

No. 728,673.

PATENTED MAY 19, 1903.

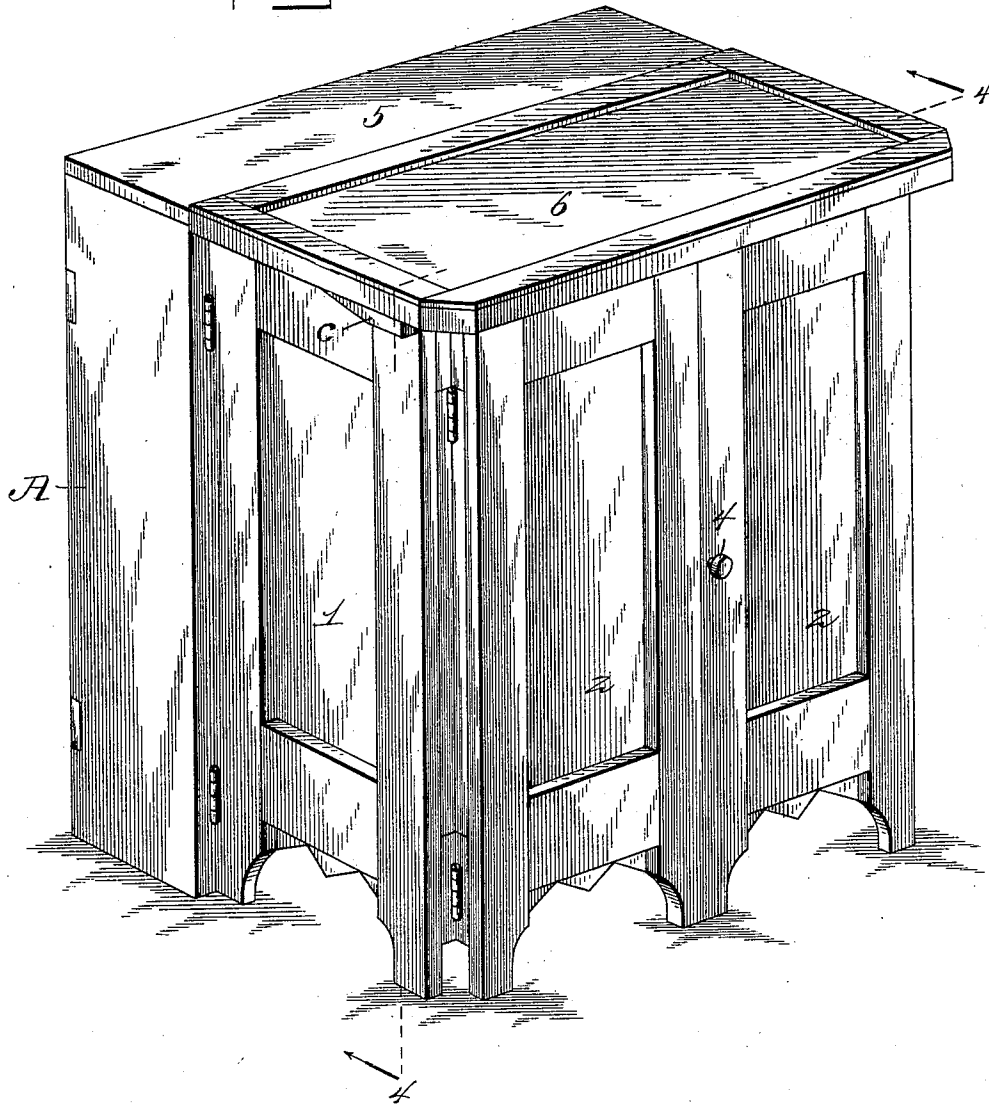
J. O. CLAY.
WARDROBE.

APPLICATION FILED SEPT. 27, 1902.

NO MODEL.

3 SHEETS—SHEET 1.

Fig. 1.



WITNESSES:

Harry L. Amer.
A. G. Heymann,

INVENTOR

BY *James O. Clay.*
Victor J. Evans
Attorney

No. 728,673.

PATENTED MAY 19, 1903.

J. O. CLAY.
WARDROBE.

APPLICATION FILED SEPT. 27, 1902.

NO MODEL.

3 SHEETS—SHEET 2.

Fig. 2.

