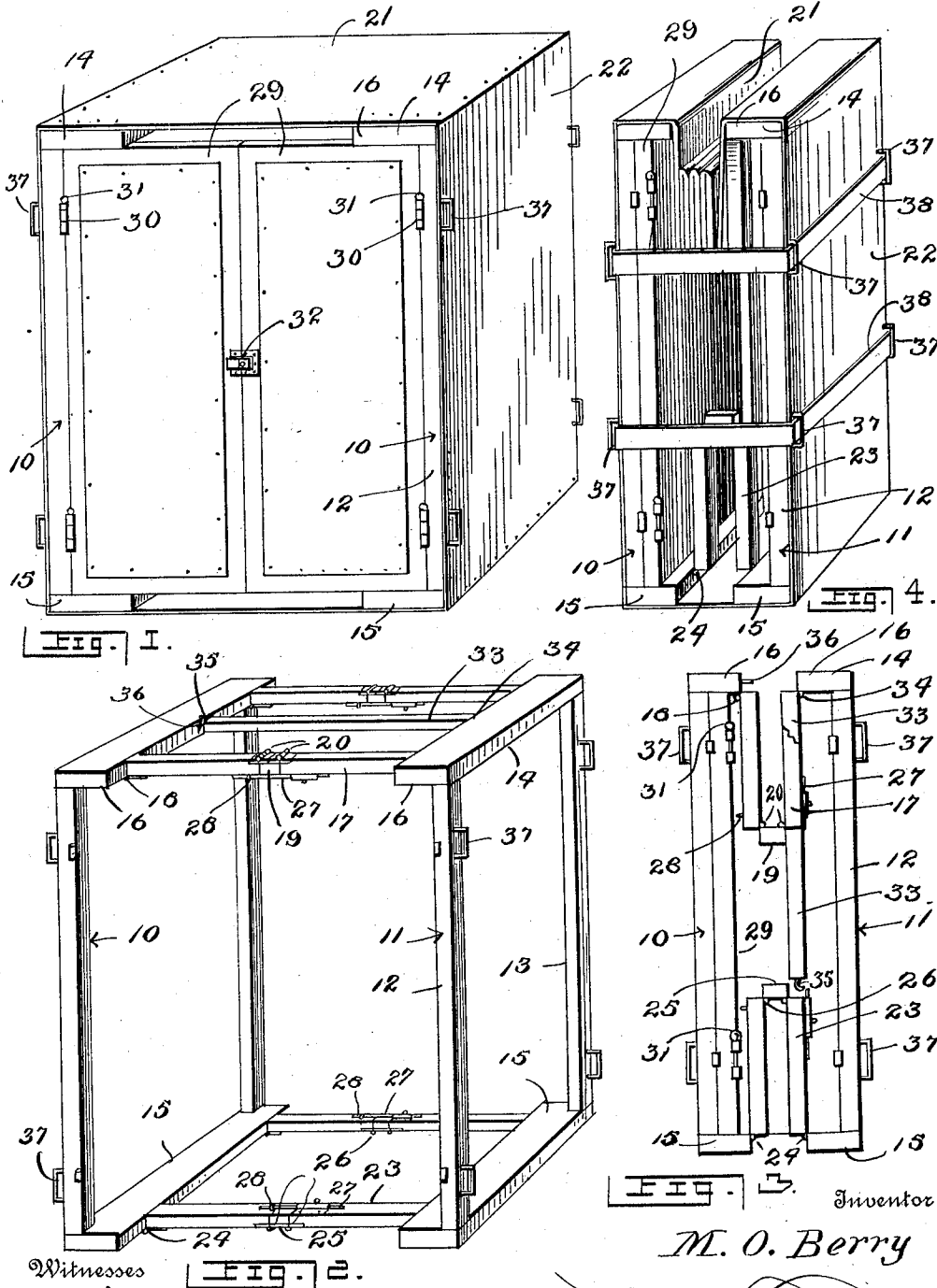


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MOLLIE O. BERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Augusta, in the county of Richmond, State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collapsible 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.

This invention relates to wardrobes and more especially to that class known as collapsible wardrobes.

The primary object of this invention is to construct a wardrobe comprising a series of open frames covered with cloth such as burlap and adapted to be readily collapsed or folded for occupying a minimum amount of space so as to be readily transported.

Another object of the invention is to construct a wardrobe of a novel arrangement of parts which are so connected as to be readily extended and held in an open position when the device is in use and adapted to be conveniently and compactly folded when not in use.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain other combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved wardrobe as in use. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the frame of the wardrobe with the covering removed. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the device folded and without the covering attached thereto. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the complete wardrobe folded for transportation.

