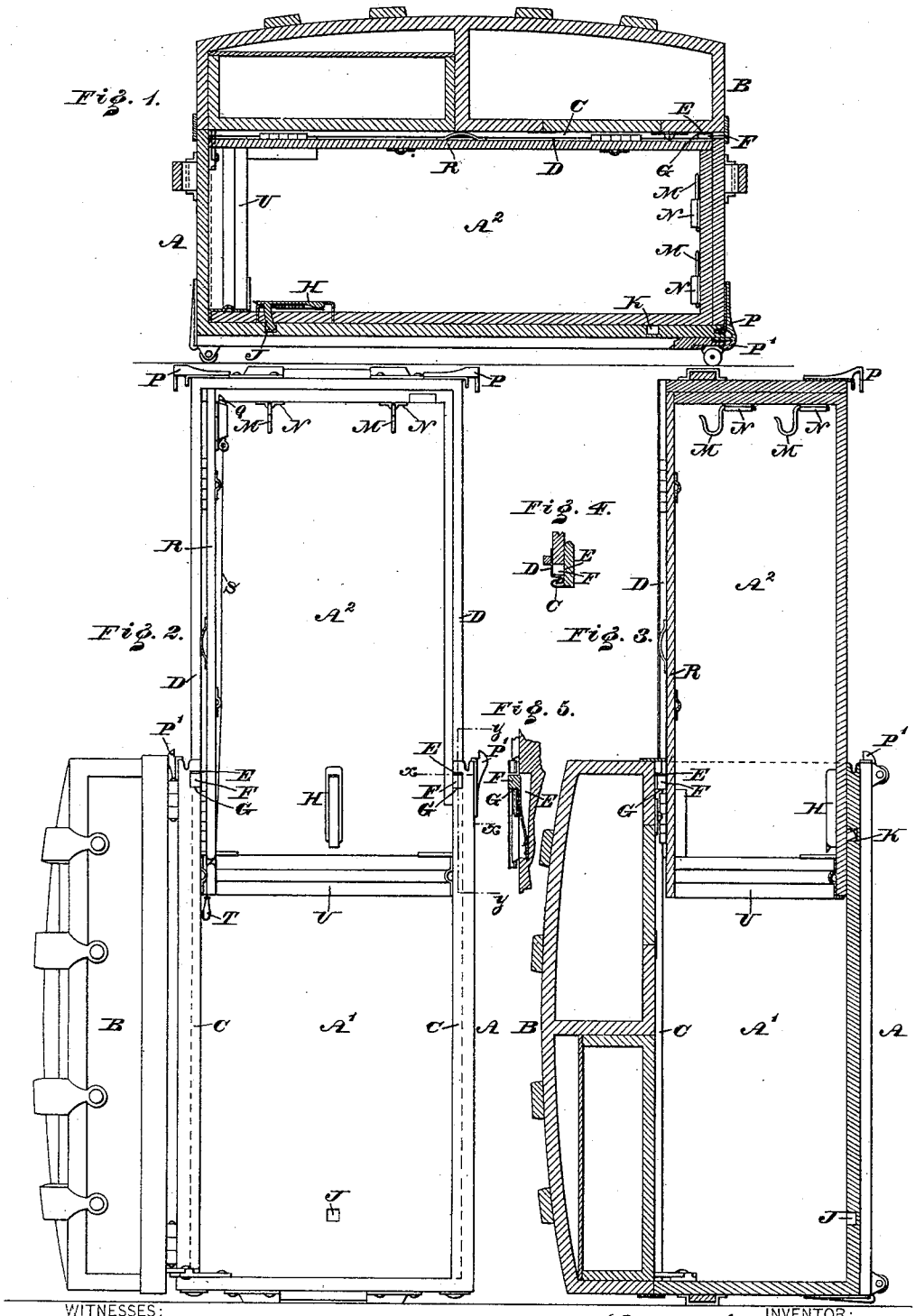
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, OTTO H. MEURER, a subject of the Grand Duke of Baden, having resided one year last past in the United States, and made oath of intention to become a citizen thereof, and GEORGE N. KLEIN, a citizen of the United States, both residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wardrobe-Trunks, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal vertical section of a wardrobe-trunk in a closed condition, embodying our invention. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation of the trunk converted into a wardrobe, the lid of the trunk being open. Fig. 3 represents a vertical section of the parts shown in Fig. 2, the trunk-lid being closed. Figs. 4 and 5 represent sections, respectively, in lines *x x* and *y y*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Our invention relates to improvements in the wardrobe-trunk for which Letters Patent of the United States No. 325,555 were granted to us on the first day of September, 1885.