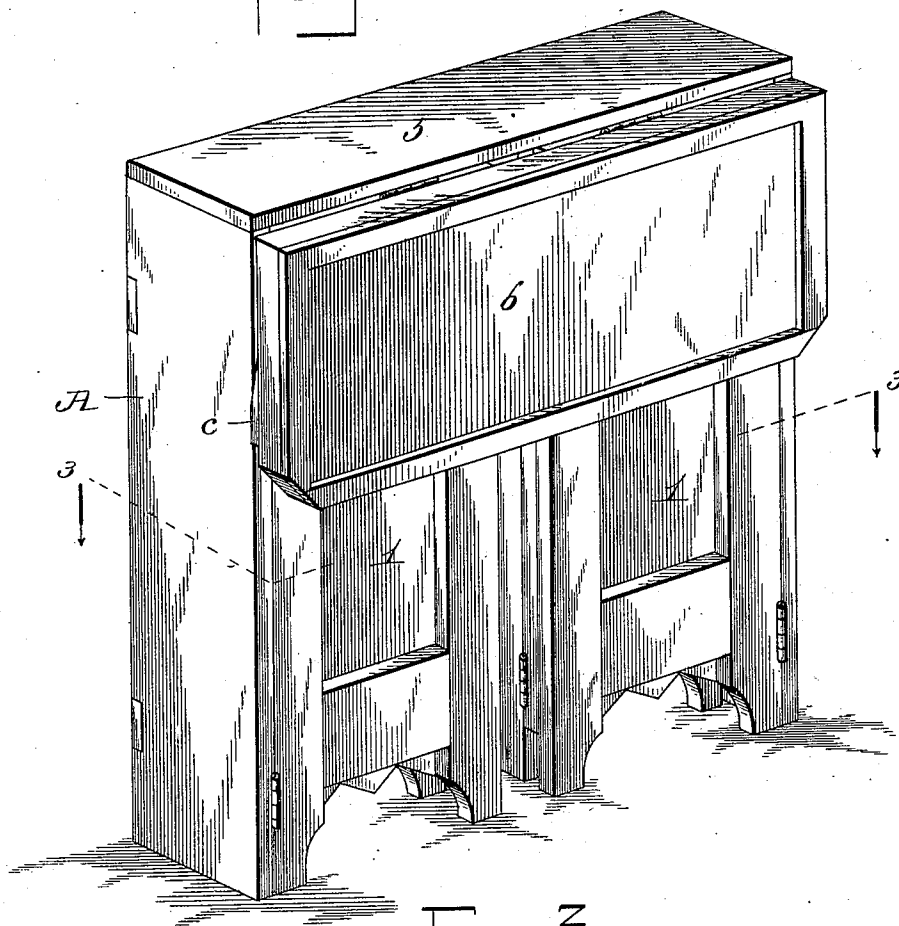
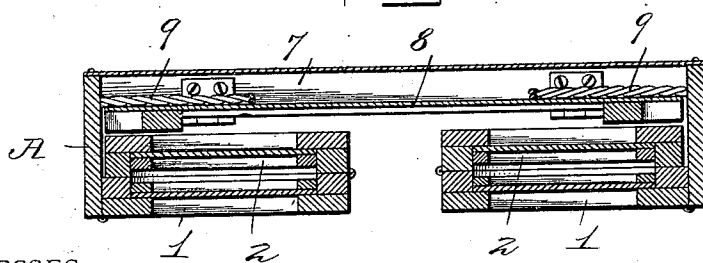


Fig. 3.



WITNESSES:

Harry L. Ames.
A. G. Heyman

INVENTOR

James O. Clay.

BY

Victor J. Evans
Attorney

No. 728,673.

PATENTED MAY 19, 1903.

J. O. CLAY.
WARDROBE.

APPLICATION FILED SEPT. 27, 1902.

NO MODEL.

3 SHEETS—SHEET 3.

Fig. 4.

