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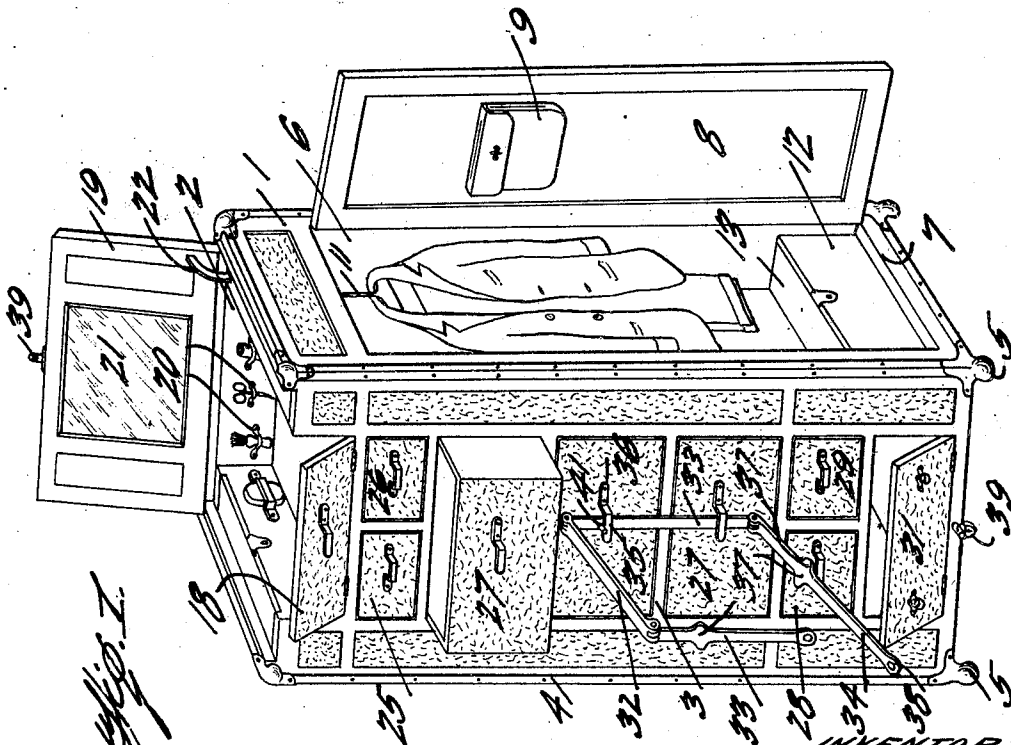
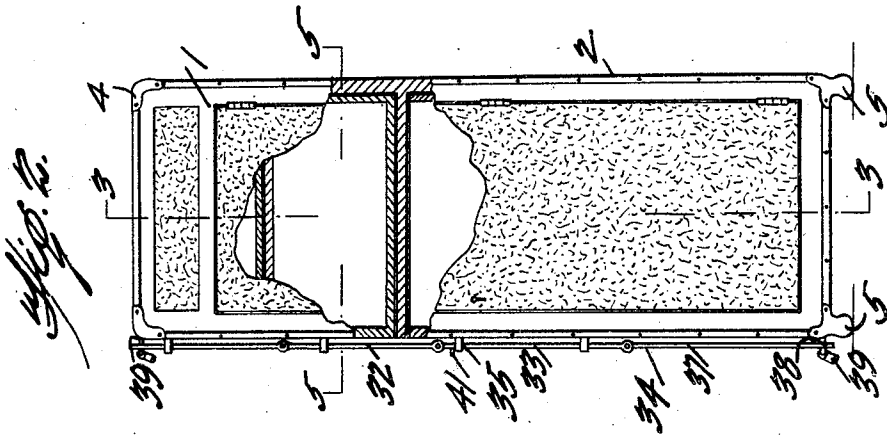
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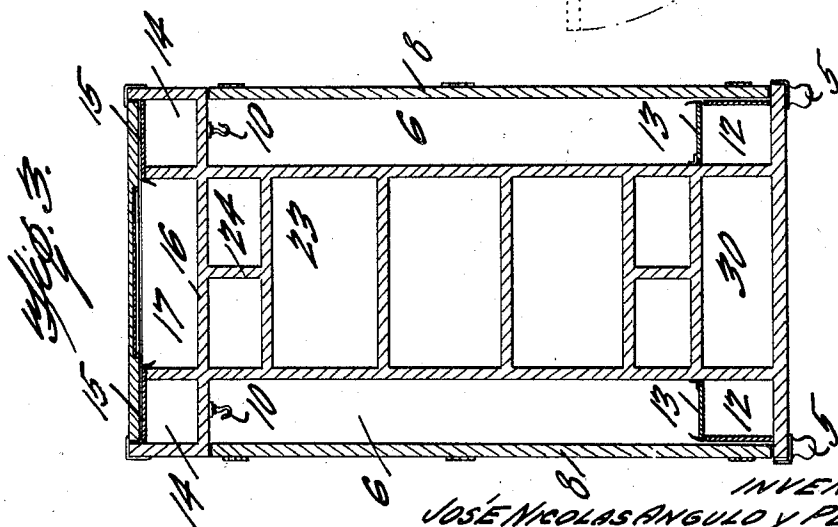
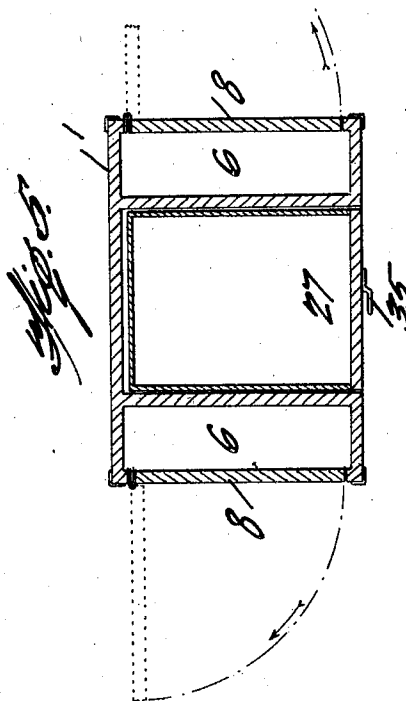
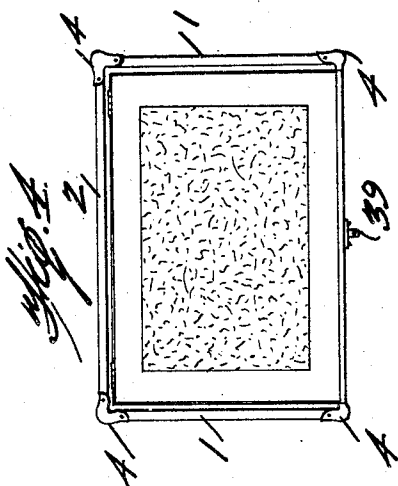
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This invention is directed to an improvement in wardrobe trunks having a capacity and construction which adapts it for convenient use both as a trunk and as a wardrobe.

