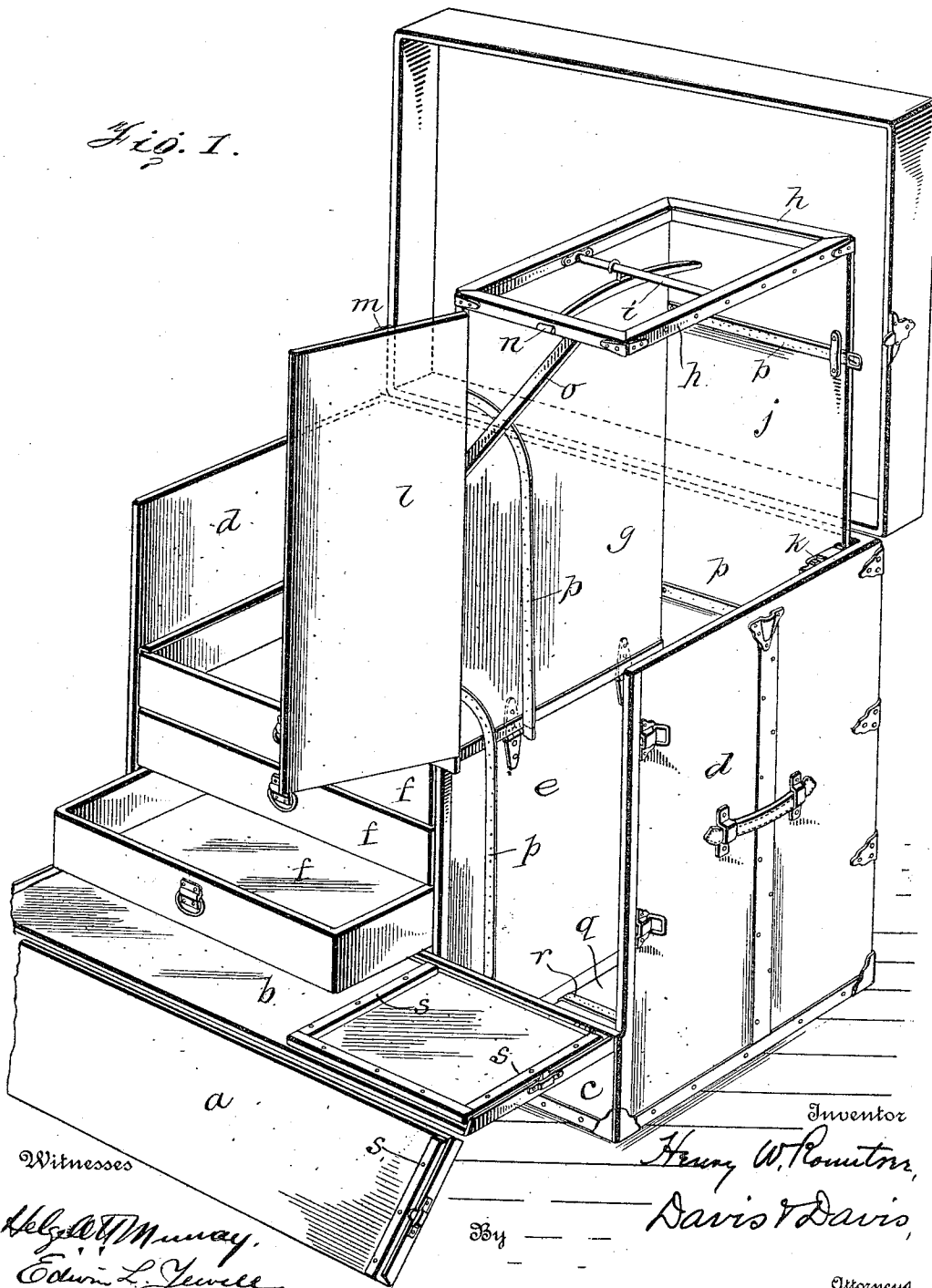


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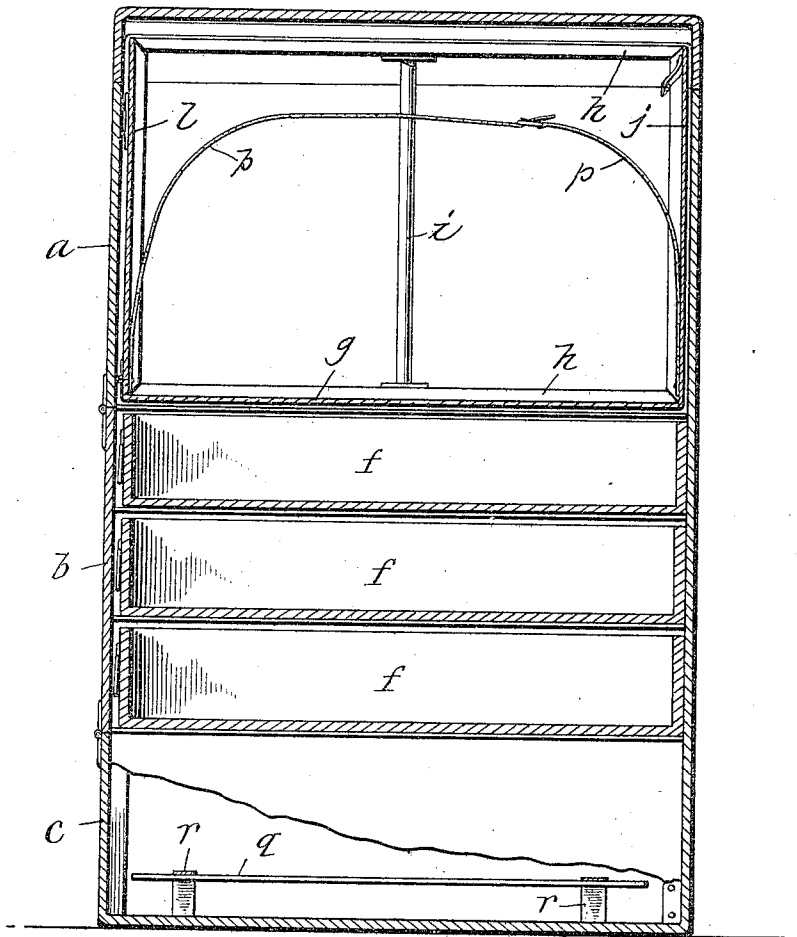
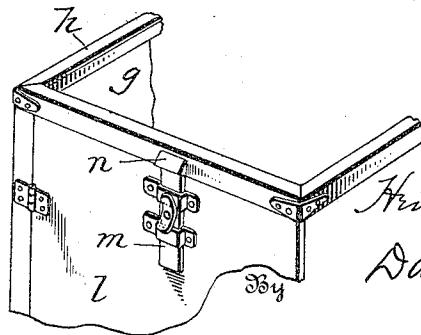


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. ROUNTREE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of and whose post-office address is Richmond, county of Henrico, and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Trunks and Dressers, of which the following is a full and clear specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved trunk opened to show its use as a wardrobe and as a dresser; Fig. 2 a vertical transverse section of the trunk closed; and Fig. 3 a detail perspective view of the upper outer corner of the wardrobe section or frame.

The principal object of this invention is to so construct and arrange an upwardly-swinging wardrobe tray or section that it shall have a maximum capacity and at the same time permit the body of the trunk to be made of a length not materially, if any greater than ordinary trunks, the construction being such that when the trunk is closed the garments in the wardrobe section will be prevented from being mussed and when opened the garments will be in position to be readily placed in the wardrobe section and removed therefrom, a special feature of importance being that any one of the garment hangers may be removed and replaced without disturbing the others; as more fully hereinafter set forth.

A further object is to adapt the trunk for use as a dresser or chiffonnier, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

The trunk body is constructed in the usual or any improved manner except that its front wall is arranged to open outwardly and downwardly, being preferably constructed of two sections *a* and *b*, the lower one of which is hinged to the upper edge of a stationary section *c* of the front wall and the upper one of which is hinged to the upper edge of the aforesaid section *b*. As thus constructed this front wall may be opened downwardly and outwardly, either one or both sections being capable of being swung down and each section being provided with suitable devices for locking its ends to the front edges of the end walls *d* of the trunk when the trunk is closed. If desired for convenience in getting at the contents of the trunk, the upper section *a* of the front

wall may be folded inwardly under the lower section *b*, as is evident.

At a suitable distance from one end of the trunk a vertical partition *e* is fixed, the upper edge of this partition terminating a suitable distance from the top of the trunk. Between this partition *e* and the end wall *d* farthest from the partition is mounted a series of drawer trays *f* which are adapted to be slid outwardly and be removed from the trunk when the front wall is opened downwardly.

