for fastening the same to an end wall or side wall, lugs on said brackets for embracing and clamping the ends of said tubular members and releasably engaging the same for presenting the ends of said tubular members for refilling said members with deodorant or disinfectant material.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 5th day of January, 1927.

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