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PORTABLE WARDROBE AND BOOK CASE.

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Fig. 2.

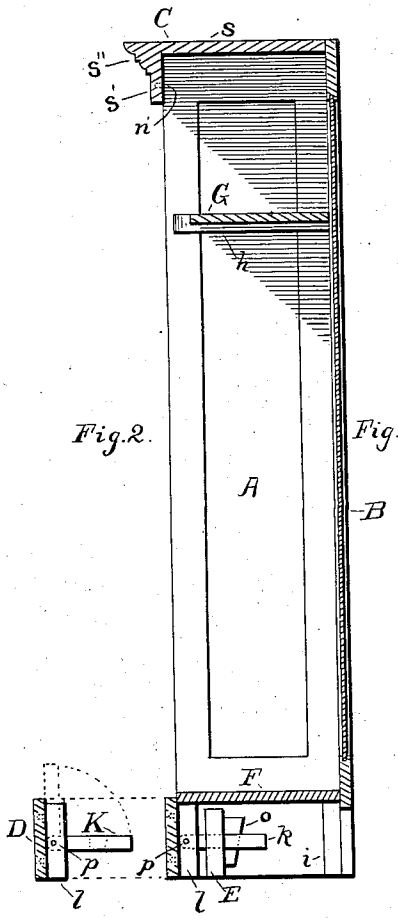


Fig. 1.

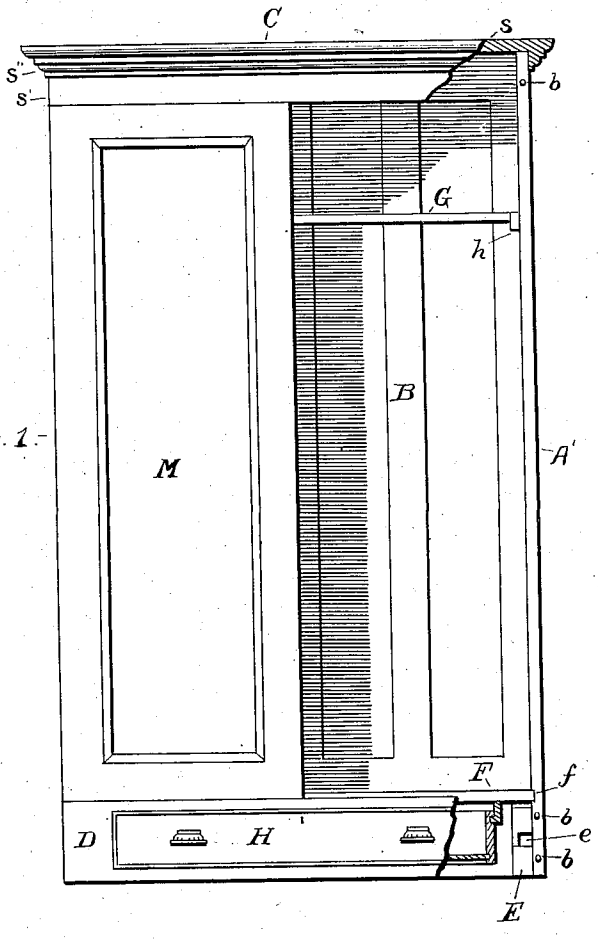


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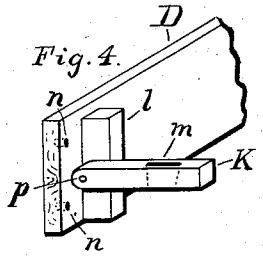
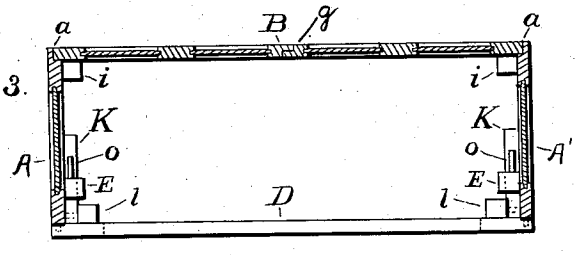


Fig. 3.



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PORTABLE WARDROBE AND BOOK-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDRICK C. ARBENZ, a resident of Wheeling, in the county of Ohio and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Construction of Portable Wardrobes and Book-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a portable wardrobe or book-case that can easily be taken apart and packed together in a comparatively small space for convenience and economy in transportation; and it consists in certain details of construction by which I accomplish the object, as will hereinafter be more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a wardrobe similar to those in general use, with a portion of one side removed to show the interior construction. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section; Fig. 3, a horizontal section of the same; Fig. 4, a detail showing peculiar construction.

Corresponding letters of reference refer to like parts.

The letters A A′ designate the sides of the wardrobe, the back edge of each being rabbeted at *a* to receive the back B. The front edges of the sides A A′ are provided with dowels *b b b*, to assist in holding the top C and the base D in position.

E E are blocks secured to the sides A A′, provided with mortises *e e*.

F is a bottom board having the ends set in grooves *f f* in the sides A A′.

G is a shelf resting at each end on cleats *h h*, secured to each side.

D is a base-board extending across the front of the wardrobe and represents the base of the same. It can be made high enough to permit of a drawer, H, being introduced, or it can be narrow and plain, as required. The base-board D is secured to the sides by means of projecting bars K K, pivoted at one end, *p*, to blocks *l l* on the inside of the base-board, and provided with tapering mortises *m m*, to receive a wedge, *o*, after they are passed through the mortises *e* in the blocks attached to the sides of the wardrobe.

The bars K K are pivoted to the blocks *l l* on the base-board, so they can be swung around parallel with the face of the board for convenience in packing into piles for transportation. (Shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 2.)

n n are pin-holes for the receival of the pins *b b* on the edge of the sides of the wardrobe.

The back of the wardrobe B is made in two parts, with a rabbet-joint at *g*, similar to double doors, for convenience in handling, and is fitted into the rabbets *a a* in the edges of the sides A A′, and fastened to the bottom F and the top C of the wardrobe by means of screws, so it can be readily taken off.

The top of the wardrobe, consisting of the cover *s*, fascia-board *s′*, and molding *s″*, is all fastened together as one portion of the frame-work, and is set over on top of the sides A A′ after they are secured in position to the ends of the base-board D. The dowel *b* at the top enters a hole, *n′*, in the back of the fascia-board, provided for it, and assists in holding the top in place.

The doors are attached to the front edges of the sides A A′ with suitable hinges in the usual manner. One fold, M, is shown in Fig. 1.

i i are corner-blocks to stiffen the structure and to receive casters when desired.

By this form of construction the various portions of the wardrobe can readily be taken apart and packed into a smaller compass for transportation, and can be put together again in a more expeditious manner than by any other mode that I am acquainted with.

It is obvious that by the addition of a few more shelves the wardrobe illustrated can be converted into a book-case; therefore a further description in this particular is not deemed necessary.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the sides A A', provided with dowels *b b* and mortise blocks E E, of the base D, having swinging bars K K, attached to the side pieces, *l l*, dowel-sockets *n n*, and wedge *o*, substantially as herein shown, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereby affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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