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Fig. 1.

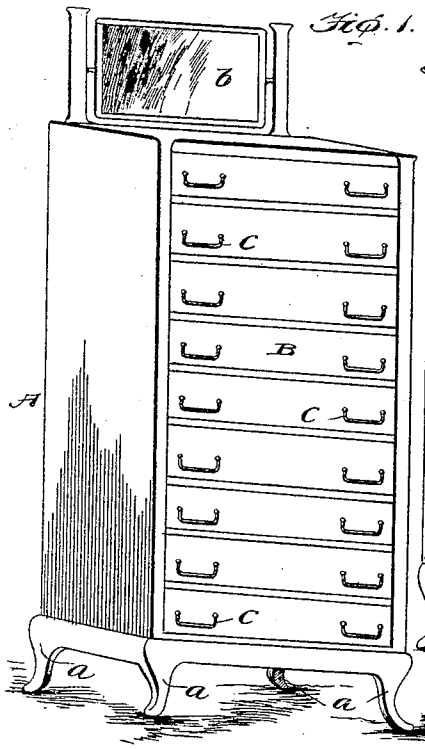


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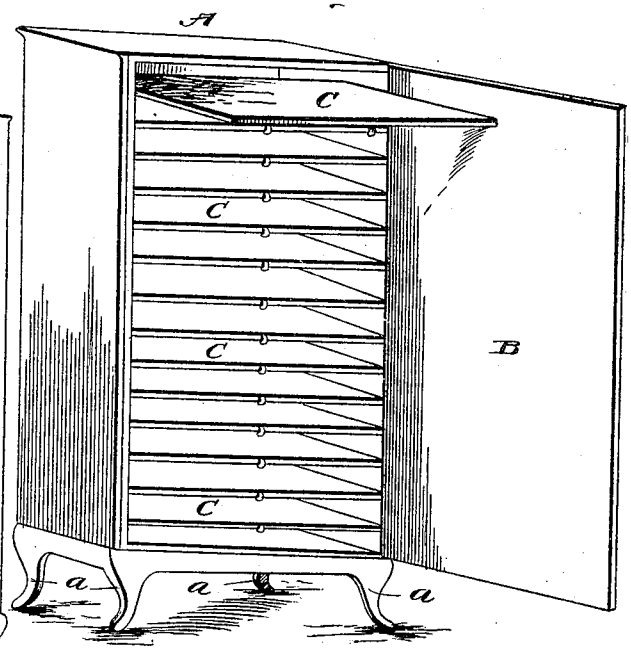


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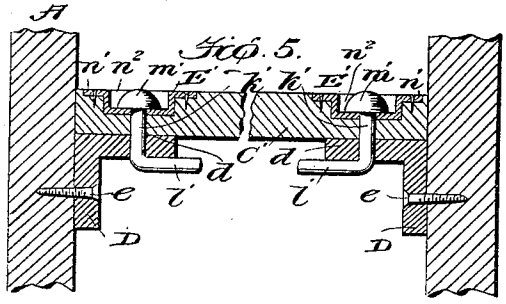


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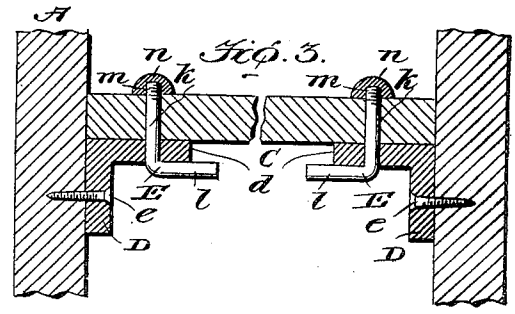
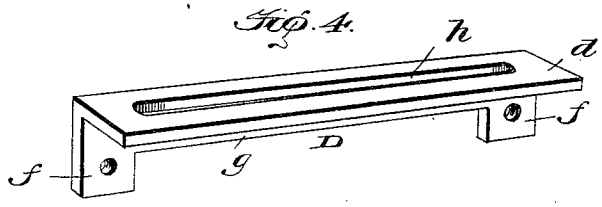


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIE M. RHODES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Central Valley, in the county of Orange and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cabinets, more particularly cabinets for holding garments; and it contemplates the provision of a cabinet which in proportion to its size is adapted to hold a large number of pairs of trousers or other garments in such manner that liability of the garments being pressed out of shape or otherwise injured is precluded, and any one garment may be quickly and easily removed and as readily replaced without disturbing the other garments.

The cabinet is designed especially to hold a number of once-folded pairs of trousers, and its novelty, utility, and practical advantages will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cabinet constituting the present and preferred embodiment of my invention as the same appears when closed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating the cabinet as opened and with one of its shelves drawn outward to permit of a pair of trousers which are folded once being placed on or removed from said shelf. Fig. 3 is an enlarged broken vertical section illustrative of the manner in which the shelves are supported in the body of the cabinet. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the shelf-supporting brackets of the cabinet removed, and Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 of a modification hereinafter referred to in detail.

