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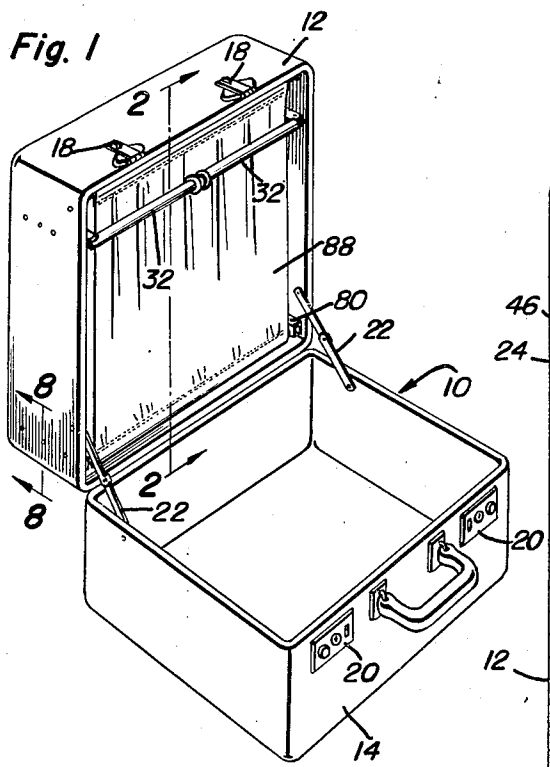


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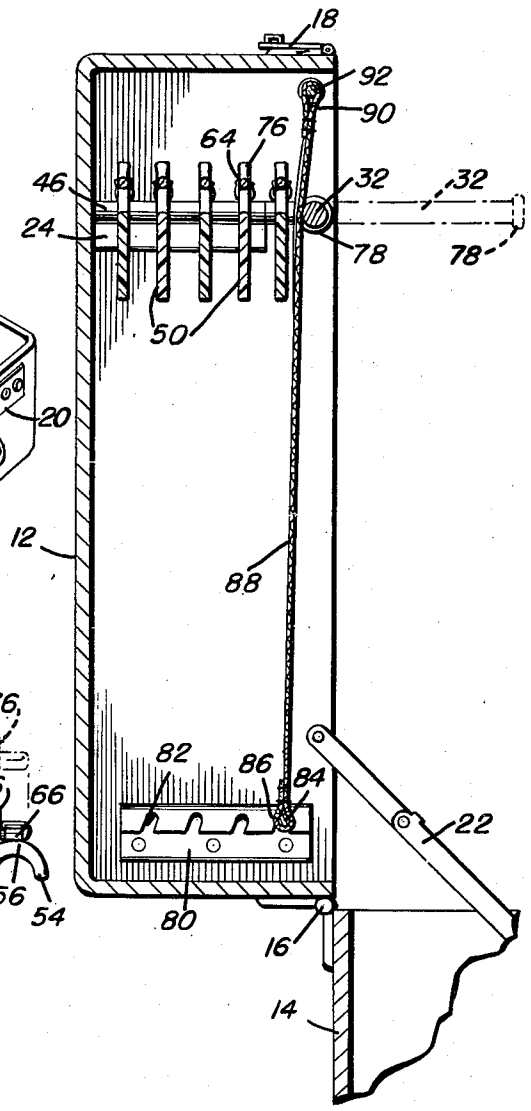
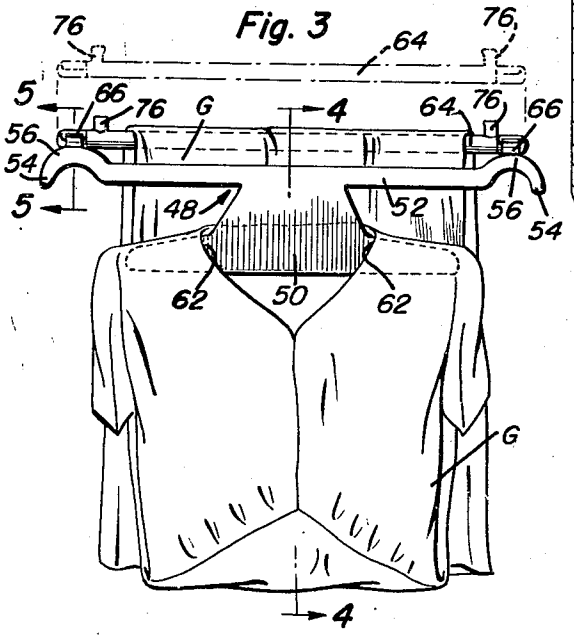


