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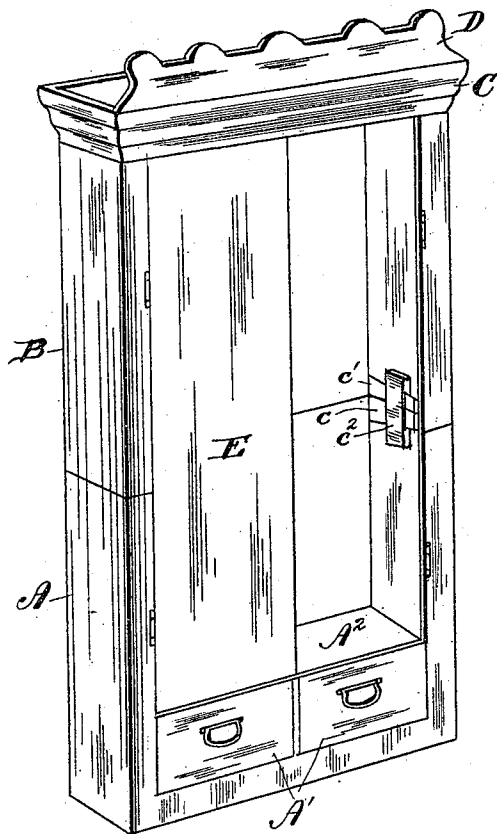


Fig. 1^a

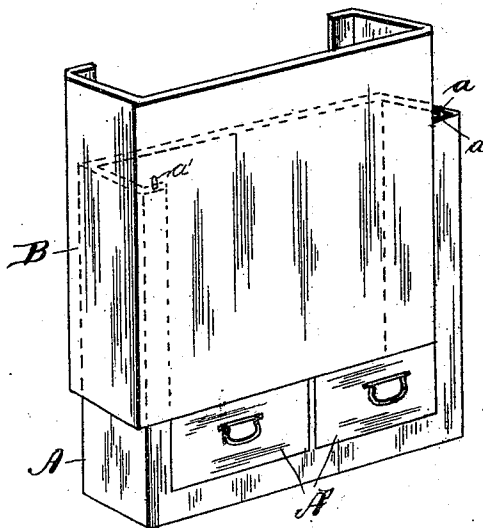
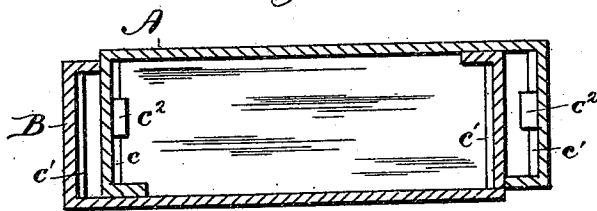


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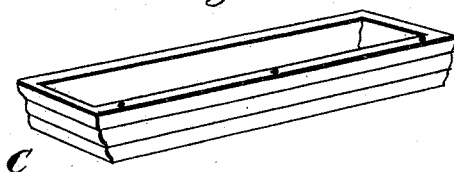


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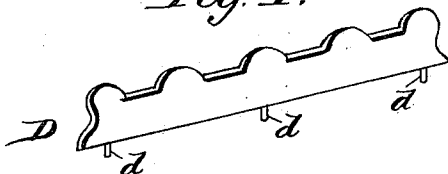


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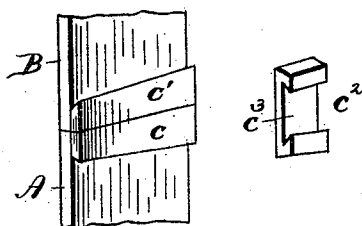
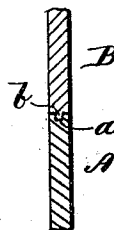


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE BUECHELE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has relation to wardrobes and similar articles of furniture, and relates more particularly to wardrobes which are constructed in sections and adapted to be readily secured together or taken apart when it is necessary for shipment or otherwise; and among the objects sought to be attained are to construct a wardrobe divided horizontally into several sections—i. e., two body-sections, a top section, and an ornamental section resting upon the top section, the body-sections being adapted to be separated and telescoped one within the other—whereby a very compact bundle or package is made for shipment, and the top section, ornamental section, and the doors of the wardrobe being adapted to be detached from one another and to form a separate bundle or package, which is also very compact and occupies but little space.

