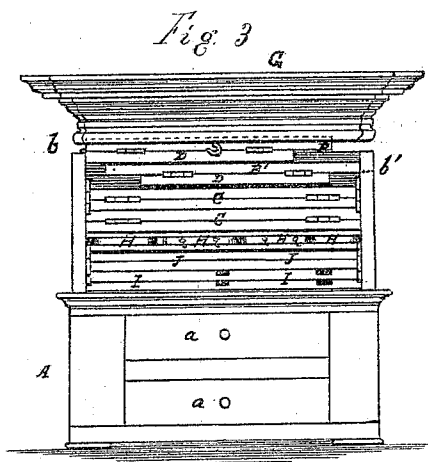
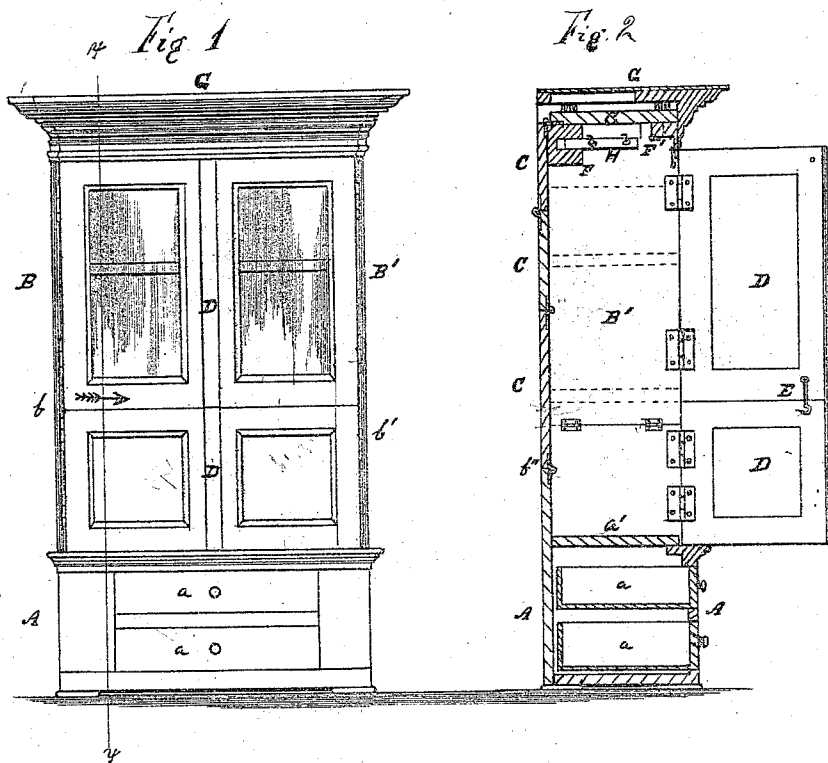


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SPECIFICATION.

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES BYRNES, of Chicago, county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new, useful, and Improved Portable Folding Wardrobe, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, which will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of my improved wardrobe; Fig. 2, a vertical section of the same on the plane of the line *x x*, viewed in the direction of the arrow; and Fig. 3, a front elevation of the same when folded for transportation.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The object of my invention is to make a wardrobe which may be compactly folded for convenience of transportation or storage, and which may be used by hanging the clothes therein or by laying folded clothes upon shelves provided for that purpose; and it consists in certain novel features in the construction of the wardrobe by means of which I am enabled to attain the objects above mentioned, and which I will now proceed to describe with particularity.

In the drawing, A represents the base of the wardrobe, and *a a* are drawers with which it is provided. This base is inclosed at the top by a partition which forms the bottom of the main chamber of the wardrobe, as shown at *a'*. The sides and rear part of the base A project somewhat above the partition *a'*, as shown at *b b' b''*, Fig. 1. B B' are side pieces hinged to the side pieces of the base A. C C are boards forming the back and top of the wardrobe. These back boards are hinged together, the hinges being constructed and arranged so as to allow the boards to be folded together side to side, and the lower board C is hinged to the inner face of the rear part of the base A, as shown. D D are doors hinged to the front edge of the pieces B and B' and to the sides of the base A, respectively, as shown. E is a hook by means of which the upper doors are hooked to the lower doors. The doors may

also be hooked to the partition *a'*. F F' are cross-pieces dovetailed to the side pieces B B' so as to hold them in position and support the top of the wardrobe. The piece F' is cut away, and the top piece C is provided with a corresponding projection, so that a hook attached to the piece F' will hook a pin on the projection and hold the top piece C in place. G is a top piece employed for ornamentation and aiding to hold the parts together. H H are pins pivoted in a groove in the piece F, and provided with small pins or hooks, from which the clothes may be suspended. I I are grooved removable side pieces to be arranged within the wardrobe; and J J are removable shelves, and are supported in the grooves of the pieces I I, so that the clothes may be folded and arranged upon the shelves, when desirable, instead of being suspended from the pins arranged at the top of the wardrobe.

It will be observed from the foregoing description that my improved device may also be used as a book-case, and when so used glass is preferably placed in the doors.

In order to fold up the wardrobe the top piece G and cross-pieces F F' are removed. The top piece C is then folded against the next lower piece C, and both pieces C C so folded are folded against the next lower piece C, and all the folded pieces C C are then folded against the lower piece C, which is then laid horizontally across the wardrobe, as shown in Fig. 3. The upper doors D D are then folded in against the side pieces B B', respectively, and these doors and side-pieces are then folded down upon the pieces C C, as shown. Room will then be left (in a wardrobe of full size and proper proportions) for placing the cross-pieces F F' and the removable side pieces and shelves below the pieces C C, so that the lower doors D D may be closed. In order to set up the wardrobe the reverse operation is readily performed.

It will be also observed from the foregoing description that a wardrobe constructed in the manner described may be readily and compactly folded either for convenience of transportation or storage; that the clothes may be either folded or suspended therein; and that it may be readily converted into a book-case. The parts are so connected together as to avoid

confusion in folding and unfolding it, and each part is simple in its construction.

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

A portable folding wardrobe provided with drawers, removable shelves, and double doors, and constructed and arranged to hold together substantially as specified, in combination with the removable cross-pieces F and F', dovetailed

in the side pieces B and B', to hold the sides together and support the top of the wardrobe, and when the cross-piece F is grooved and provided with the pins H H, pivoted in the said groove so as to turn laterally therein, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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