

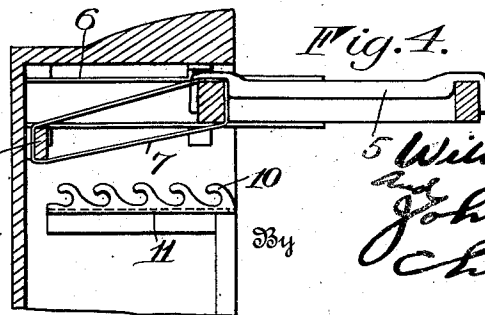
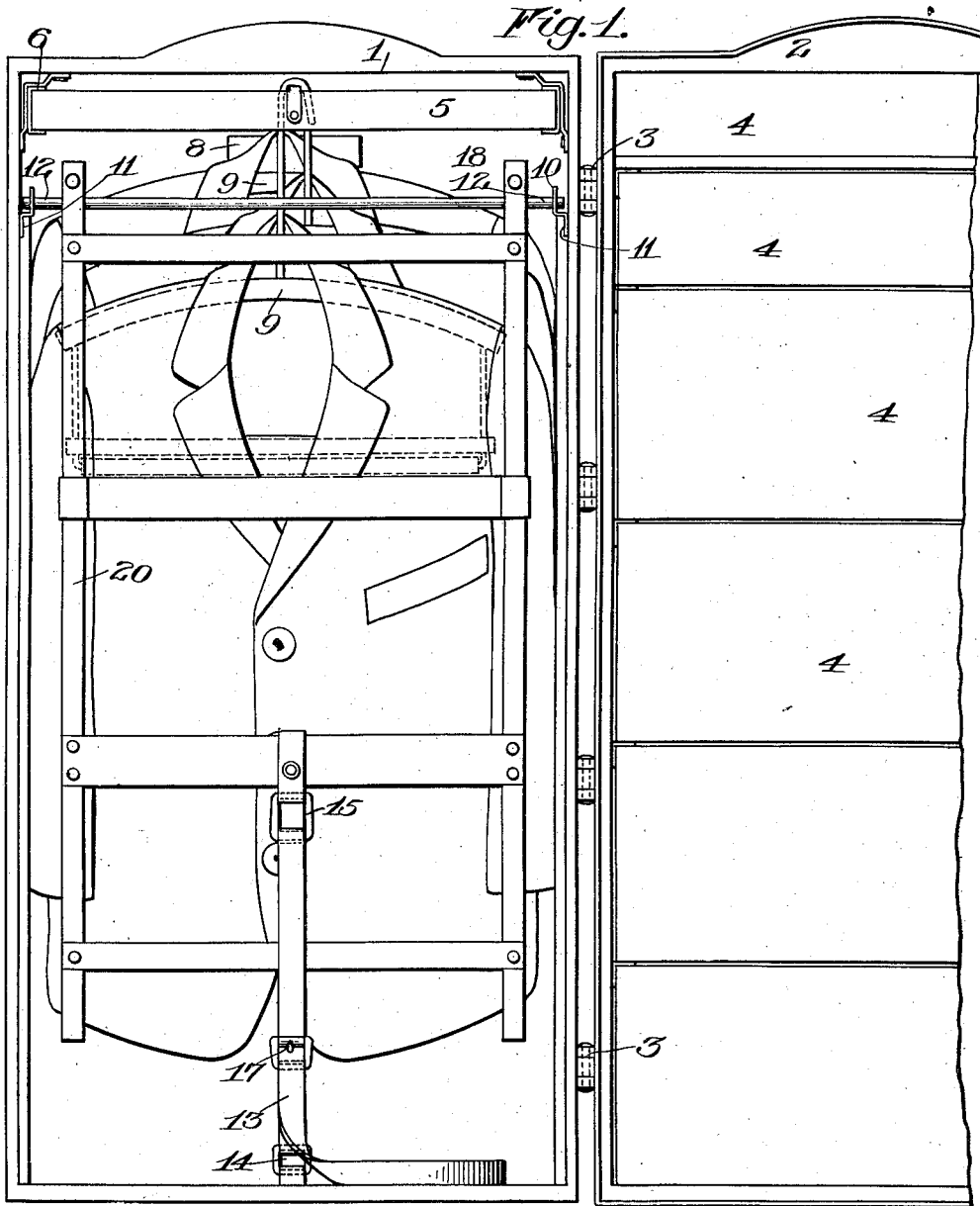
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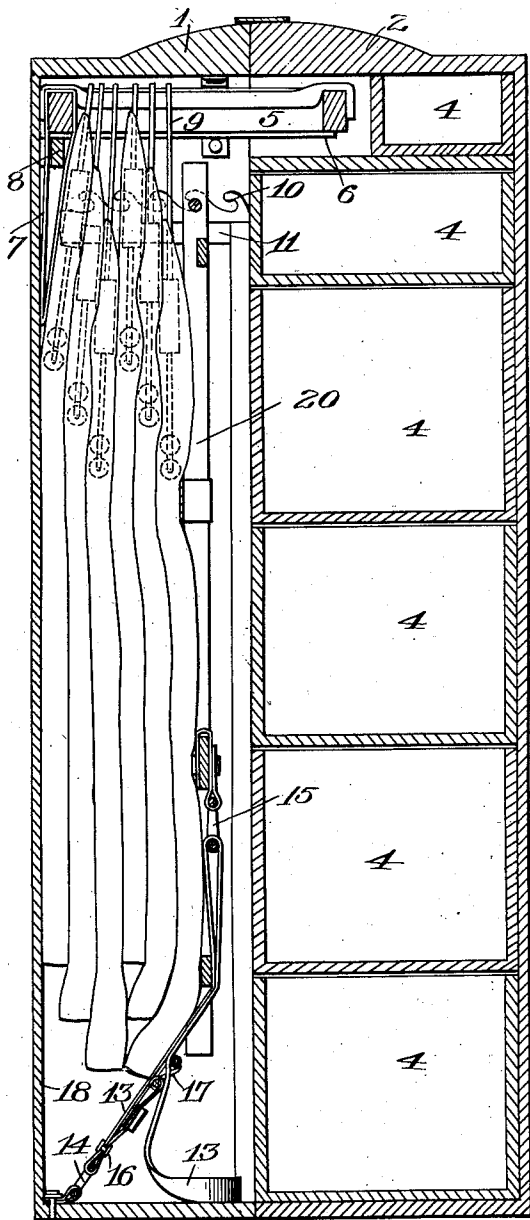


