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Fig. 1

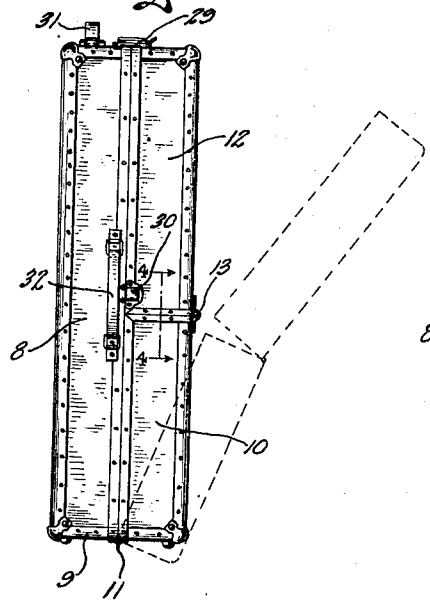


Fig. 2

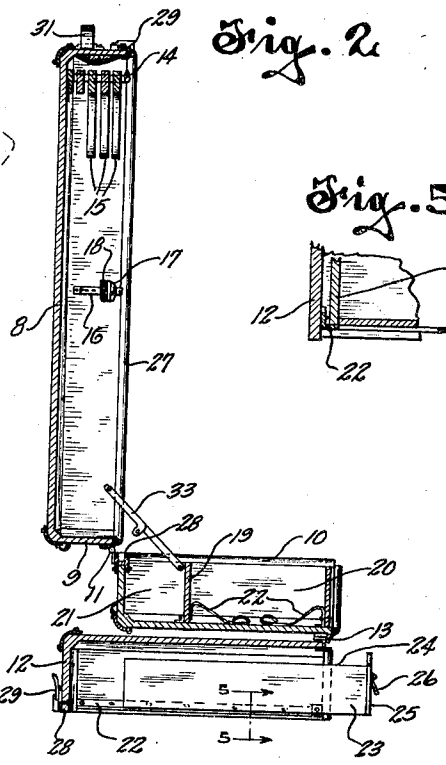


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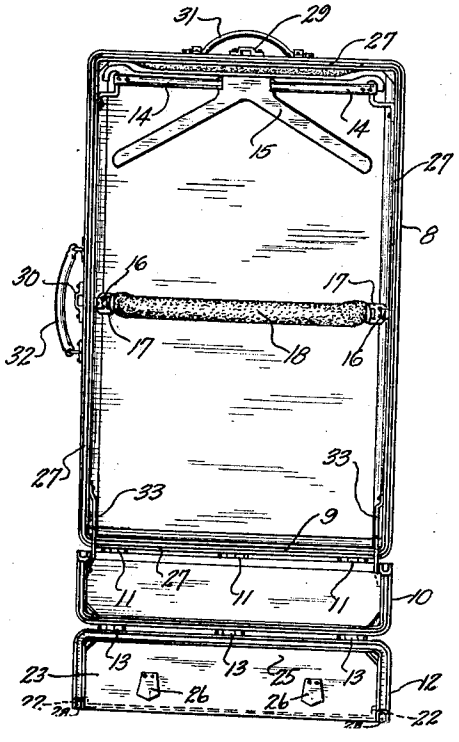
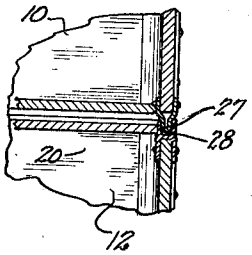


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This invention relates to improvements in foldable wardrobe cases.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to provide a three section wardrobe case in which one of the sections is a drawer section, the case being arranged to unfold or open in a novel manner to render extremely accessible for packing all of the sections, especially the drawer section.

A further object of the invention is to provide a three section foldable wardrobe case which is held open in a very convenient and accessible position, whereby all three sections may be easily reached and packed, the case when closed, maintaining the garments and apparel in the various sections in an orderly manner.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hand wardrobe case of convenient size and proportions which has a relatively large capacity and which is designed to keep separated in their respective compartments various classes of garments and apparel.

A further object of the invention is to provide a foldable wardrobe case which is of very simple construction, is strong and durable, and is well adapted for the purposes described.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of the improved foldable wardrobe case and its parts and combinations as set forth in the claims, and all equivalents thereof.

In the accompanying drawings in which the same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the views:

Fig. 1 is a side view of the improved foldable wardrobe case, with a dotted line showing of the foldable sections partially unfolded;

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the wardrobe case in open or unfolded position;

Fig. 3 is a front view thereof;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail fragmentary sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail fragmentary sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings it will appear that the numeral 8 indicates the wardrobe or cover section of the improved wardrobe case, which section is rectangular and is U-shaped in cross-section. To the inner edge of the end wall 9 of said wardrobe section the edge portion of a substantially square compartment section 10 is connected by hinges 11. A drawer section 12 is connected at its lower outer edge by hinges 13 with a front outer edge portion of the compartment section 10. Both sections 10 and 12 are also U-shaped in cross-section.