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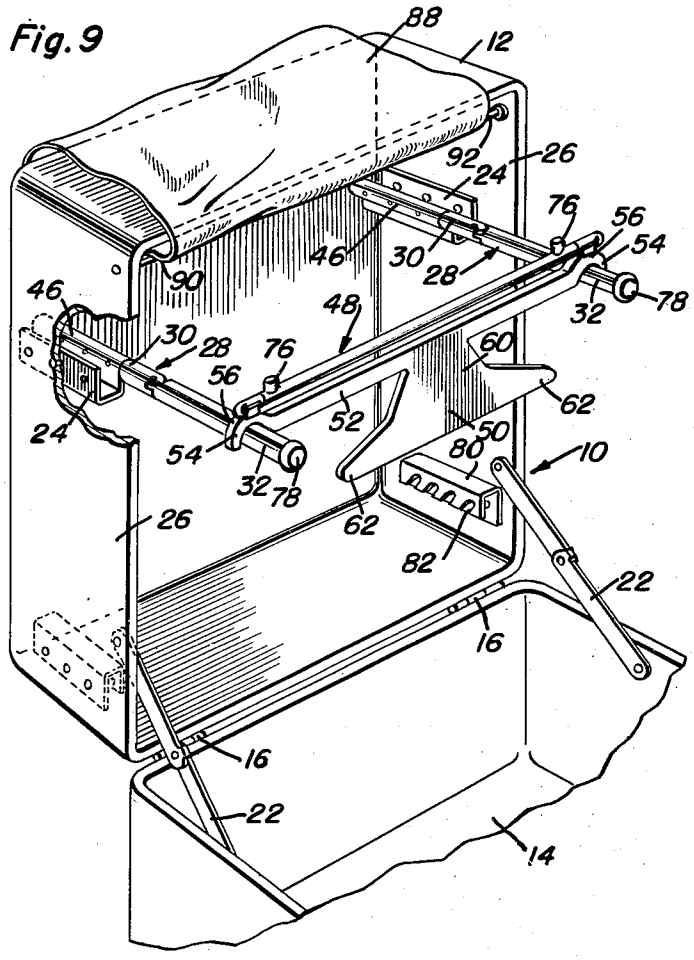


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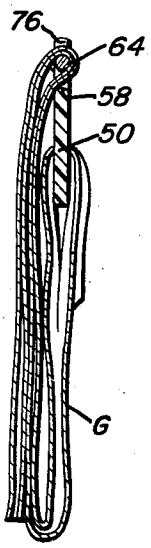


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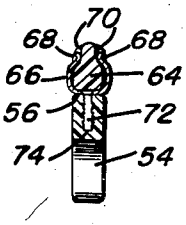


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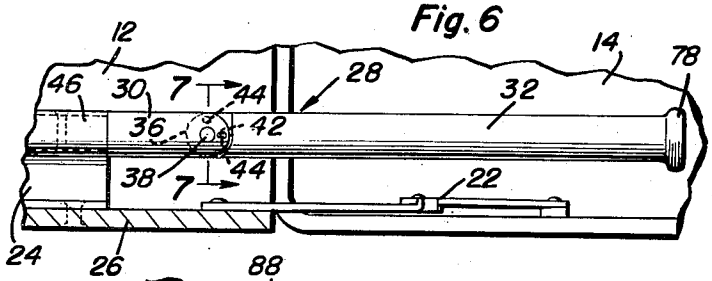


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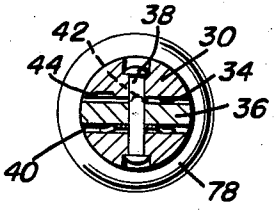
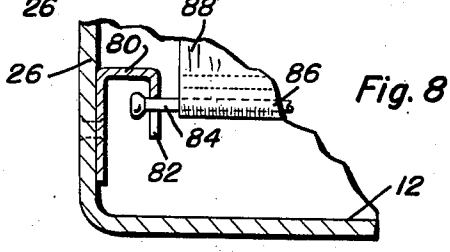


Fig. 8



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in attachments for wardrobe trunks and the primary object of the present invention is to provide means for supporting and retaining garments disposed witthin a trunk in a neatly folded position.

Another important object of the present invention is to provide an attachment for a wardrobe trunk including a novel and improved hanger that will releasably hold a blouse and skirt or pants and a jacket without permitting wrinkling of the two garments supported thereon.

A further object of the present invention is to provide an attachment for a wardrobe trunk including supports having swingable outer sections which are extended to a substantially horizontal position whereupon garment hangers may be slid thereon and exposed from the trunk.