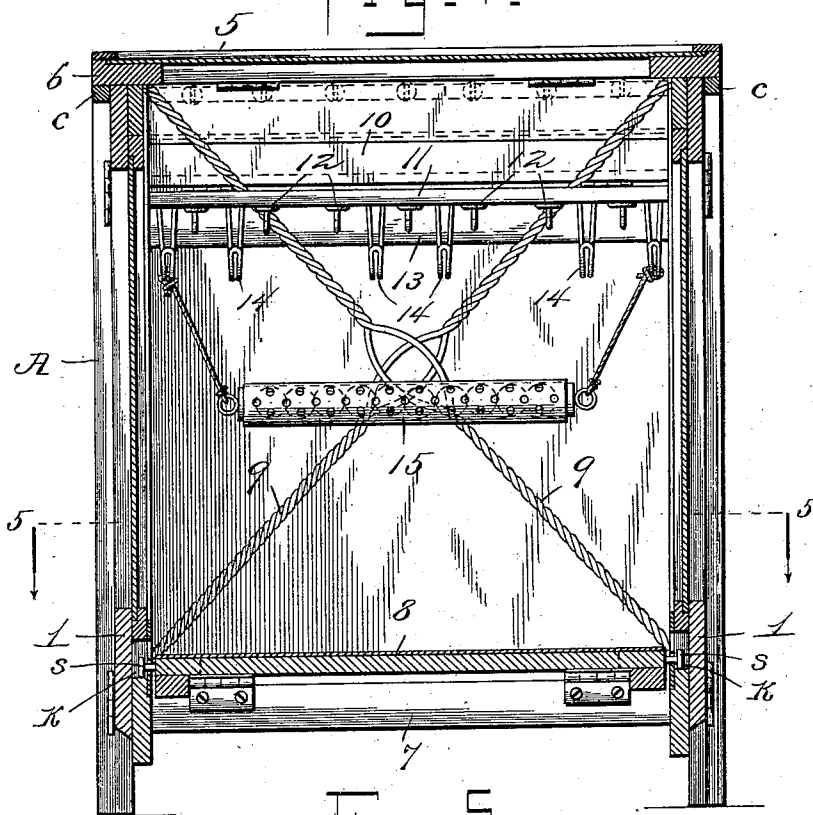
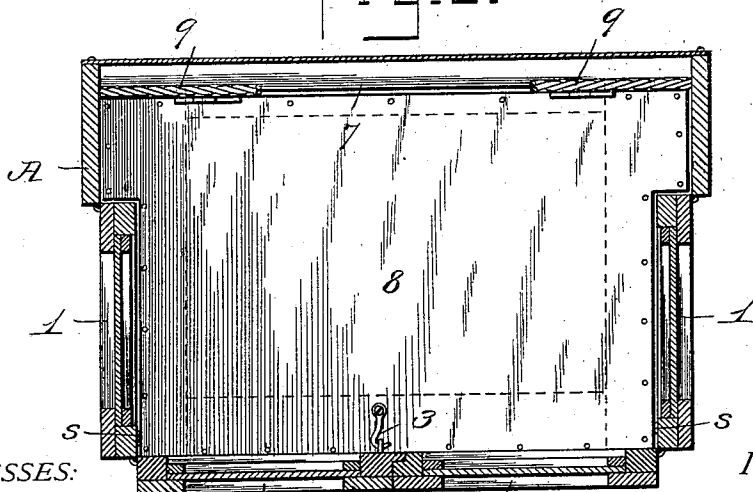


Fig. 5.



WITNESSES:

Harry L. Amer.
A. G. Heylman,

BY 4

INVENTOR

James O. Clay.
Victor J. Evans
Attorney

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JAMES O. CLAY, OF AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA.

WARDROBE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 728,673, dated May 19, 1903.

Application filed September 27, 1902. Serial No. 125,107. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES O. CLAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Aiken, in the county of Aiken and State of South Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Wardrobes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in wardrobes of that kind and style denominated "knockdown" or "folding;" and the object is to provide a wardrobe which may be conveniently set up for use and as readily folded into smaller space for transportation when required.

Another object is to provide a folding and extensible wardrobe which is of simple construction, which may be set up and taken down easily, and which when set up is firm in its connections.

I have fully and clearly illustrated my improvements in the annexed drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the wardrobe set up ready for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the wardrobe, showing the folding portions or members arranged in the casing and the hinged top plate turned down against the folded parts. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2, showing the position assumed by the parts when folded. Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1, showing the interior construction and arrangement of parts. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section taken on the line 5 5 of Fig. 4, showing the hinged bottom plate in plan view.

In the drawings the same reference designations are used to indicate the same parts appearing in the several illustrations.

