

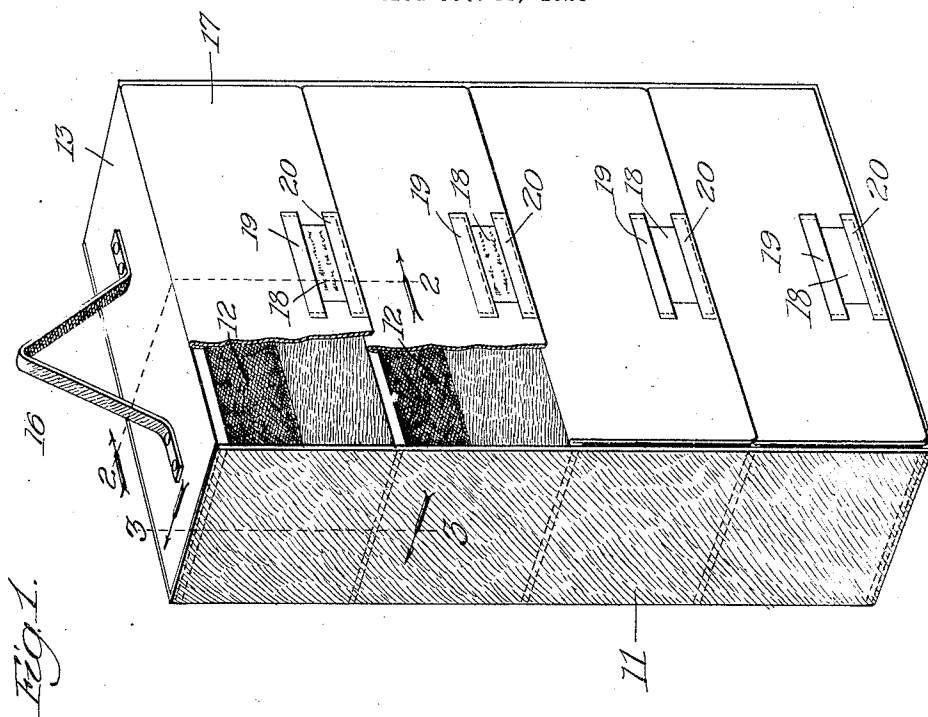
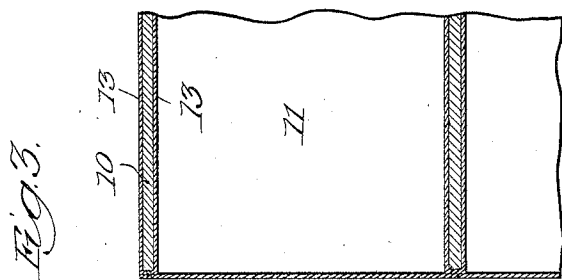
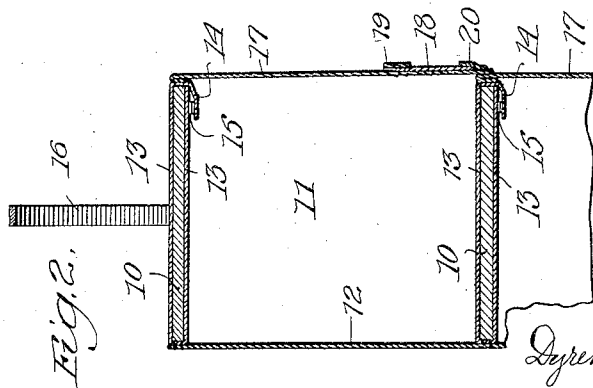
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This invention relates to collapsible shoe cabinets and the like and is fully described in the following specifications and shown in the accompanying drawings in which
5 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shoe cabinet in the opened or operative position; Fig. 2 is a partially enlarged section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a small view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

10 The embodiment illustrated comprises a shoe cabinet having a series of spaced shelves 10 of any suitable rigid material as wood, pasteboard or sheet metal, these shelves being connected in any desired man-
15 ner by means of a flexible material such as cloth, forming sides 11 and a back 10 to the compartment. These shelves are preferably inclosed in sheath-like partitions or envelopes 13 as shown in Fig. 2 which are
20 open at the front and which have an overlapping edge or flap 14 which is fastened to the lower side of the envelope by means of snap fasteners 15, the separable portions of which are stitched or otherwise secured
25 to the facing portions of the fabric. The shelves may thus be readily removed from the envelope 13 or inserted thereon. It will be understood, however, that the snap fasteners 15 may be omitted if desired and
30 the envelope permanently sewed shut.

A strap 16 is sewed or otherwise secured to the top envelope or to the topmost shelf so that the whole may be suspended from a hook or nail.

35 This arrangement provides a series of compartments, each of which is preferably closed at its front by means of a curtain 17 which is secured to the shelf above that compartment and has hinge movement
40 along a straight line, namely the forward edge of the envelope 13, due to the disposition of the shelves 10 therein. If desired, cards or markers 18 may be removably secured to each curtain by means of straps
45 19 and 20 behind which the card 18 may be slipped. Such a marker may be used to designate the kind of shoe, for example, which the owner wishes to keep in each compartment.

Thus, it will be seen that I have provided
50 a very convenient form of collapsible shoe cabinet which can readily be collapsed and folded so as to occupy very little room in a trunk and which, when opened, provides a very suitable form of cabinet which may
55 be suspended in a hotel room or in a closet. In addition, the shelves 10 may be removed

so that the flexible material can be readily washed. At the same time this cabinet is simple and economical to build.

While I have shown and described but 60 a single embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that it is capable of many modifications. Changes may be made which do not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention as disclosed in the 65 appended claims.

Claims:

1. A collapsible cabinet having a back and sides of flexible material, sheaths of flexible material and similar in size forming 70 ends and partitions dividing the cabinet into a plurality of compartments, all of the sheaths at their ends being secured to said sides, said sheaths being closed at the rear and having an insert opening at 75 the front, stiff partition members similar in size insertible through said openings into the sheaths to form stiff ends and partitions, said partition members being removable to permit the flexible material to 80 be washed, an individual curtain of flexible material for each compartment secured adjacent the front edge of the sheath at the top thereof, the lower edges of the curtains overlapping the upper edges of adjacent 85 curtains opposite each partition.

2. A collapsible cabinet having a back and sides of flexible material, sheaths of flexible material and similar in size forming 90 ends and partitions dividing the cabinet into a plurality of compartments, all of the sheaths at their ends being secured to said sides, said sheaths being closed at the rear and having an insert opening at 95 the front, stiff partition members similar in size insertible through said openings into the sheaths to form stiff ends and partitions, said partition members being removable to permit the flexible material to be washed and the front portions of the top 100 walls of the sheaths providing flaps to close said openings and overlap the lower walls of the sheaths, fasteners to close the said flaps against said lower walls, and individual curtains of flexible material for said 105 compartments secured to the adjacent portions, the lower edges of the curtains overlapping the upper edges of adjacent curtains opposite each partition.

In testimony whereof, I hereby set my 110 hand this 23rd day of October, A. D. 1926.

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