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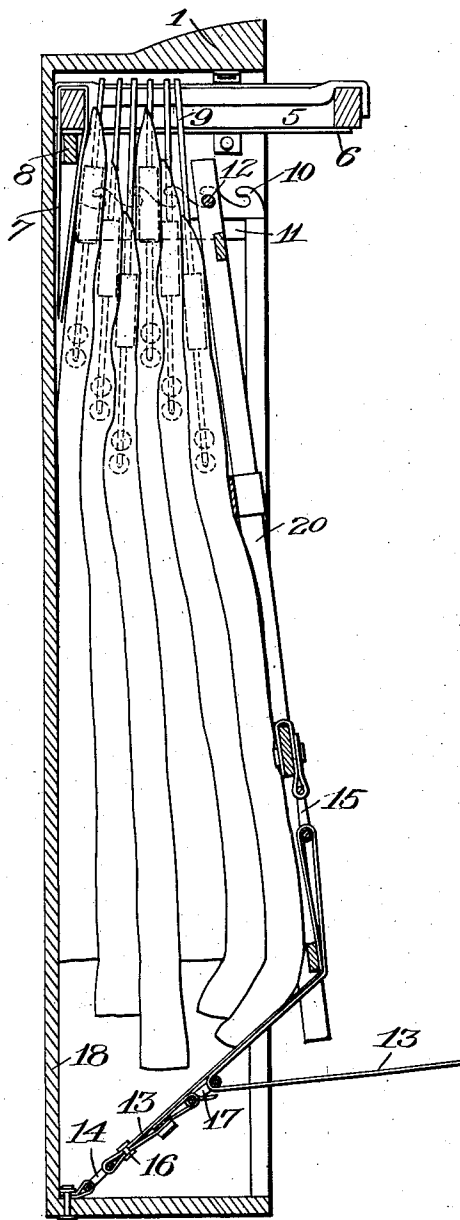


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM C. LIKLY and JOHN J. CANNAN, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Trunks; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specification, and to the reference-numerals marked thereon.