Reference being made to the drawings, A designates a box or case rectangular in construction and of such dimensions and capacity as may suit it to the purposes intended. The case is closed at the top and back and is open at the front and of such depth that the folding members may be turned back therein and stand with the face of the hinged side members flush with the edges of the case, as seen in Fig. 2 of the drawings. To the inner edges of the opposite side pieces of the case A are hinged side plates 1 1 to turn or

swing out, as seen in Figs. 1 and 5 of the drawings, and stand with their outer faces in alinement with the side pieces of the case, in which position they add to the capacity of wardrobe their width of surface. To the outer inner edges of the side plates 1 are hinged the doors 2 2, which close the entrance to the front of the wardrobe in the usual manner. It will be seen that the hinged side pieces 5 and the doors fold together within the case, as seen in Fig. 3 of the drawings. Any suitable fastenings may be provided for the doors, one being held detachably closed, as by a hook and staple 3, and the other being provided with a suitable lock 4. To the top piece 5 of the case at its front is hinged a lid 6, which when the doors and hinged side pieces are folded within the case hangs depending vertically in front of and against the folded members, thereby keeping them from outward displacement or movement for the time being, and to the under face edges of the lid 6, opposite to each other, are secured cleats 7, which fit down against the side edges of the side pieces 1 and hold them against outward displacement when the wardrobe is set up.

In the casing against the back is secured a cross-piece 7, to which is hinged the bottom or floor 8, which turns down to horizontal position, as seen in Fig. 5, or to vertical position against the inner face of the back of the wardrobe, as seen in Fig. 3, when the hinged elements are folded. Adjacent to the outer free edge of the floor 8 and extending laterally from the ends are fixed headed studs 8, which engage in keyhole-slots 9 in plates secured against the inner faces of the hinged side pieces, and thus the hinged side pieces or plates are held in relation against the side edges of the bottom. The case A is provided with suitable crossed braces 9 9, which hold the parts in firm relation.

In the upper portion of the case A against the back is secured a cross piece or rail 10, to which is hinged the clothes-frame 11, consisting of a suitable rectangular frame adapted to turn up against the back of the case, as seen by dotted lines in Fig. 4, and to be turned down to horizontal position when in use. The clothes-frame is provided with the requisite number of clothes-hooks 12, and to

the back of the case is secured a clothes-bar 13, also provided with hooks 14, as shown.

In the case is suspended a cylinder or other equivalent receptacle 15, consisting of a perforated shell, wherein an insecticide may be deposited and serve the purposes of protecting the contents of the wardrobe from ravages of insects.

To set the wardrobe up ready for use, the hinged lid or cover is lifted up to horizontal position. The hinged side pieces are then turned out into alinement with the side pieces of the case, and then the doors are swung outward. The lid may then be arranged with the side cleats engaging against the hinged side pieces. The floor or bottom may then be turned down to horizontal position, with the headed lugs engaged in the keyhole-slots, and then the clothes-frame is turned down to horizontal position and the wardrobe is ready for use.

The stiles and cross rails or pieces of the parts are made of any suitable wooden material, and the panels are or may be of paper-board adapted to suit the purposes.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A wardrobe comprising a case, open at the front, oppositely-disposed inwardly-folding side pieces hinged to the front edges of the opposite ends of the case, inwardly-foldable doors hinged to the edges of the side pieces opposite those attached to the ends of the case, a top piece having a lid hinged to its front edge and foldable downwardly over a portion of the side pieces and doors, and a floor hinged to the back of the case and movable upwardly into vertical position against

the latter and also into horizontal position to hold the side pieces open.

2. A wardrobe comprising a case, oppositely-disposed inwardly-foldable side pieces hinged to the front portions of the ends of the case, inwardly-folding doors hinged to the edges of the side pieces opposite those attached to the ends of the case, a floor hinged to the back of the case and movable upwardly against the latter in vertical position and also downwardly into horizontal position, a closed frame hinged to the back of the case and arranged to turn down into horizontal position, and a lid hinged to the front edge of the top of the case and foldable partially over the side pieces and doors.

3. A wardrobe comprising a case, inwardly-folding side pieces hinged to the front edges of the ends of the case and having keyhole-slots in the inner faces of the lower portions thereof, inwardly-folding doors hinged to the edges of the side pieces opposite those attached to the ends of the case, a lid hinged to the front edge of the top of the case and foldable downwardly partially over the side pieces and doors to hold the latter against outward movement, a floor hinged within the lower portion of the case and having laterally-projecting headed lugs to removably engage the said keyhole-slots, and a closed frame hinged within the casing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

JAMES O. CLAY.

Witnesses:

ALBERT E. HILL,
LEON S. HOLLEY.