Hinged to the upper edge of the partition *e* is the lower edge of the back wall *g* of the wardrobe frame or tray, and attached to the upper edge of this back wall *g* is an open rectangular frame *h* within which is mounted the rod *i* for supporting the garment hangers. At the rear edge of the wardrobe tray is a side wall *j* having its vertical edge fastened to the wall *g* and its top edge to the inner end bar of the frame *h*. The front edge of this wall *j* when the tray is raised to a vertical position abuts against the inner face of the adjacent end wall of the trunk body and is temporarily locked in that position by means of a spring bolt *k* or other fastening. The front of the wardrobe section is open, and the front edge of the wardrobe section is provided with a door *l* which is hinged to the forward edge of the wall *g* and is adapted to be locked in a closed position by a suitable sliding bolt *m* whose upper end is adapted to enter a keeper *n* on the front end bar of the frame *h*. The frame *h* is braced at the front edge of the tray by a bar *o* extending diagonally from the adjacent end bar of the frame *h* to the outer vertical edge of the back wall *g*.

It will be observed that when the wardrobe section is folded down into the trunk it extends from the partition *e* to the farther of the two end walls, and that when it is raised to a vertical position it will be locked by the bolt *k* in direct vertical alinement with the space formed at the end of the trunk between the partition *e* and the adjacent end wall, so that this space will afford ample room for the longest garments. It will be observed also that with my construction any one of the garment hangers may be removed and replaced without removing the other garment hangers, this insertion and removal of the garments being accomplished through the open front edge of the tray and

being greatly facilitated by the opening of the door sections *a* and *b*. In this way I avoid mutilation of the end wall of the trunk and also avoid the necessity of employing extensible garment hanger rods adapted to be drawn outwardly beyond the end of the trunk. The garment hangers can be of any suitable variety except that in every case they will be hung to the rod *i* in such a manner that they may be readily removed therefrom without the necessity of sliding them off either end of the rod; in the drawing I illustrate the preferred hanger which is provided with an open hook which may be conveniently lifted off the rod *i* and the hanger and its garments easily removed edgewise from the wardrobe space. It will be observed also that by hinging the front edge wall of the wardrobe section that wall is made to constitute a door which may be opened outwardly when the wardrobe section is raised and which when the wardrobe section is folded down into the trunk will constitute the front edge wall of the tray and thus protect the garments while they are being folded down into the trunk or raised therefrom. Suitable straps *p* may be secured within the wardrobe section to assist in holding the garments in a compact condition while being transported. Also a board *q* and straps *r* may be arranged within the bottom of the end space for the purpose of packing therein suitable garments, where they will be out of the way of the garments hung in the wardrobe section.

Suitable vertical battens or cleats *s* may be fastened to the inner faces of the hinged front sections *a* and *b* to embrace the front edges of the end walls of the trunk and the partition *e* to brace said walls and partition when the trunk is closed.

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

1. In combination with a trunk, of a wardrobe section pivoted between the front and back walls of the trunk near one end thereof, the wardrobe section being thereby adapted to swing from a horizontal position

within the trunk to a vertical position, means for holding the wardrobe section in a vertical position, said wardrobe section having its front edge open and being provided with a garment supporting rod in its top lying substantially parallel with the front wall of the trunk, the front wall of the trunk being provided with a door section coincident with said open front edge of the wardrobe section, whereby when the wardrobe section is raised to a vertical position the garments shall hang within the trunk and any one of the garment hangers may be withdrawn edgewise out through the front of the trunk without removing any of the other hangers or mussing the garments thereon.

2. In combination with a trunk, of a wardrobe section pivoted between the front and back walls of the trunk near one end thereof, the wardrobe section being thereby adapted to swing from a horizontal position within the trunk to a vertical position, means for holding the wardrobe section in a vertical position, said wardrobe section having its front edge open and being provided with a garment supporting rod in its top lying substantially parallel with the front wall of the trunk, the front wall of the trunk being provided with a door section coincident with said open front edge of the wardrobe section, whereby when the wardrobe section is raised to a vertical position the garments shall hang within the trunk and any one of the garment hangers may be withdrawn edgewise out through the front of the trunk without removing any of the other hangers or mussing the garments thereon, said open front side of the wardrobe section having a door hinged to the front edge of its back wall, the lower end of this door extending down into the trunk below the top edge of the front wall thereof.

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

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