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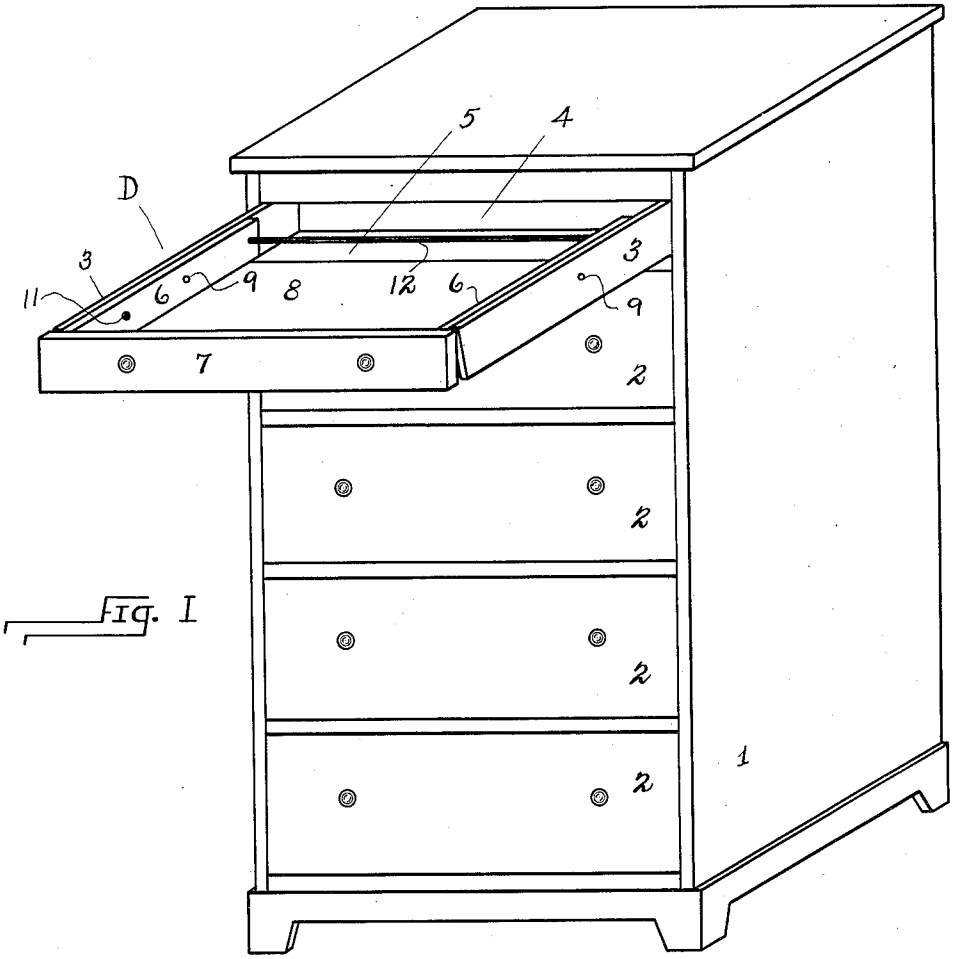

Fig. I

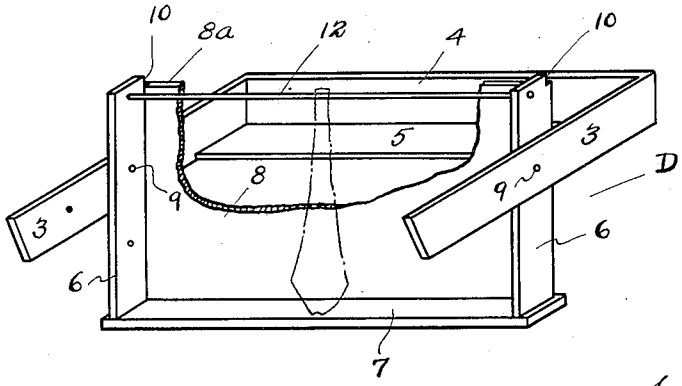

Fig. II

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This invention relates to a chiffonier or similar article of home furniture for the storage of wearing apparel. That is to say, my invention is directed to a piece of home furniture which essentially includes one or more drawers in which shirts, neckties, and other articles of wearing apparel are ordinarily kept, and more particularly the invention is found in such an article of furniture having a drawer structure which is particularly adapted for the storage of neckties.

The object of the invention is to provide a specialized drawer structure including a rod which, by manipulation of the drawer, may be presented to receive neckties or, in case of ties already stored, to present the ties for removal. I aim to provide a drawer of the nature indicated which, when the drawer has been closed and lies in normal position within the chiffonier, insures that the ties are spread in flat condition upon the floor of the drawer.

In the accompanying drawing Fig. I is a view in perspective of a chiffonier showing the drawer structure of the invention partly withdrawn, and in one position of service. And Fig. II is a similar view of the drawer structure alone, illustrating the parts in an alternate position of service.

The chiffonier shown in this case comprises a chest 1, in which a plurality of drawers 2 are housed. The top drawer is the drawer in which I have chosen to embody my invention, the reference character D indicating it in general. The drawer D comprises two body members which are pivotally united. One body member includes two outer side members 3, a back 4, and a floor portion 5; the other body member comprises two inner side members 6, a front piece 7 and a floor portion 8. The pivotal or hinged union of the two drawer body members may comprise a pin 9 extending through each of the opposite pairs of side members (3, 6 and 3, 6). The pins 9 are, of course, in axial alignment and serve advantageously as the means for uniting the drawer body members.