A further object of the invention is to provide a wardrobe divided horizontally into several sections and interlocking means between the sections, whereby said sections may be securely held together.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a sectional wardrobe which is of simple construction and which may be easily put together or taken apart.

With the above-recited objects in view the invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the appended clauses of claims.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete wardrobe, one of the doors being removed to show the clamping device. Fig. 1^a is a perspective view showing the two sections of the body of the wardrobe telescoped for shipment, the door and sections C D having been removed. Fig. 2 is a like view showing in detail portions of the

said sections with the interlocking means between their abutting edges. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the top piece; Fig. 4, a like view of the ornamental piece. Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view of a portion of the body-sections at their meeting edges, showing the tongue-and-groove connection. Fig. 6 is a horizontal section of Fig. 1.

The body of the wardrobe I divide horizontally at about the median line thereof, forming the lower section A, and the upper section B adapted to rest upon said section A. The latter is provided, as shown, with drawers A', above which is arranged a horizontal shelf A² for a purpose presently described.

C indicates the top section, which is removable from the body-section B, upon which it is adapted to rest when the wardrobe is set up. The upper edge of the section C may be provided with sockets to receive dowel-pins d, projecting from the under side of the ornamental piece D, whereby the latter is more firmly held in place.

For the purpose of holding the body-sections firmly together when the wardrobe is set up I provide the lower section A with a groove a and dowel-pins a' at its upper edge, into which groove is adapted to take a tongue b on the lower edge of section B. Openings are to be provided in said edge of section B to receive the dowel-pins a' of section A. To still further insure the firm connection of the sections A B, I provide upon the inside of the wardrobe, at each side thereof, the clamping device consisting of blocks c c', secured, respectively, to the lower and upper sections at their meeting edges, said blocks being tapered from one end to the other, as shown, and the upper edge of the block c and the lower edge of block c' are beveled.

A block c², provided on one side with a dovetailed recess c³, is adapted to engage with the blocks c c' in the manner shown in Fig. 1, the beveled edges of the blocks c c' taking within the recess c³, so that the block c² may be driven toward the larger end of the blocks c c' to cause the sections A B to be firmly clamped together. By driving the block c² in the opposite direction the same is loosened and can be removed, so as to permit the sections A B to be separated.

Instead of employing the clamping device just described, any other device that will answer the purpose may be employed.

5 E indicates one of the doors of the wardrobe, which doors are of a height and width sufficient to close the front opening of the wardrobe, and said doors are hinged at top and bottom to the sections B and A, respectively.

10 It will be seen that by removing the top piece C, piece D, and the doors and separating the sections A B, and then turning the latter section around so that its rear side will be in front, and then causing it to telescope
15 down within the section A until it rests upon the shelf A² a compact bundle is made, adapted to be shipped separately from the remaining portions of the wardrobe. The said remaining portions may be compactly arranged to
20 form a separate bundle for shipment.

A number of shelves may be provided within the sections; but they should be so arranged as not to interfere with the telescoping of said sections.

25 I am aware that horizontally-divided wardrobes and book-cases have heretofore been produced; but the body-sections thereof have not been adapted to be telescoped in the manner that my sections are, owing to the construction of the sections and arrangement of
30 the inner shelves, &c.

By providing the shelf A² a firm support is afforded during shipment to the section B.

What I claim is—

1. The herein-described wardrobe, comprising the sections A B, said section A being provided with the shelf A² and the section B being adapted to be reversed and to telescope within the section A and to rest upon said shelf, the section C, adapted to rest upon the section B, the ornamental piece D, adapted to rest upon the section C, and the doors hinged at top and bottom to the sections B and A, respectively, said sections C D and doors E adapted to be removed from the sections A B, for the purpose specified. 35 40 45

2. The herein-described wardrobe, comprising the lower section A, provided with the shelf A² and in its upper edge with a groove and with a dowel-pin, the section B, provided in its lower edge with a tongue and holes, as described, the piece C, resting upon the section B and provided at its upper edge with holes, the piece D, provided at its lower edge with dowel-pins entering the holes in section C, the doors E, hinged at top and bottom to the sections A B, and a clamping device arranged upon the inside of the wardrobe and adapted to clamp the sections A B together, as and for the purpose specified. 50 55 60

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

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