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Fig. 1

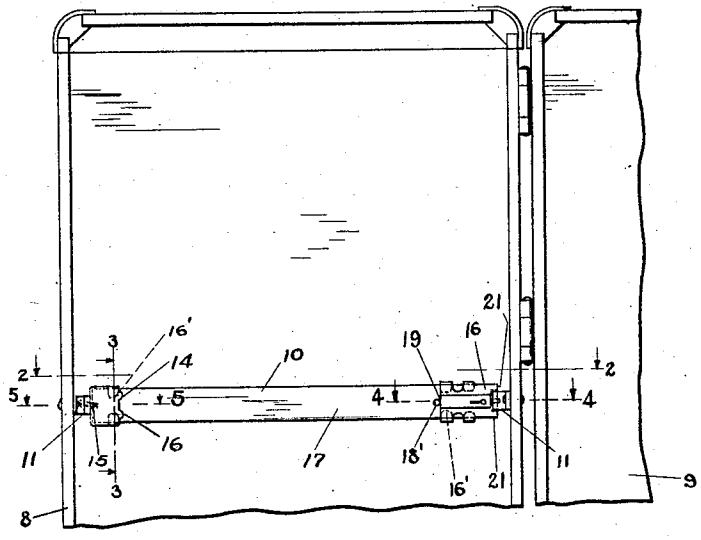


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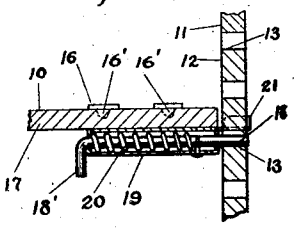


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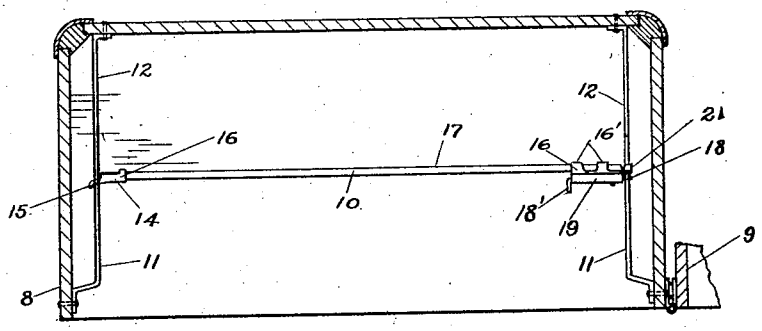


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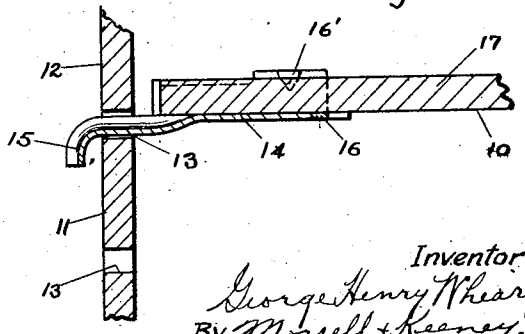
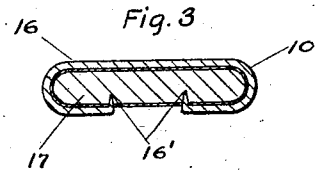


Fig. 3



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GARMENT RETAINER.

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This invention relates to improvements in garment retainers for wardrobe trunks.

