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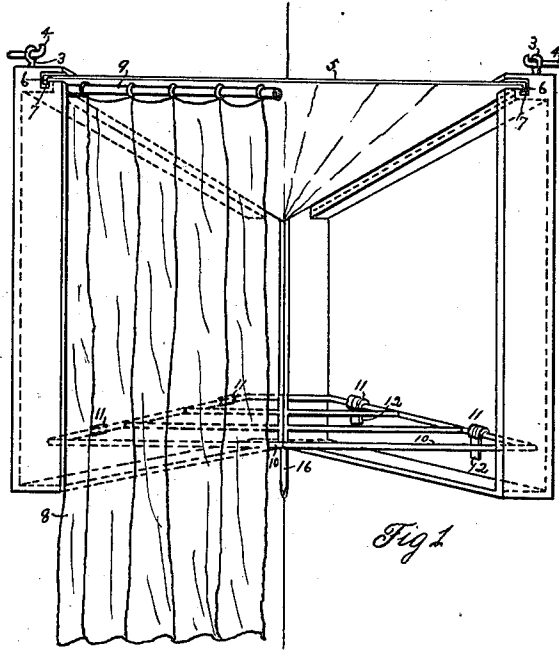


Fig 1

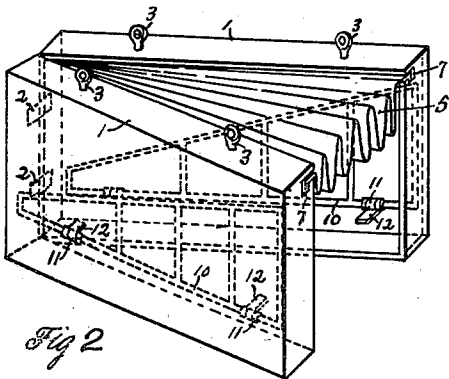


Fig 2

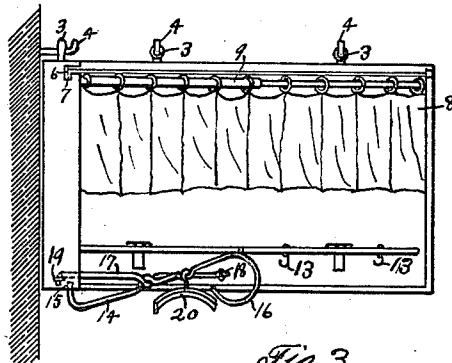


Fig 3



Fig 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. TALLMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Houston, in the county of Harris and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in folding cabinets, and has particular relation to such devices as are designed to be placed, temporarily, in the corner of any ordinary room but which may be readily moved from place to place.

The object of the invention is to provide a cabinet, provided with the usual accessories from which the different articles, which are placed in said cabinet, may be suspended; and also one which may be folded into a compact form when it is desired to move the same from one location to another.

The invention also comprehends means whereby the cabinet may be suspended from the walls of the room in which it is located.

With the above and other objects in view the invention has particular relation to certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, an example of which is given in this specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cabinet, as secured to the walls of a room and in position for use, certain portions thereof being removed in order to give a clear view of the interior thereof. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the cabinet, partially closed. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the open cabinet showing a portion of the protecting curtain removed and Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the curtain pole.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, wherein like numerals of reference designate similar parts in each of the figures, the numeral 1 refers to the cabinet frame, or casing, which is composed of two similar oblong members hingedly connected together at one end by means of the hinges 2. These casing members, each are constructed so as to form shallow boxes and are so secured together by the hinges 2 that when closed an inclosed chamber will be formed therebetween. In the top of each of the casing members eye bolts 3 are secured for the purpose of receiving

hooks 4 which are carried by the walls of the room in which the cabinet is to be suspended, and when the cabinet casing is so suspended from said hooks it fits closely within the angle formed by the walls of the room, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The numeral 5 refers to an apron which forms the top covering for the open cabinet, and which is constructed of leather or canvas or some other flexible material so that the same will readily fold within the inclosed chamber when the casing members are closed together, as shown in Fig. 2. The edges of this apron, which are secured to the casing members, may be fastened thereto in any desired manner, but are preferably, secured thereto by means of the depending flanges 6, which fit into corresponding grooves 7, which extend along the inner edges of the upper sides of said casing member. When the apron 5, is so secured in place it may be readily detached by sliding said depending flanges lengthwise out of said grooves and may, in like manner, be secured in place by sliding said flanges in place in said grooves.

When the cabinet is suspended in place the articles carried therein are protected by the curtain 8, which is suspended from the curtain pole 9, in the usual manner. This curtain pole is composed of two members, one of which telescopes the other, as shown in Fig. 4, and the said pole is secured to the upper portion of the front side of the cabinet, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

On the inside of each of the cabinet members 1, I have secured the frames 10, which extend lengthwise the full length thereof. These frames are hingedly secured to the casing members by means of hinges 11, and when the cabinet is open the frames extend in a transverse direction across the cabinet, their inner or free edges meeting in the center thereof, as shown in Fig. 1, and the outer edges of said frames are provided with lugs 12, which are rigid with the frames, and which rest against the casing members, when the frames are in their transverse position and assist in supporting said frames, and the weights carried thereby. These frames are designed to support hats and similar articles and are provided with suspending hooks 13, from which articles of clothing etc., may be suspended. When it is desired

to close the cabinet the frames may be folded up against the casing members, in the position shown in Fig. 2. The cabinet is also provided with a hanger 14, whose inner end projects into a recess 15 in one of the casing members and whose free end is provided with a hook 16 from which neckties and similar articles may be suspended. This hanger rests upon a cross-bar 17, which is hinged at the point 18 to one of the casing members, at one end, and whose other end carries a hook, which engages in the eye 19 carried by the other casing members, and the hanger is thus firmly supported and the frames 10, when in their transverse position, rest upon this hanger and are further supported thereby.

The ordinary garment hanger 20 is suspended from the hanger 14 and is provided for the purpose of supporting coats and other similar articles of wearing apparel.

When it is desired to move the cabinet from one place to another the curtain pole 9 is removed and one section telescoped within the other and the curtain 8 then wound therearound and the pole and curtain may then be placed within the cabinet casing. The free end of cross-bar 17 is then disengaged from the eye 19 and the inner end of hanger 14 disengaged from recess 15 and the said cross-bar and hanger are also placed within the casing. The frames 10 are then folded up into the position shown in Fig. 2 and the casing members closed together, and all of the said accessories incased thereby and the cabinet thus rendered portable so that it may be removed with ease and despatch to any other place to which it may be desired to remove the same.

What I claim is:—

1. A device of the character described including a cabinet casing composed of two

members hingedly secured together, a flexible apron extending from one member to the other and secured upon the inside of each casing member and arranged to be folded within the casing when the members are closed together, a hanger detachably secured to said casing, a support therefor hingedly attached to one of the casing members and detachably secured to the other of said members said hanger serving as a support for the free sides of the supporting frames when they are in their unfolded or extended position.

2. A device of the character described including a cabinet casing composed of two members hingedly secured together, a detachable, foldable, apron extending from one member to the other and secured to each of said members and forming a top for said cabinet when the casing members are in their open position and folding within the members when closed, a supporting frame hingedly secured upon the inner side of each casing member and arranged to be folded within the casing when the members are closed together, lugs carried by the side of each supporting frame adjacent to the casing members and rigid with said frame and resting against the casing members when the frames are in their extended position, a hanger detachably secured to said casing and forming a support for said frames, and a support for said hanger hingedly attached to one of the casing members and detachably secured to the other of said members.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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