The inner side members 6, 6 extend, as indicated at 10, an interval past the edge 8a of floor portion 8, so that when the body member 6, 7, 8 is swung relatively to its companion body member 3, 4, 5 (i. e. when the body member 6, 7, 8 is swung from the open position shown in Fig. II to the position shown in Fig. I) the extending parts 10 of the side pieces 6 swing to a position immediately overlying the edge of floor portion 5. Thus the two floor portions 5 and 8 may be brought to and stayed in common plane, as they are shown to be in Fig. I. A screw nail 11, or any of the well-known snap fasteners or keepers adapted for such purposes, conveniently is provided to secure the side members (3, 6) together, and so secure the drawer body members in the position shown in Fig. I, the position in which the drawer can, if desired, be maintained and utilized as a drawer of usual construction, slidable freely into and out of the chest 1. A rod 12 is secured to the opposite side members 6, 6; the rod 12 extends transversely of the drawer structure, and is located an interval above the floor portions 5, 8 (Fig. I). If for any reason the drawer is not used for the particular purpose for which it was designed, the rod 12 may be removed, and the screw 11 (or other fastener) may permanently secure the two drawer members in the position shown in Fig. I.

In performing in its primarily intended service, the drawer is withdrawn from the chest 1 (the screw 11 being removed) to the approximate position indicated in Fig. I. The fore member (6, 7, 8) of the drawer is then swung to the position shown in Fig. II, whereupon the rod 12 is presented to the user. Ties may be readily hung upon the rod, or ties hanging on the rod may be easily removed. When the desired selection and disposition of ties has been made the fore drawer member is swung back into the general plane of the rear member (3 4, 5), and the drawer as a unit may be slid home in the chest 1. A point of great value in my structure is that such swinging of the fore member (6, 7, 8) of the drawer, into the plane of the rear member, effects the self-adjustment of the ties in flat position upon the

floor portion 8 of the drawer. Accordingly, with no particular care or effort upon the part of the user, the ties are positioned in orderly fashion in the drawer, and in such flat condition that they will not become wrinkled.

I claim as my invention:

1. A drawer comprising a forward and a rear drawer section pivotally united for relative angular movement, said forward drawer section including a floor portion and a tie-supporting rod located an interval therefrom, said tie-supporting rod being normally located to the rear of the pivotal union of said sections, whereby, by swinging said forward drawer section, said tie-supporting rod may be shifted from a position within the body of the drawer and into a forward, accessible position, with said floor portion extending approximately vertically for the purpose described.

2. A drawer comprising a forward and a rear section, each section including side members, said side members being pivotally united, whereby the drawer sections may alternately be adjusted to extend in alignment or angularly to each other, said forward drawer section including a floor portion and carrying a tie-supporting rod which is located an interval from said floor portion and to the rear of said pivotal union when the drawer sections extend in said position of alignment.

3. A drawer comprising a forward and a rear section, each section including side members, the side members of one section extending adjacent the corresponding side members of the other section, the forward drawer section having a floor portion integrated therewith and including a tie-supporting rod mounted an interval from said floor portion, the side members of the drawer sections being pivotally united at points forwardly of said rod, whereby the forward drawer section may be swung from its normal position of alignment with said rear section, and said rod shifted forward into accessible position for the purpose described.

4. In combination with a cabinet, a drawer comprising a forward section and a rear section, each drawer section including side members, the companion side members of the two drawer sections being pivotally united, whereby the drawer sections are relatively movable between alternate positions of service, said forward drawer section including a floor portion integrated therewith, and a transversely-extending rod secured to such drawer section and located an interval from said floor portion and to the rear of said pivotal union when such drawer section is in one of its positions of service, and in the alternate position of service of said forward drawer section said floor portion extending substantially vertically and said rod being located in accessible position for the purpose described.

5. In combination with a cabinet, a drawer slidable between open and closed positions in said cabinet, said drawer being built in a plurality of drawer sections, one of said drawer sections including a pair of side members, another of said drawer sections comprising a pair of side members, said pairs of side members being pivotally united, whereby the drawer sections are angularly movable relatively to each other, a rod secured to one of said sections and extending transversely of said drawer structure, said drawer section to which said rod is secured including a floor portion integrated with its side members, whereby such side members, floor, and rod are angularly movable as a unit with respect to said other drawer section, said drawer sections being relatively adjustable into a position of alignment, having said rod within the body proper of the drawer, to admit of the sliding of the drawer in said cabinet, and alternately, upon withdrawing the drawer partway from the cabinet, said drawer sections being relatively adjustable into such position that said rod is swung upward and forward into accessible position for the purpose described.

6. A tie or garment supporting structure for combination with a drawer member having a floor and side walls, said structure comprising a floor portion, a rod, and two side members for supporting said rod an interval from said floor portion, said structure being angularly movable relatively to said drawer member between alternate positions of service, and in one of such positions such floor portion being adapted to lie approximately parallel to the floor of the drawer member and having said rod extending above the floor portion to the rear of the point about which the structure is angularly movable, while in the alternate position said floor portion of the structure being adapted to extend upward and present said rod to the user.

7. The structure of claim 6, together with means for the articular connection of said supporting structure to said drawer member.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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