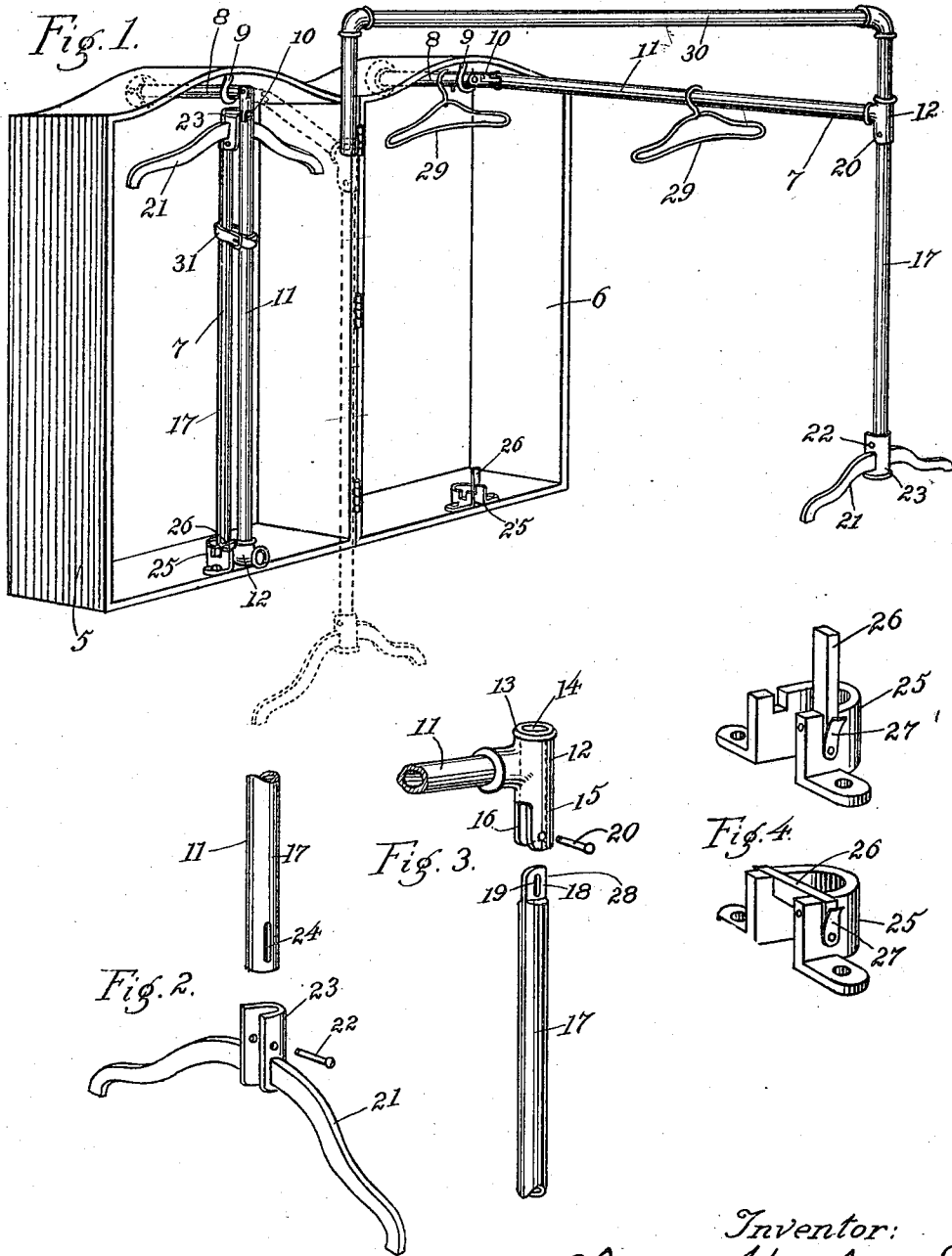


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HEINLEIN, Sr., a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wardrobe Display-Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

An object of my invention is to produce an improved wardrobe trunk particularly adapted to display purposes such as required by traveling men, in which increased display space is provided while at the same time providing a construction which occupies less room within the trunk than other structures known to me.

This and other objects are attained in the wardrobe trunk described in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a wardrobe trunk embodying my invention.

Figs. 2, 3 and 4 are detail perspective views of my construction.

My improved construction consists of the usual trunk body having two portions 5 and 6 hinged together, with clothes display elements 7 of like construction located in each portion of the trunk.