The present invention consists of constructions whereby the device is simplified and its strength increased, the fastenings are more reliable, the door or lid may be securely held shut, and the hooks of the wardrobe folded out of the way, all as will be hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the body of a trunk, and B the lid thereof.

The body is formed of sections A' A^2, which fit each other telescopically, one section having connected with it a longitudinally-extending bent strip or piece, C, of metal, forming a tongue or groove, which receives a groove or tongue formed on a bent strip or piece, D, of metal secured to the other section, said tongue and groove moving on each other, forming a slide-joint, and serving to connect the sections and add to the strength thereof.

One of the sections is formed with recesses E, and has secured to it spring-bolts F, which are connected with the section adjacent to the recesses, the bolt being adapted to be folded into said recesses when the sections are closed and to be closed, and engage with shoulders G on the other section when the sections are opened out or the trunk is converted into a wardrobe, thus retaining the section A^2 in upright extended position.

A lock or catch, H, is also connected with the inner section, and engages with a recess, J, in the outer section when the trunk is folded, preventing the sections from separating when the trunk as such is in use, said catch also engaging with a recess, K, in the outer section when the sections are opened, thus assisting the bolts F to hold the section A^2 extended, as in Figs. 2 and 3.

The hooks M are employed to hold garments, &c., when the trunk is converted into a wardrobe, said hooks being pivotally held in the brackets N, so as to be folded when the trunk as such is in use. The corner-pieces P of one section are tongued, and those of the other section, P', are grooved, so that when the sections are folded the tongues enter the grooves and the pieces interlock, thus strengthening the corners of the trunk and preventing separation of the sections by wrenching or hard usage.

Q represents a bolt or latch connected with the lid R of the sections A^2, said lid forming the inner lid of the trunk as such, said latch having secured to it a rod, cord, or chain, S, which extends behind the lid R and has its end provided with a handle, T, which is within the section A', so that when the trunk is converted into a wardrobe and the lid B, covering the lid R, prevents the opening of the lid R, said handle T, the connection S, and the latch Q are concealed and inaccessible, the operation of said latch being accomplished when the lid B is opened. The open end of the inner section, A^2, of the trunk is liable to be weak, to prevent which we secure to the said end a re-enforce piece, U, of metal or other strong material, preferably corrugated metal, which extends around the sides and bottom of said end of the section A^2, thus vastly strengthening the same.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A wardrobe-trunk formed of telescoping sections, each of which is provided with bent metallic tongues interlocking with similar tongues of the other sections, substantially as described.

2. A wardrobe-trunk formed of telescoping

sections, the outer one having a spring-bolt secured in a recess on the inner face thereof, and adapted to be concealed therein when the sections are closed, and the inner section having a shoulder on its outer face adapted to engage the said bolt when the sections are opened out, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A wardrobe-trunk formed of telescoping sections A' A^2, the section A' having recess E in its inner walls, and spring-bolts F, secured therein and adapted to be concealed when the sections are closed, and the section A^2 having shoulders G, substantially as described, and adapted to be engaged by said spring-bolt when the sections are opened, all substantially as described.

4. A folding trunk formed of sections, substantially as described, with tongued and grooved corner-pieces connected with the sections, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

5. A wardrobe trunk formed of telescoping sections, one of which is provided with a lid having a bolt on its inner side, the said bolt having attached thereto a string, and a handle extending downward into the lower section, the handle being concealed and covered by the lid of the lower section or trunk when closed, substantially as described.

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