The present invention relates to wardrobe trunks or other packing cases of the type in which a follower is employed for the purpose of holding garments or other articles against displacement, an object of the invention being to provide a structure capable of adaptation to any number of garments or other articles the trunk or the like may contain and having provision whereby the follower may be easily removed or put in place and operated to secure any desired pressure upon the garments, or other articles.

To these and other ends the invention consists in certain improvements and combinations of parts all as will be hereinafter more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is an inside view of a wardrobe trunk embodying the present improvements; Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the trunk with the garments held under compression therein and the trunk closed; Fig. 3 is a vertical section of a portion of the trunk, illustrating the manner in which the clothes are placed under compression; and Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view of the upper portion of the trunk section, illustrated in Fig. 3, the garments and the garment hangers being removed from the supporting slide which is shown extended.

The invention is herein illustrated as being embodied in a wardrobe trunk comprising two sections 1 and 2 hinged together at one side as at 3. The section 2 in the present instance is divided into a number of compartments in which are arranged slide drawers 4 of various sizes, while the section 1 preferably has arranged at one end a supporting member or slide 5 guided on ways 6 and held against entire removal by a band 7 passed about the slide and about a securing member 8 in the casing member 1. The

slide or supporting member 5 serves to sustain one or more garment hangers 9 which are movably arranged on the slide, it being apparent that if the slide be withdrawn to the position shown in Fig. 4 any one of the garment hangers may be removed therefrom or placed in position thereon.

With the object in view of retaining the clothes in a pressed condition against movement within the trunk casing and at the same time preventing any movement of the garment hangers there is employed a follower 20 which is preferably removable from the casing and has a pivotal connection with the latter at one side, in this instance in proximity to the garment hangers. This pivotal connection in the present embodiment is formed by providing two sets of retaining devices 10 on opposite sides of the garment hangers, the members of each set being arranged at different distances from the wall 18 against which the garments are compressed by the followers, and being preferably in the form of hooked teeth on a plate 11 acting as racks. The follower is provided near one end with projections or pivots 12 preferably formed by the ends of a bar extending transversely of the follower, and adapted pivotally and detachably to cooperate each with a tooth on one of the racks. For the purpose of securing the opposite side of the follower and compressing the garments there may be provided a compressing device comprising a strap 13 passed through an eye member 14 secured within the casing beyond the free or swinging end of the follower and adapted to be passed through a member 15 secured to the outer side of the follower in spaced relation to the swinging end thereof. In compressing the garments the strap 13, which is held against slipping on the eye 14 by a rivet 16, is passed over the follower and through the eye 15, thence back again to the buckle 17 in proximity to the eye 14. It is apparent that if the free end of the strap 13 be now pulled the tension on the strap will force the follower inward toward the wall 18 of the casing and thus hold the clothes in a pressed condition.

The follower is removable to permit the clothes to be reached and may be shifted to correspond to the number of clothes within the trunk casing. Its pivot point being located in proximity to the garment hangers,

the garments are acted upon in such a direction that a wrinkling thereof cannot take place.

5 The adjusting device is simple in operation and permits any desired pressure to be imposed upon the clothes with but little effort on the part of the user of the device. The clothes can thus be maintained in an excellent condition while being easily reached
10 whenever they are desired.

We claim as our invention.

1. In a wardrobe trunk having a garment hanging compartment, the combination with means for loosely suspending the garments
15 therein, of a rack bar in the upper end of the compartment, a follower suspended thereon and adjustable along the rack at its upper end, and a purchase strap extending between the lower inner side of said
20 compartment and the lower end of the follower for moving said end of the follower inwardly and downwardly.

2. In a wardrobe trunk having a garment hanging compartment, the combination
25 with means for suspending garments loosely therein, and supports secured in the upper end of the compartment having teeth, of a follower provided with lateral extensions at

its upper end forming a pivotal connection with said supports, and a purchase strap 30 secured in the rear of the compartment at its lower end and cooperating with the lower end of the follower to move the latter into the compartment and also exert a downward pull thereon to hold the projections at its
35 upper end in engagement with the teeth on the support.

3. In a wardrobe trunk, the combination with garment hangers loosely suspended therein, and a rack at the upper end of the 40 trunk, of a follower adjustable thereon and loosely suspended at its upper end on said rack, an eye located on the follower near its lower end and a purchase strap secured at
45 its lower end to the interior of the trunk below the follower to move the latter inwardly and downwardly, a buckle on the strap below the follower, said strap having its upper end looped through the eye and its extremity passing through the buckle. 50

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