Each clothes display element has a stationary rod 8 which is supported rigidly at its rear end and by a bracket 9. Connected with this by means of a link 10 is a bar 11, the joints being such that the bar may be moved either in a vertical plane or in a horizontal plane. At the opposite end of bar 11 I have mounted a coupling 12 which is provided with an upward extension 13 having a socket 14 therein, and a downward extension 15 provided with a slot 16. A supporting standard 17 is secured to this coupling pivotally by means of an extension 18 having a slot 19 therein which receives a pin or rivet 20 located in the wings formed by slot 16 in extension 15. The action of this joint is to render the bar and support rigid when extended as shown attached to portion 6 of the trunk body and as will be hereinafter described. At its lower end the support 17 is provided with a foot 21. This foot is attached to the support by means of a pin 22 which is located in the heel 23 of the foot and which operates in a slot 24 in the support. When the clothes display elements are in the extended condition shown in Fig. 1 attached to portion 6

of the trunk, the foot will be locked in supporting position, as will be hereinafter described. When folded, the foot occupies the position shown in portion 5 of the trunk body in Fig. 1. To hold each display element folded within the trunk, I have provided a socket 25 which is secured to the bottom of each portion 5 and 6 and which is provided with a latch 26 for retaining the element in the portion or for releasing it therefrom, a spring 27 being provided for retaining the latch in either of the positions shown in Fig. 4.

In the operation of my improved wardrobe display trunk the latch 26 is lifted, thus releasing the display element. The bar 11 is lifted to horizontal position and support 17 dropped to vertical position. Foot 21 is then reversed to supporting position. The extension 18 of support 17 is then moved to a position within extension 15 of coupling 12, thus bringing the lower end of slot 19 into engagement with pin 20. This brings the vertical edge 28 of support 17 into engagement with the inner wall of the coupling opposite the slot 16, thus rendering the coupling and support rigid with one another. The foot after being reversed, then has the support moved downwardly into the heel until the upper end of slot 24 engages pin 22, thus rigidly securing the foot against movement with relation to the support by bringing the entire inner surface of the heel into engagement with the support to prevent turning of the heel.

Each display element having been moved to garment supporting position, the bars 11 are available for supporting the garments which have been packed within the trunk, by means of the usual garment hangers 29. Should it be desired to increase the garment hanging capacity of the display elements, an extension 30, the ends of which occupy the sockets 14 of the couplings 12, is placed in position. The joints of the links 10 with the bars 11 permit of horizontal movement of the display elements to accommodate an extension of the desired length occupying the sockets.

In moving the elements to folded position within the trunk portions, the feet are folded to the position shown in portion 5 of Fig. 1, and the supports are folded with relation to the bars by pulling them from the couplings as far as they will go and folding them with relation to the bars. The dis-

play elements thus having been folded, are moved to occupy the sockets 25 and the latches are moved between the supports and the bars to lock them in position within the trunk portions. A strap 31 may be provided to retain the supports and bars together at their upper ends if desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

10. 1. A wardrobe display trunk comprising two trunk portions, a display element located in each portion of the trunk, and means adapted to retain each display element in folded condition within its containing trunk portion, said display elements each consisting of a stationary rod mounted with its trunk portion, a bar pivotally connected at one end with the rod for vertical and horizontal movement therewith, a bar support pivotally connected with the bar at its opposite end, and a foot pivotally connected with the support adapted to be folded for occupancy within the trunk portion.

25 2. A wardrobe display trunk comprising two trunk portions, a display element located in each portion of the trunk, and means adapted to retain each display element in folded condition within its containing

trunk portion, said display elements each consisting of a stationary rod mounted with- 30 in its trunk portion, a bar, a link connecting the rod and bar, adapted to permit the bar to be moved to a folded position within its trunk portion, and to be moved in a horizontal plane when unfolded, a bar support pivotally connected with the bar, adapted to be folded within the trunk portion and with relation to the bar when the bar is folded within the trunk portion, means at the pivotal connection of the bar and support, 40 adapted to lock the support in supporting position, a foot pivotally mounted at the lower end of the support, adapted to be folded with relation to the support for storage within the trunk portion, and to be extended to support the support when unfolded, and means at the pivotal connection of the foot and support, adapted to lock the foot in extended position. 45

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto 50 subscribed my name this 14th day of June, 1918.

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