Referring by letter by the said drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 to 4 thereof, A is the body of the cabinet. This body comprises a bottom wall, a top wall, a back wall, and side walls and is preferably, though not essentially, provided with legs *a* and a mirror *b*, as shown. B is the door of the cabinet. The said door is of the hinged type and is preferably embellished on its outer side and provided with a plurality of handles *c*, this in order that when the door is closed, as shown in Fig. 1, the cabinet will simulate a chiffonnier having a plurality of superposed drawers. C C are the shelves of the cabinet, which are preferably a half-inch in thickness and are arranged one above the other in the body A and about three inches apart from center to center. D D are the supporting-brackets of the shelves, and E E are the connections intermediate the shelves and the said brackets. The shelves, the supporting-brackets, and the connections are identical in construction, and therefore a detailed description of the shelf shown in Fig. 3 and its complementary brackets and connections will suffice to impart a definite understanding of all. The said shelf C, Fig. 3, is slidably arranged on the horizontally-disposed portions *d* of its brackets D, which brackets are fixedly connected to the inner sides of the side walls of the body A through the medium of screws *e*, passed through apertured lugs *f* on their depending portions *g*, and are provided in their portions *d* with longitudinal slots *h*, which extend from points adjacent to the rear ends of the portions to points adjacent to the forward ends thereof. The connections E, respectively, comprise a bolt *k*, arranged and adapted to move in a slot *h* of a bracket D and having an angular arm *l* at its lower end and also having a reduced and threaded upper portion *m* extending through and engaging its complementary shelf C, and an interiorly-threaded cap or cap-nut *n*, arranged on and engaging the upper end of the bolt. It will be observed that the threaded upper portions of the bolts and the threaded caps on said bolts assure the bolt-arms *l* remaining in the positions shown in Fig. 3 relative to the brackets D, in which positions said arms will obviously preclude disconnection of the shelf from said brackets. It will also be observed that the threaded portions of the bolts and the threaded caps will effect strong and secure connection of the bolts to the shelf, and yet when the caps are loosened the bolts may be turned on their axes so as to aline the arms *l* of the bolts with the slots *h* of the brackets, and thereby permit of said arms being lifted through the slots and the bolts and shelf disconnected from the brackets. It will further be observed that the caps on the upper ends of the bolts will effectually protect the trousers on the shelf against injury by the bolts.

In the practical use of my novel cabinet a pair of trousers folded once is placed on each shelf, and as the shelves are adapted to slide out and in with respect to the body A it will be noted that any pair of trousers may be readily removed from or replaced in the cabi-

net without disturbing the other pairs. It will also be noticed that the arms *l* of the bolts *k* will by bearing against the under sides of the horizontal portions *d* of brackets D keep the shelves C horizontal, and yet when the outer portions of the shelves are slightly raised the shelves may with but little effort be slid in and out.

By referring to Fig. 1 it will be appreciated that my novel cabinet constitutes a neat and ornamental article of furniture and that a number of neatly-arranged pairs of trousers may be placed in or removed from the same with great expedition.

The modified connections E′ (shown in Fig. 5) comprise plates *n′*, countersunk in the upper side of the shelf C′ and having central depressions n^2, and bolts *k′*, having heads *m′* disposed in said the depressions n^2 and also having angular arms *l′* at their lower ends. The said arms *l′* are adapted to perform the functions hereinbefore ascribed to the arms *l*, Fig. 3, and are also adapted when alined with the slots *h* in brackets D to be lifted through said slots and disconnected from the brackets. The heads *m′* serve to hold the bolts *k′* to the shelf and by reason of their arrangement in the depressions n^2 of the plates *n′* are effectually prevented from catching into or injuring a pair of trousers on the shelf.

When desirable, my novel cabinet may obviously be provided with one or more slidable drawers in addition to the shelves and the appurtenances thereof without involving a departure from the scope of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A cabinet comprising a body having side walls and vertical series of brackets on the inner sides of the side walls, shelves arranged one above the other in the body and slidable on the upper sides of the brackets, and connections depending from the shelves and engaging the brackets; the said connections being movable with respect to the shelves and arranged in one position to permit the shelves to slide on the brackets while holding the shelves against separation from the brackets, and in another position to permit such separation.

2. In a cabinet, the combination of a body having side walls and vertical series of horizontal, longitudinally-slotted brackets on the inner sides of said walls, slidable shelves arranged one above the other in the body and on the brackets, connections intermediate the shelves and the brackets comprising bolts disposed and movable in the slots of the brackets and having angular arms disposed below the brackets.

3. In a cabinet, the combination of a body having side walls and vertical series of horizontal longitudinally-slotted brackets on the inner sides of said walls, slidable shelves arranged one above the other in the body and on the brackets, connections intermediate the shelves and the brackets comprising bolts disposed and movable in the slots of the brackets and having upper reduced and threaded portions extending through and engaging the shelves and also having angular arms disposed below the brackets, and interiorly-threaded caps mounted on the upper ends of said bolts.

4. In a cabinet, the combination of a body having side walls and vertical series of horizontal, longitudinally-slotted brackets on the inner sides of said walls, slidable shelves arranged one above the other in the body and on the brackets, and connections intermediate the shelves and the brackets comprising plates countersunk in the upper sides of the shelves and provided with apertured depressions and bolts extending through the apertures in said depressions and the slots in the brackets and having heads arranged in the depressions and angular arms disposed below the brackets.

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

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