A still further aim of the present invention is to provide an attachment for a wardrobe trunk of the aforementioned character that is extremely simple and practical in construction, strong and reliable in use, neat and attractive in appearance, efficient and durable in use, inexpensive to manufacture, and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, references being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention and showing the trunk forming halves in open position;

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken substantially on the plane of section line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a front elevational view of one of the garment hangers, showing a dress supported thereon, the skirt of the dress being folded over the holding bar, and with dotted lines showing the holding bar raised from the dress supporting hanger portion;

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view taken substantially on the plane of section line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail vertical sectional view taken substantially on the plane of section line 5—5 of Figure 3;

Figure 6 is a fragmentary top plan view of Figure 9;

Figure 7 is an enlarged detail vertical sectional view taken substantially on the plane of section line 7—7 of Figure 6;

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Figure 8 is a detail vertical sectional view taken substantially on the plane of section line 8—8 of Figure 1; and,

Figure 9 is an enlarged view similar to Figure 1 but showing the curtain raised, the swingable sections of the support moved to their forward position and further showing one of the garment hangers moved upon the forward support sections.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration, there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the numeral 10 represents a wardrobe trunk including upper and lower case forming members 12 and 14 whose rear walls are hingedly connected, as at 16, whereby the lower member may be swung upwardly in juxtaposition with the upper member. Latch arms 18 pivotally attached to the forward wall of the member 12 are engageable with keepers 20 on the forward wall of member 14 to lock the members 12 and 14 in juxtaposition. Folding braces 22 connect the rear corners of the members 12 and 14 together and limit opening movement of the member 14 to a position perpendicular to the member 12.

The outer flanges of a pair of spaced parallel channels 24 are fixedly secured by rivets or the like, to the inner faces of the side walls 26 of the member 12 and are so located as to be disposed in a horizontal position both when the trunk is open as shown in Figure 1 and when the members 12 and 14 are locked together with their forward walls facing upwardly in a carrying position.

Supports 28 are secured to the channels 24. The supports 28 include inner cylindrical stationary sections 30 and outer cylindrical swingable sections 32. The outer ends of sections 30 are formed with transverse slots 34 that receive tongues 36 at the inner ends of the sections 32. Pivots or pins 38 extend through the slotted ends of the sections 30 and the tongues 36 to permit swinging movement of the sections 32 toward and away from each other. Spring washers 40 about the pins 38, underlie the tongues 36 and are biased between the tongues and the lower walls of the slots 34 to yieldingly retain a rib 42 on the upper face of each tongue 36 within one recess of a pair of relatively perpendicular recesses 44 in the upper wall of each slot 34, so that the sections 32 will be maintained either coaxial with sections 30 or perpendicular thereto.

The inner flanges of the channels 24 are bent to form sleeves 46 that are suitably fixed about

the reduced inner end portions of the sections 30. The external diameter of the sleeves 46 is equal to the external diameter of the forward end portions of the sections 30 and the external diameter of the sections 32, to provide a substantially continuous smooth exterior surface for the supports 28.

A plurality of garment hangers 48 are removably and slidably supported on the supports 28. Each hanger 48 includes an elongated member 50 having a straight upper portion 52 that terminates in downwardly facing hooks 54 whose bight portions 56 extend upwardly from the upper convexed edge 58 of portion 52. Members 52 also include central vertical neck portions 60 and shoulder engaging arms 62 that will be engaged with the shoulder portions of a garment, such as a blouse, jacket, sweater or the like.

A horizontal holding bar 64 forms a part of each hanger 48 and the bars overlie edges 58 and have their ends resting upon the bight portions 56. U-shaped spring clips 66 are engaged upwardly over the lower edges of the bars 64 and the outturned ends 68 of the clips 66 are disposed in recesses 70 in the sides of the bars 64 to prevent the same from snagging clothing on the hangers. The upper ends of vertical pins 72 are suitably fixed to the clips 66 and the pins 72 are preferably roughened to be frictionally retained in recesses or blind bores 74 provided in the bight portions 56.

A pair of spaced parallel vertical lugs 76 extend upwardly from each bar 64. The lugs 76 may be suitably fixedly attached to the bars 64 or these lugs may be integrally formed with the bars. Lugs 76 will function as stops to prevent or limit sliding movement of a garment G engaged on the bars.

The outer ends of the sections 32 are formed with smoothly rounded flanges 78 that will limit the sliding movement of the garment hooks 54 outwardly from the members 12 when the sections 32 are disposed in spaced parallel relation.

The inner flanges of lower downwardly facing channels 80 are secured to the inner faces of side walls 26 by rivets or the like and parallel the upper channels 24. The inner flanges of the channels 80 are provided with longitudinally spaced notches 82 for selectively receiving the ends of a cross-bar 84. Bar 84 extends through a casing 86 at the lower edge of a flexible curtain 88 and the upper edge of this curtain is also provided with a casing 90 and receives a holding rod 92 terminally secured to the member 12 adjacent the forward wall thereof.

