The invention relates to improvements in convertible and portable wardrobes and clothes dryers of the type having an adjustable and collapsible metal frame and provided with a detachable cloth or fabric covering.

The main object of the improvement is to provide a very simple clothes dryer frame that may, at the convenience of the user be quickly converted into a portable wardrobe merely by adding or hooking the frame a protective covering, made in a plain and preferably one piece design to be easily applicable to said portable, adjustable and collapsible metal frame. Or by removing the covering from said frame the same is quickly converted back into and may be used as a light portable, adjustable and collapsible clothes dryer, particularly for use indoors for hanging clothes above a stove or other heat-producing agency.

One form of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device used as a wardrobe.

Figure 2 is a view of my improved frame as arranged to be used as a clothes dryer.

Figure 3 is similar to Figure 2 but showing in dotted lines two additional positions of the frame.

Figure 4 shows the frame folded up for packing or storing.

My invention in its completely assembled form as illustrated in Figure 1 consists of two parts namely, a light collapsible wire frame 10 and a plain curtain or covering 11 adapted to be buttoned or otherwise secured to the frame to form therewith a dust proof enclosure to accommodate clothing or other articles that require protection.

As shown in Figures 2 to 4 the frame 10 is of very simple construction consisting of a horizontal rectangular wire frame member 14 to one side of which is hingedly secured a U-shaped member 15 with its supporting hook 16 and having in each of its corners bars 20 to which are connected the supporting arms 21 having at their free ends spring hooks 22 for connection with either the outer side of the frame 14 as at 24 when the hooks are shown connected to the bar 25 or for connection with any one of the cross bars as illustrated at 26 and 27 in Figure 3. All parts of the frame except the cross bars are loosely connected as by knuckle joints so that by merely unhooking the arms 21 the frame may be folded up into a compact form as shown in Figure 4. Whether used as a wardrobe or as a drier the device is primarily intended to be hung on a nail or hook with the frame member 15 against a flat surface such as a wall or door.

As will be seen from a study of Figure 1 the curtain or covering 11 of the wardrobe consists of an oblong rectangular sheet 30 having a length somewhat greater than the perimeter of the frame 14 whereby it may be wrapped around the frame to form a tubular enclosure and having a forwardly projecting flap 31 which extends over the top of the frame 10 to form a dustproof cover for the enclosure. The curtain and flap are provided with fastening means 32 which are preferably snap fasteners so that the wardrobe may be reasonably sealed from dust and yet may be easily opened for removing clothing therefrom or for removal from the frame. The forward edge of the flap 31 is shown as securely held at 24 in Figure 1 to the front edge of the frame 10 by the clothes pin action of the spring hooks 22 the points of which in this instance are on the under side of the supporting arms 21. When converted into a clothes drier the cover is removed, the arms 21 may be rehooked or they may be passed thru the upright U-shaped member 15, then the frame 14 may be turned downward and upward to a horizontal position on the opposite side of the U-shaped member and the spring hooks reengaged to support the frame. In this position the points of the hooks 22 are on the upper side of the arms 21 as shown in Figures 2 and 3 which facilitates the adjustment of the drier frame to its different angles shown in Figure 3.

When used as a clothes drier the articles to be dried may be either laid across the frame or folded over the individual cross bars or they may be held on coat hangers which in turn are hooked to the bars. Coat hangers are also intended to be used when the device serves as a wardrobe since it is an easy matter to push the hanger hooks up against the flap 31 and to then bring them down into engagement with the cross bars.

In drying pieces of cloth or garments of different lengths I find the adjustability of the frame as well illustrated in Figure 3 to be very advantageous as it permits the bottoms of the pieces to be brought within the same distance of the heating surface as for example, the top of a radiator or stove. This causes the garments to dry at about the same speed. Another advantage in the adjustability is that the drier may be placed in a narrow space if desired.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the entire clothes drier collapsed into a flat, compact body.
when not in use and in convenient form for handling or packing in a suitcase, trunk or other receptacle for use in traveling or transportation. This is made possible by the loose knuckle-joints between the parts which permits the parts to collapse and fold into proper position to convert the entire clothes drier into the flat, compact and convenient form herein shown without disassembling or removing any of the parts thereof.

I am aware that prior to my invention portable wardrobes and portable clothes driers have been made with suspending hooks, frames and coverings therefor. I therefore do not claim such a combination broadly; but

I claim:

1. A collapsible, traveling wardrobe consisting of a clothes drier and a curtain, said clothes drier comprising two hinged frames and means for detachably holding the frames at right angles to each other whereby one frame may rest against and be supported on a wall and the other frame be

held in horizontal position, said curtain comprising a single sheet having a centrally positioned flap at its top edge, and means for closing the two side edges to form a tube surrounding the horizontal frame of the clothes drier, said flap resting upon said horizontal frame and separable fasteners for securing together the sides of the flap and the sides of the curtains.

2. The device of claim 1 in which the horizontal frame has an outer edge formed of a wire rod, said centrally positioned flap extends beyond said outer edge whereby its margin may be folded over the rod, and said means for detachably holding the frames at right angles consist of arms pivotally secured to the vertical frame and having at their free ends spring hooks adaptable to fit over said folded margin and its enclosed rod in the manner of clothes pins whereby to hold said flap and said curtain more securely to the frame.

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