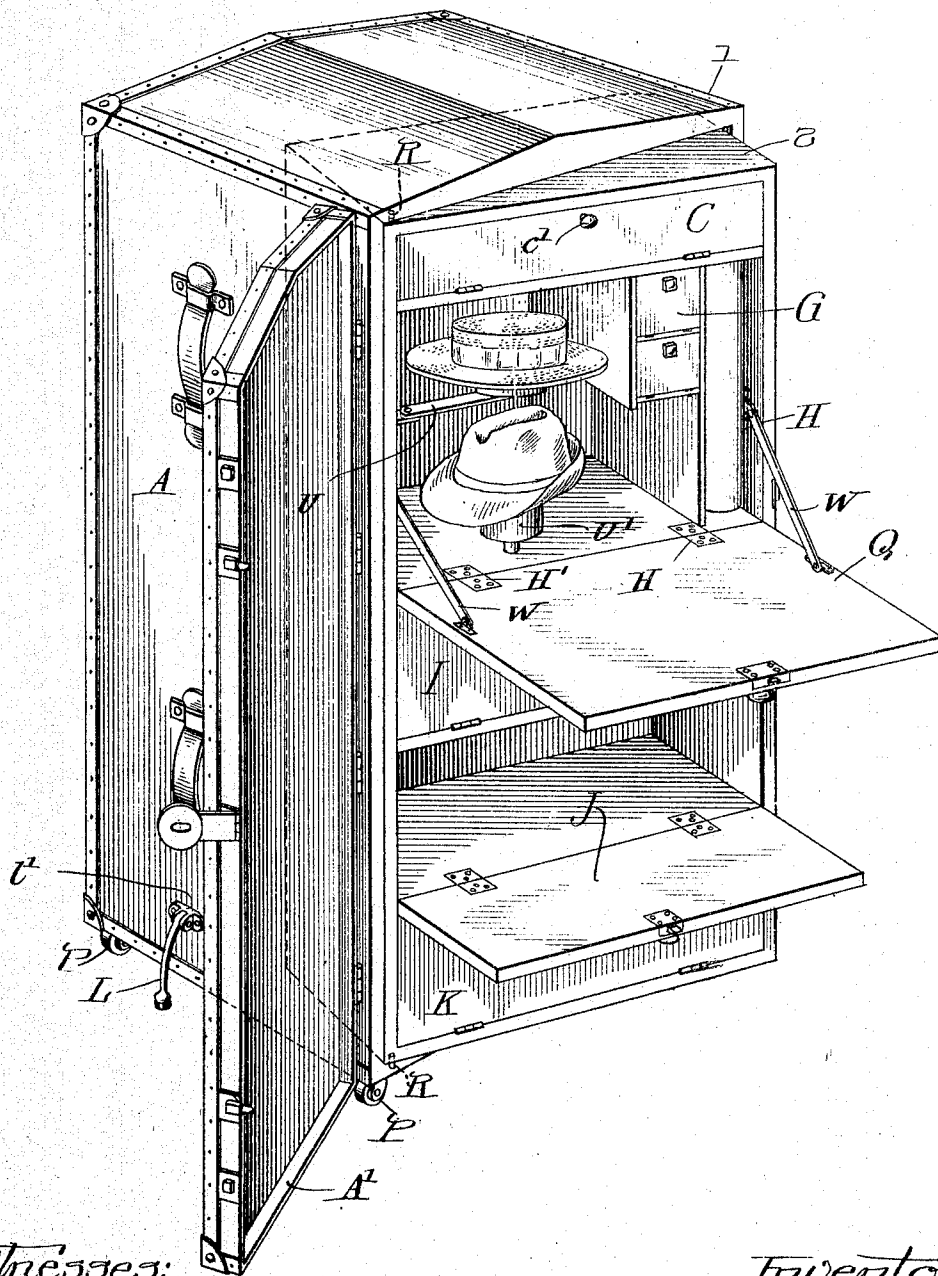


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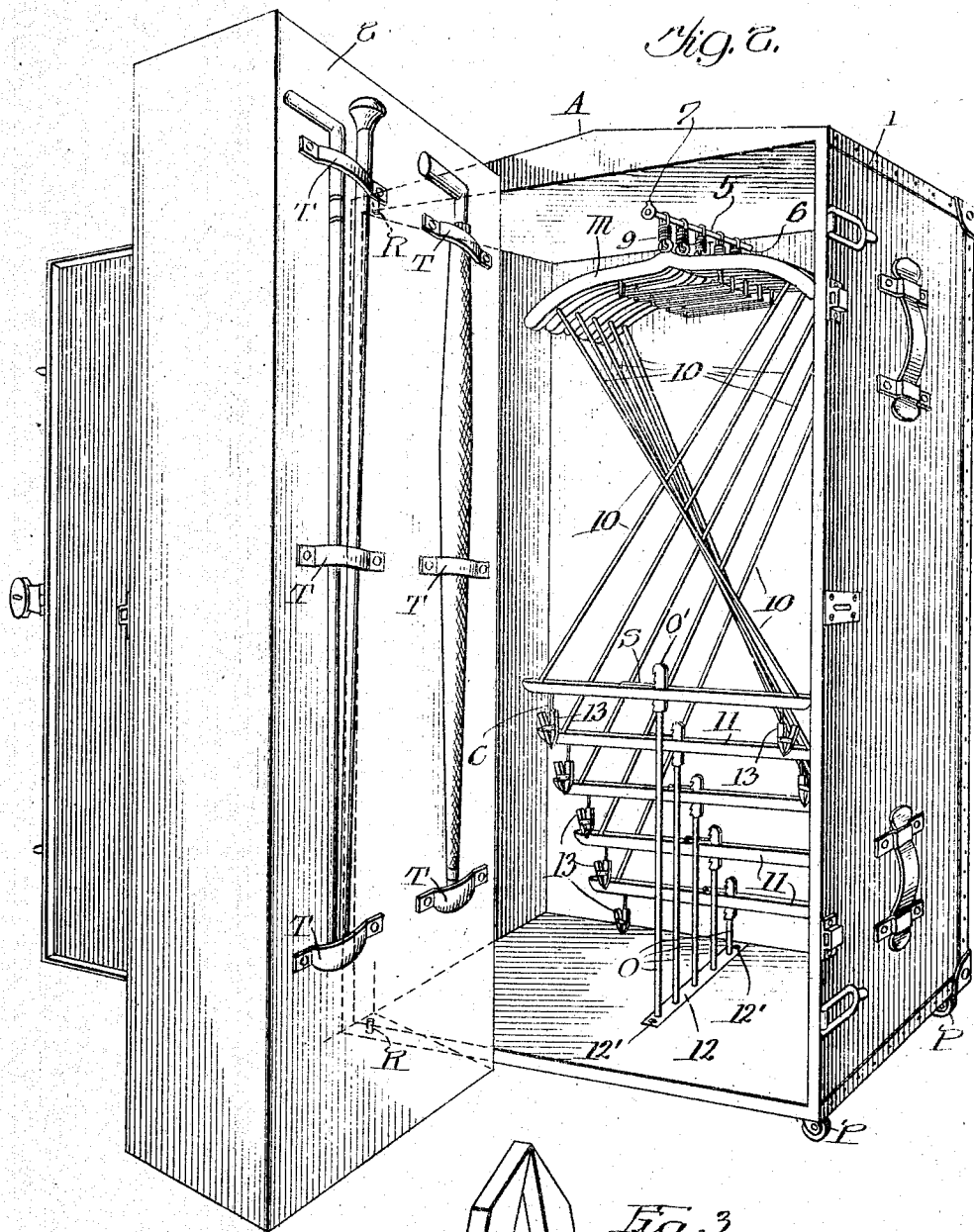
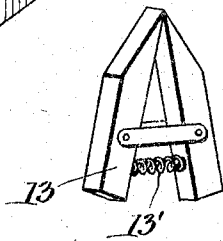
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY A. SHAW, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trunks; and I do hereby declare the following to be such a full, clear, and exact disclosure of its construction and operation as will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same.

My invention relates to wardrobe trunks and to that variety of trunks in which the clothes are suspended from racks supported at the end of the trunk; and which contains contrivances for holding the clothes comparatively tight against swinging movement, thereby preventing the wrinkling incident to indiscriminate crowding of the contents of a trunk.

One object of my invention is to hold the clothes taut while suspended from hangers within a compartment of the trunk.

Another object is to provide devices by which the clothes may be secured at the edge opposite the hanger support, and still another object is to make provision for accommodating various lengths of garment so that the support against swinging and wrinkling may be applied to a wide range of width and length of garment or cloth.

These several objects are attained by the construction disclosed in the following specification.

Reference is made herein to the accompanying drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the trunk on end with the lid swung to one side, thereby revealing the inner compartment thereof which is itself partly swung out;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the trunk with the inner compartment swung entirely outward from the trunk disclosing the inner receptacle of the trunk proper with its appurtenances for receiving and securing the clothing; and also discloses the provisions on the rear face of the inner compartment for receiving and securing canes, umbrellas, etc; Fig. 3 is a view in detail of one of the clip pins for fastening the lower edge of garments suspended from hangers in the inner receptacle.

Similar reference letters relate to the same parts throughout the entire specification.