The upper, inner, opposite side portions of the wardrobe section 8 are provided with parallel foldable garment hanger tracks 14 and garment hangers 15 are slidably mounted on the tracks and are arranged to hold wearing apparel which may be of a length to depend into the lower portion of said wardrobe section. There are also secured to opposite inner side walls of the wardrobe section, brackets 16 which are adjustably and detachably engaged by the clasp ends 17 of a flexible garment retainer bar 18, said bar being adapted to engage intermediate portions of garments suspended from the hangers to hold the same compactly within the wardrobe section and to prevent displacement of the garments.

The interior of the compartment section 10 is divided by a transverse partition 19 into a large outer compartment 20 and a narrow inner compartment 21. The compartment 20 may serve for the reception of various types of garments and articles or hats and is provided with straps 22 for maintaining apparel therein in proper position. The narrow inner compartment 21 may serve as a shoe box, or, if garments suspended from hangers within the wardrobe section 8 are too long to be entirely contained therein, their lower end portions may be depended into the compartment 21.

Within the other foldable or drawer section 12, on opposite inner side walls thereof adjacent the open portion of said section, are right angular guides 22 adapted to slidably receive and support edge portions of a drawer 23. Said drawer is adapted to be slidably extended through an opening 24

in an end of the drawer section, and the outer end wall 25 of the drawer is provided with tabs 26 for convenience in manipulating the same.

The sections of the improved foldable wardrobe case, when in closed position, are disposed as shown in full lines in Fig. 1. It will be noted that the outer edge portions of the walls of the wardrobe section are formed with tongue valances 27 to lodge within groove valances 28 formed in the outer edge portions of the walls of the sections 10 and 12, whereby a tight joint is effected when the case is closed. Latches 29 and 30 secure the sections in closed position, while handles 31 and 32 are positioned for convenience in carrying the case.

When the improved wardrobe case is to be opened it is first held in the position shown in Fig. 1, somewhat elevated from the floor, and when the latches are opened or released the sections 10 and 12 may be folded or allowed to fall away from the wardrobe section 8, in the manner shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1. The ultimate position of the compartment section 10 is at right angles to the wardrobe section, while the drawer section folds to a reversed position below the compartment section against its lower wall, and serving, in this position, as a support for the other sections, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. In this position the end of the section 12 with the opening 24 therein is directed outwardly so that the drawer 23 is readily accessible, while the open portion of the compartment section 10 is also very accessible. Also, the wardrobe section is vertically positioned for packing or unpacking and is therefore conveniently disposed. The wardrobe section is held vertically with respect to the compartment section 10 by means of hinged straps 33. When the wardrobe case is in its open position it may be placed against a wall in a very compact manner and will not protrude unduly therefrom, and at the same time all sections of the case are extremely accessible and serve to hold apparel very compactly, orderly and conveniently.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the improved foldable wardrobe case is both simple and novel, and is well adapted for the purposes described.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A wardrobe case, comprising a main section, a small section hingedly connected to an inner end portion of the same, a second small section hingedly connected to the free end portion of the first-mentioned small section and foldable from a position of alignment with respect thereto to a reversed position against the outer wall of said first-mentioned small section, and a drawer slidably mounted in one of said small sections.

2. A wardrobe case, comprising an elongated wardrobe section, a compartment section hingedly connected to an inner end portion of the same, and a drawer section hingedly connected to the free end portion of the compartment section and foldable from a position of alignment with respect thereto to a reversed position against the outer wall of said compartment section, the combined length of the compartment and drawer sections being equal to the length of the wardrobe section to be closed by the latter in certain positions.

3. A wardrobe case, comprising an elongated wardrobe section, a compartment section hingedly connected to an inner end portion of the same, a drawer section hingedly connected to the free end portion of the compartment section and foldable from a position of alignment with respect thereto to a reversed position against the outer wall of said compartment section, and a drawer slidably mounted within said drawer section and extensible through the free end thereof, the combined length of the compartment and drawer sections being equal to the length of the wardrobe section to be closed by the latter in certain positions.

4. A wardrobe case, comprising an elongated wardrobe section having garment hangers mounted in its outer end portion, a compartment section hingedly connected to an inner end portion of the wardrobe section, and a drawer section hingedly connected to the free end portion of the compartment section, the arrangement being such that in open position of the case the drawer section is in a folded reversed position supporting thereon in folded relation the compartment section with the wardrobe section extending vertically from an edge of the compartment section.

5. A wardrobe case, comprising an elongated wardrobe section having garment hangers mounted in its outer end portion, a compartment section hingedly connected to an inner end portion of the wardrobe section, a drawer section hingedly connected to the free end portion of the compartment section and foldable from a position of alignment with respect thereto to a reversed position against the outer wall of said compartment section, the combined length of the compartment and drawer sections being equal to the length of the wardrobe section to be closed by the two former sections, a drawer slidably mounted within said drawer section and extensible through the free end thereof, and foldable means between the wardrobe section and the compartment section for releasably holding the same in open position.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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