As shown, my improved wardrobe comprises the opposite side frames 10 and 11 each formed of spaced vertical front and rear frame members 12 and 13 respectively, the same being connected at their upper and lower ends by top and bottom rails 14 and 15. Each of said top and bottom rails are considerably wider than the frame members 12 and 13 and are connected to the upper and lower ends of the latter so as to project considerably inwardly thereof as shown at 16, thus comprising a pair of open frames which are extremely light in construction.

The top members 14 are connected by col-

lapsible braces, each comprising a pair of bar sections 17 which are hinged to the inner edge portions of the top members 14 as shown at 18 and adjacent to the ends thereof so as to fold between the frames formed by the said parts heretofore described. The inner ends of the bars 17 are connected by blocks 19 through the medium of hinges 20 so as to permit the bars 17 to move downwardly at their inner ends and toward each other at their outer ends so as to provide a space between said bars for accommodating a flexible cover, preferably of burlap indicated by the numeral 21 which are secured to the bars 17 and the top members 14. The side frames are also provided with a covering 22 similar to the covering 21 so as to protect anything held within the wardrobe and render the device light of construction.

The bottom members 15 are connected in a similar manner as the top members 14 by means of bar sections 23 the same being hinged to said members 15 as shown at 24 and adapted to fold upwardly instead of downwardly and in an opposite direction relative to the bars 17 which connect the top members. The inner ends of the bars 23 are also connected by blocks or central sections 25 by hinges 26 secured to the abutting ends thereof and also adapted to accommodate or provide an intermediate space to prevent the bars 23 from contacting with each other and receiving the cloth covering therebetween. In order to hold the frame parts in an extended position and the side frames spaced apart, the bars 17 and 23 at one side of the wardrobe are provided with slidable bolts or rods 27 which are movably engageable with eyes 28 carried by the other bars 17 and 23 at the opposite side of the wardrobe and adapted to be engaged with said eyes when the bars 17 and 23 are respectively raised and lowered to separate the side frames. When it is desired to collapse the wardrobe, the bolts 27 are disengaged from the eyes 28 to permit the hinged sections or bars to fold in the manner previously described and thereby permit the side frames to move toward each other to occupy a minimum amount of space.

The vertical front bars or frame members 12 are adapted to support the hinged doors 29 adjacent their upper and lower ends as shown at 30, the same being provided with removable pintles 31 for permitting the

doors to be readily detached for sliding the same between the top and bottom frame members 14 and 15 respectively and between the projecting portions 16 thereof and the hinged frame sections connecting said members. The doors 29 are made of a height equal to the distance between the top and bottom members 14 and 15 so as to be readily accommodated between the projecting portions 16 and of a width equal to the depth of the wardrobe or the length of said members 14 and 15. The hook and eye connection or other suitable means 32 are provided for securing the doors in a closed position.

In order to suspend suitable clothes hangers within the wardrobe, a suspending bar 33 is hinged to one of the top members as indicated at 34 and the opposite end thereof is provided with a hook 35 adapted to engage the depending hook 36 secured centrally to the top member 14 of the opposite side frame when the parts are extended relative to each other and thus the bar 33 also assists in holding the wardrobe in an open position, whereby disengaging the hook 35 from the hook 36, the said frame parts forming the wardrobe are permitted to be readily collapsed or closed to the position shown in Fig. 3. The vertical members 12 and 13 of the frames 10 and 11 forming the sides of the wardrobe are also provided with loop members 37 spaced from their upper and lower ends and adapted to receive the securing strap 38 for binding the parts in their folded position and thereby permitting the same to be readily transported or packed in a minimum amount of space when not in use.

From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawings, it

will be apparent that I have provided a very desirable and simple form of wardrobe, the parts being so constructed as to render the same extremely light and readily set up or folded as desired. When the parts are extended, the sections connecting the side frames of the wardrobe and the suspending bar will hold the same extremely rigid while the covering thereof will protect the articles of clothing from dust and not in any manner materially increase the weight of the wardrobe.

I claim:

A portable and collapsible wardrobe comprising side frames each formed of vertical front and rear bars, top and bottom members connecting said bars at their ends and extending inwardly, said top and bottom members being movable toward and away from each other, hinged sections connecting said top and bottom members adjacent their extremities and comprising pairs of bars hinged thereto, the top bars being adapted to fold downwardly and the bottom bars being adapted to fold upwardly, intermediate sections hinged to the inner ends of said bars, means carried by the bars adapted to hold the frames in a rigid extended position to space the side frames apart, a covering of flexible material for said frame and doors detachably carried by said front bars to be inserted between the top and bottom members when the parts are folded.

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

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