In the drawing the trunk A is divided into two compartments of which 1 is the outer compartment, and 2 the inner com-

partment. The said inner compartment 2 is swingingly connected to the outer compartment by the vertical pivot pins R, secured in place in the upper and lower edges of the opening into the outer chamber at the left side thereof. The upper pin R forms the pivotal support of the upper part of the inner compartment, while the lower part of said inner compartment is supported by the lower pin R. The inner compartment is manually turned on these pin supports so as to swing into and out of the outer compartment, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The outer compartment 1 is provided at its top on the inside with a rod 5, which rod is supported at its inner end in a hole 6, in the vertical wall of the trunk, and at its outer end in an eye 7 suspended from the upper part of the inner compartment as the trunk stands on end in its normal position. From this rod 5 are yieldingly suspended the clothes hangers *m*, several in number, by means of springs 9. These hangers are connected by rods 10 to cross bars 11, the rods being connected to opposite ends of the bar and to the hanger. The rods are arranged in pairs, the rods of each pair being crossed midway between the hanger and the bar, and the pairs of rods being arranged to form a support for both sides of an article of clothing suspended from the hangers. The cross bars 11 are steadied in position by the uprights O, the latter having bearing at their lower ends in a strip 12, secured by screws 12' on the bottom end of the trunk; and at their upper ends are provided with heads O' which pass through openings in the bars 11, and are vertically adjustable therein, each being locked in position by means of the serrated surface of its head engaging a spring clip S, on the upper face of the cross bar. Suspended by flexible cords C from opposite ends of each of the bars 11 are clipping dogs, 13, which engage the lower edges of the garment supported by the hangers, and which are held closed at one end by spring 13'.

The garment is put on the hanger and located between adjoining pairs of crossed rods with the lower edge thereof passed around the ends of the adjacent bar and held fast by the clipping dogs 13. This arrangement leaves the suspended garment supported on the two sides by the clipping dogs. Thus held the garment is stretched

against wrinkling by adjusting the bars and locking the latter in adjusted position by the spring clip engaging the edge of the upright.

- 5 The inner face of the compartment 2 is provided with straps T for holding umbrellas, canes, etc. The outer surface of said compartment 2, is provided with six pockets, and a vertical chamber. Each pocket
10 is closed by a door hinged to the bottom of the pocket, and is operated by turning the spring knob C' by which said doors are opened and closed, as shown on the door C, in Fig. 1. Located beneath this pocket are
15 two pockets G, one above the other, and at one side of the pockets and extending below the same is a vertical chamber H for receiving account books or ledgers. The chamber at the opposite side of the pockets affords
20 space for carrying hats, bonnets, etc., which articles may be supported on swinging brackets, as U or on upright posts, as U'. A door Q is secured to the side of the second pocket by means of strips W, which are
25 so arranged as to permit the said door Q to be opened and closed by turning on the hinges H. When lowered in open position the said door Q may serve as a writing desk. Below said writing desk is a series of three
30 pockets, for clothing or other articles, arranged in a vertical row, one above the other, and commanded by the three doors, I, J, K, which are provided with hinges and spring knobs, as in door Q, by which
35 said doors are opened and closed.

The trunk is closed by the hinged door A', after the inner compartment has been swung into place completely within the outer compartment. The trunk is provided with rollers P located at the four corners of one of its ends, and when turned end up on said rollers, it may be moved from place to place, and held steady against movement at any given place by turning down the steadying
45 arm L. This latter is held in position by the bracket 1', and is swung into contact with the floor to hold the trunk in position.

The operation of the trunk is believed to be fully disclosed in the description above

given, and no further description is thought to be necessary.

Having thus described my invention and set forth the best means for making and using the same, I desire to claim the following as embodying the essential points of novelty therein, it being understood that variations and modification of construction within the range and scope of principles here disclosed, and involving no radical departure therefrom, are equally within the spirit and purpose of my invention.

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent.

1. A trunk comprising a hinged cover forming the front door when the trunk is placed on end, an inner compartment member hinged within the trunk at the same edge as the door, the compartments of said member opening at the front of the trunk when the trunk door is swung to open position, and a wardrobe compartment within the trunk, which is rendered accessible by swinging the compartment member bodily out of the trunk.

2. A trunk comprising an inner compartment embodying the main receptacle of the trunk, and containing yieldingly supported hangers attached thereto for supporting garments in an upright position, and cross bars connected to said hangers and provided with means for holding said cross bars steady in position to secure the garments against mussing and wrinkling.

3. A support for garments in a trunk, when the latter is turned on end, comprising a bar secured to the end of the trunk, yielding hangers held on said bar, cross bars located below the hangers and connected thereto by cross rods attached to the opposite ends of the bars and of the hangers, said bars being also provided with clipping dogs suspended from the bars near the ends of the latter and adapted to be attached to the garments to hold the latter against movement, and vertical bars supporting said cross bars and means for locking the latter in adjusted position.

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