In practical use of the invention, the trunk 10 may be carried to a desired area for use and then swung downwardly so that member 14 will rest upon a supporting surface. Arms 18 are then released from keepers 20 and the member 12 is raised to a vertical position as shown best in Figures 1 and 9 of the drawings.

Sections 32 are swung outwardly and forwardly until the ribs or detents 42 enter the longitudinally extending recesses or detents in the sections 30, as shown in Figure 6.

Next, rod 84 is disengaged from channels 80 and the curtain 88 folded upwardly and backwardly over the front wall of member 12.

The hangers 48 are slid forwardly upon the sections 32 for exposing the garments and permitting a selected hanger to be raised upwardly from the support sections 32.

In order that the garment hangers 48 may be removed from the suit case and supported on a rod or the like, small slat hook elements may be pivotally attached to the vertical neck portions. These hook elements (not shown) may be raised when in use and swung alongside of the neck portion in an out of the way position when not in use.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, it is believed that a clear understanding of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention, the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claims.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. For use in a wardrobe trunk having a top and spaced side walls, a pair of hanger supports including stationary sections adapted to be secured to the side walls and swingable sections pivoted to the stationary sections, a hanger adapted to be slidably and removably supported by said supports comprising an elongated member having downwardly facing hooks at the ends thereof adapted to be engaged over the supports, said member having a downwardly extending garment shoulder supporting element at the midportion thereof, a holding bar overlying the member and means releasably securing said holding bar to said member.

2. For use in a wardrobe trunk having a top and spaced side walls, a pair of hanger supports including stationary sections adapted to be secured to the side walls and swingable sections pivoted to the stationary sections, a hanger adapted to be slidably and removably supported by said supports comprising an elongated member having downwardly facing hooks at the ends thereof adapted to be engaged over the supports, said member having a downwardly extending garment shoulder supporting element at the midportion thereof, a holding bar overlying the member and pins carried by the ends of said bar and projecting laterally therefrom toward said member, said hooks having recesses therein in which said pins are received.

3. For use in a wardrobe trunk having a top and spaced side walls, a pair of hanger supports including stationary sections adapted to be secured to the side walls and swingable sections pivoted to the stationary sections, a hanger adapted to be slidably and removably supported by said supports comprising an elongated member having downwardly facing hooks at the ends thereof adapted to be engaged over the supports, said member having a downwardly extending garment shoulder supporting element at the midportion thereof, a holding bar overlying the member, means releasably securing said bar to said member, said member having a straight central portion with an upper edge, said hooks having bight portions extending upwardly from said upper edge to support the bar above and parallel to said upper edge, whereby a garment may be disposed about the bar and behind the member.

4. For use in a wardrobe trunk having a top and spaced side walls, a pair of hanger supports including stationary sections adapted to be secured to the side walls and swingable sections pivoted to the stationary sections, a hanger adapted to be slidably and removably supported by said supports comprising an elongated mem-

ber having downwardly facing hooks at the ends thereof adapted to be engaged over the supports, said member having a downwardly extending garment shoulder supporting element at the midportion thereof, a holding bar overlying the member and pins carried by the ends of said bar and projecting laterally therefrom toward said member, said hooks having recesses therein in which said pins are received, spring clips fixed to the pins and yieldingly engaged about the bar.

5. For use in a wardrobe trunk having a top and spaced side walls, a pair of hanger supports including stationary sections adapted to be secured to the side walls and swingable sections pivoted to the stationary sections, a hanger adapted to be slidably and removably supported by said supports comprising an elongated member having downwardly facing hooks at the ends thereof adapted to be engaged over the supports, said member having a downwardly extending garment shoulder supporting element at the midportion thereof, a holding bar overlying the member, means releasably securing said bar to said member, said member having a straight central portion with an upper edge, said hooks having bight portions extending upwardly from said

upper edge to support the bar above and parallel to said upper edge, whereby a garment may be disposed about the bar and behind the member, and a pair of spaced lugs fixed to and extending upwardly from said bar to limit longitudinal sliding movement of a garment engaged over the bar.

6. A garment hanger comprising an elongated member having downwardly facing terminal hooks adapted to be slidably engaged over a pair of parallel rails, said member having a downwardly extending garment shoulder supporting element at the midportion thereof, said member including a central portion having an upper straight edge, said hooks having bight portions extending upwardly from said edge, a holding bar paralleling said edge and resting on said bight portions, and means releasably securing the ends of the bar to the bight portions of said hooks.

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