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Fig. 1.

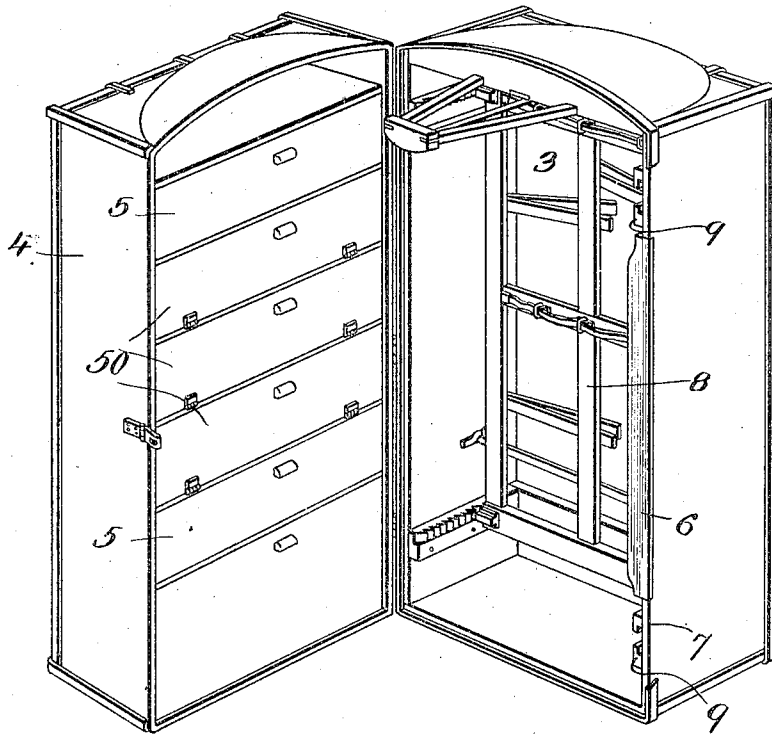
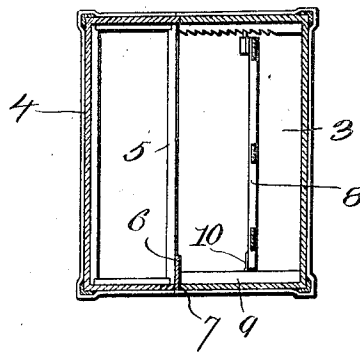


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC H. PARKHURST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bangor, county of Penobscot, and State of Maine, have invented an Improvement in Wardrobe-Trunks, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like numerals on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to that class of wardrobe-trunks which are constructed with a hanging-compartment in which garments may be hung and with a closet-compartment which may contain drawers or which may be made with shelves that are closed by doors; and the invention has for its object to provide a novel means for locking in closed position either the drawers or the doors of the closet-compartment when the trunk is closed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a wardrobe-trunk embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a horizontal section showing the manner in which the drawers and doors of the closet-compartment are locked when the trunk is closed.

The trunk illustrated has the two parts 3 and 4, the part 3 constituting a hanging-compartment having an open front, and the part 4 constituting a closet-compartment in which drawers 5 are received and which may also have one or more hinged doors or flaps 50 to close shelves or other small compartments.

When the trunk is closed, the front of each drawer, as well as the closed door 50, is adjacent the open front of the hanging-compartment. When these trunks are in use, the hanging-compartment is not always full of clothes, and consequently when the trunk is closed there is apt to be more or less space between the front of the drawers 5 and doors 50, and the device 8 is employed to retain the clothes in place, and unless some means is employed for holding the drawers and doors closed they are likely to be thrown open during the transportation of the trunk.

In accordance with my improvement I lock the drawers and doors in place by means of one or more locking-strips 6, which are rigidly secured to one or both edges 7 of the

hanging-compartment, the locking strip or strips being of a shape to overlie one or both edges of the front of each of the drawers 5 or doors 50 when the trunk is closed. In the drawings I have shown one locking-strip only. This locking-strip 6 is not of a width to interfere in any way with the placing of garments in or removing them from the hanging-compartment 3, but is merely wide enough to lap over the front edge of the drawers and doors when the trunk is closed, and thus lock the drawers and doors firmly in place.

The clothes-retainer 8 may be of any suitable construction, and the locking-strip 6 will be of such a length and so placed that it does not in any way interfere with the operation of the clothes-retainer 8. In the form of the invention herein shown this clothes-retainer is in the form of a gate, which is hinged to blocks slidably mounted in guides 9 on the side of the compartment 3, as shown in my Patent No. 768,683, dated August 13, 1904. Where this form of clothes-retainer is employed, the strip 6 will be situated between the two guides 9 and will be so placed as not to interfere with the free sliding movement of the clothes-retainer or its swinging movement about its hinges 10. By making the strip a comparatively narrow one it does not appreciably reduce the size of the open end of the wardrobe-compartment, nor does it interfere in any way with the placing of clothes therein or their removal therefrom.

In some trunks the closet-compartment may be filled entirely with drawers and in other trunks it may have only shelves and small compartments that are closed by doors. In either case, however, the locking-strip operates in the same way to hold the drawers or doors closed when the trunk is closed.

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

A wardrobe-trunk comprising two parts hinged together, one part constituting a hanging-compartment having an open front, and the other part constituting a closet-compartment, said latter compartment being subdivided into smaller compartments, closing

means for the various compartments, and a locking-strip secured to the front edge of the hanging-compartment and adapted to overlap the closing means when the trunk is closed, and thereby lock said means in closed position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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