Trunks of the wardrobe type are usually provided with clothes retainers or followers which are adapted to hold garments, suspended in the upper portion of the trunk section, firmly in position to prevent disarrangement thereof during transportation of the trunk. The retainers are held in position by means connecting the ends of the retainer adjustably to side strap members mounted on the opposite inner side portions of the wardrobe section of the trunk. The connecting means between the retainer and the side strap members are usually secured to the retainer by screws, nails or rivets with the result that the retainer member, which is formed of wood, is often split or broken by the fastening means extending through the wood.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to overcome the before mentioned objectionable features and provide a garment retainer in which the means for adjustably connecting the opposite ends of the retainer to the side straps of the trunk section are secured to the retainer without the use of screws, nails or rivets in a very simple manner.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment retainer in which the end members of the bar are stamped from sheet metal and are formed to positively engage the bar member and to reinforce the same.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment retainer in which one end portion thereof is automatically, adjustably locked to one of the side strap members.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment retainer which is of simple construction, is strong and durable, and is well adapted for the purpose desired.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of the improved garment retainer and its parts and combinations as set forth in the claim and all equivalents thereof.

In the accompanying drawing in which the same reference numerals indicate the same parts in all of the views:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a portion of a wardrobe trunk provided with the improved garment retainer;

Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view thereof on a larger scale taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional detail view on a larger scale taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional detail view on a larger scale taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a similar view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 8 indicates the wardrobe section of a trunk, 9 the other section hinged thereto and 10 the garment retainer slidably mounted within said wardrobe section. The wardrobe section is of ordinary construction and is provided in its upper portion with the usual garment hangers (not shown) which support the apparel or garments in extended position. Metal retainer bars engaging guide members 11 are mounted on the opposite side and rear walls of the wardrobe section of the trunk. Medial portions 12 of said guide members 11 are spaced a slight distance from the side walls of the compartment to accommodate the opposite engaging portions of the retainer bar 10. The said guide members at their medial portions are provided with spaced bolt openings forming shoulders 13 for locking the retainer thereto in adjusted position. One end portion of the retainer is provided with a fixed integral bolt member 14 which is stamped from sheet metal to form a forwardly curved bolt portion 15 of U-shape in cross section and a band-like attaching portion 16 adapted to extend around one end portion of the wooden bar 17. Said band portion 16 at its opposite edges is formed with inwardly extending tangs 16′ which are forced into the side portion of the bar 17 to firmly fasten the fixed bolt member to the bar end. The curved bolt portion 15 is adapted to extend into one of the bolt openings 13 of the guide member 11 engaged to hold one end of the retainer in adjusted position. In engaging or disengaging the guide member the opposite end of the retainer bar is swung forwardly to permit the entrance or the removal of the curved bolt part 15 from the bolt openings. Said curved portion 15 prevents the bolt from accidentally slipping out of the bolt openings if the side walls of the trunk section should spread apart.

The opposite end portion of the retainer

bar is provided with a spring bolt 18 which is enclosed in an integral bolt casing 19 of band-like form and fastened to the end of the bar, opposite to the fixed lock, in the same manner with tangs as the fixed lock and the same reference numerals will apply. The bolt 18 is held yieldingly in its outer position by a coiled spring 20 and is provided with a handle 18′ for convenience in drawing the bolt from the bolt openings 13 of the adjacent guide bar 11, into which said bolt is adapted to enter. The casing 19 is formed with guide fingers 21 extending above and below the adjacent guide bar 11 to prevent the retainer bar from tilting over edgewise and also to serve as guides to prevent the movement of said retainer bar in any direction other than horizontal in engaging or disengaging the guide bars 11.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the garment retainer is well adapted for the purpose described.

What I claim as my invention is:

The combination with a pair of spaced guide members having spaced openings forming locking shoulders, a bar member extending longitudinally between said guide members, an integral band like locking member extending around one end portion of the bar member and having with relation to the bar member a fixed forwardy projecting bolt formed with an outwardly extending hook shaped end which extends into one of the bolt openings of the adjacent guide member and is disengageable therefrom only by forwardly swinging motion of the bar member, the openings engaged being of less diameter than the length of the hook portion another integral band like locking member extending around the opposite end of the bar member and having guide fingers which engage the upper and lower edge portions of the adjacent guide members, and a spring actuated bolt member yieldingly mounted in said last mentioned locking member and extending between the fingers and entering one of the openings of the adjacent guide member.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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