The primary object of the present invention is the provision of a wardrobe trunk having such overall dimensions as will permit its use as a trunk for use in traveling, with its parts so relatively arranged as to readily and conveniently adapt it for use as a portable wardrobe when desired or necessary.

A further object of the invention is the provision of means by which all compartments and storage receptacles of the wardrobe trunk other than substantially full length compartments may be simultaneously locked when desired through the use of a single locking bar.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved wardrobe trunk, certain of the compartments being shown open.

Figure 2 is a side elevation, partly broken out, of the same.

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse section through the wardrobe trunk on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a bottom plan view of the trunk.

Figure 5 is a section on line 5—5 of Figure 2.

The improved wardrobe trunk is made up of a frame structure including side walls 1, a rear wall 2 and frame strips 3 connecting the side walls at the front of the trunk. The edges of the trunk frame may be suitably reinforced at 4 with the usual corner pieces, the lower corner pieces being provided with suitable projections 5 serving as feet for the trunk which, of course, may be substituted by roller casters or other supports.

The side walls 4 of the trunk are of hollow formation to provide article-receiving compartments. These compartments are identical in each side wall and provide a garment hanging compartment 6 which extends

from the bottom 7 of the trunk to a point near the upper end of the trunk. These garment hanging compartments are thus nearly the full height of the trunk and are designed to be closed by doors 8 opening outwardly and adapted, when closed, to form the outer sides of the trunk throughout the length of the compartments. The doors may be locked closed in any appropriate manner (not shown) and on the inner surface of the doors 8 are arranged pockets 9 of conventional form.

The upper walls of the garment hanging compartments 6 are provided with means of conventional form, such as hooks 10, to removably support garment hangers 11 to thereby accommodate a number of such hangers, it being understood that the length of the compartment is such as to readily accommodate the usual garments, as indicated in Figure 1. The bottom of each garment hanging compartment is provided with a box-like structure 12 having its own individual closure 13, as shown more particularly in Figure 1. The box-like structure 12 is wholly within the garment hanging compartment and is concealed by the door 8 when the latter is closed. This box-like structure 12 provides the usual shoe-box or the like common to wardrobe trunks.

The upper ends of the side walls immediately above the garment hanging compartments 6 are arranged as storage compartments 14 having independent covers or closures 15. The portion of the trunk forming the tops of the garment hanging compartments 6 and the bottoms of the storage compartments 14 is extended across the trunk between the side walls, forming a bottom 16 for a compartment 17 which is thus provided between the storage compartments 14. The wall of this compartment 17 at the front of the trunk is formed as a hinged downwardly opening door 18 while its closure or top 19 is hinged to the rear wall of the trunk and is of the full width of the trunk; that is to say, the closure, when in closed position, covers the compartment 17 as well as overlying and bearing upon the closures 15 of the storage compartments 14.

The inner walls of the storage compartments 15 and the rear wall of the compartment 17 may be provided with straps or other supports 20 for the convenient reception of toilet accessories, as indicated in Figure 1. The inner surface of the closure 19 may and preferably is provided with a mirror 21 and the closure with the usual means for limiting its opening movement as indicated at 22, so that when the closure is open, the mirror is held in a conveniently usable position.

The space below the partition 16 is divided by transverse and vertical partitions indicated at 23 and 24 into drawer-receiving spaces, there being immediately below the partition 16 two drawers 25 and 26 together occupying the transverse space and below the drawers 25 and 26 are arranged three or more drawers 27 of the full width of the space. Below the lowermost drawer 27 are two drawers 28 and 29 corresponding to the drawers 25 and 26 and below the drawers 28 and 29 the space between the side walls of the trunk is arranged as a compartment 30 having a hinged door 31 at the forward end.

Locking means are provided whereby all compartments and drawers other than the garment hanging compartment 6 may be simultaneously locked. The locking means includes a locking bar constructed of hinged sections 32, 33 and 34 though, of course, more sections may be used if desired. These sections are designed to engage beneath the outstanding sections 35 of an L-shaped keeper 36 secured to the hinged door 18 of the compartment 17 and to the full width drawers 27. Where the sections of the locking bar overlie the drawers arranged in pairs, as 25 and 26 and 28 and 29, the locking bar section is enlarged at 37 to overlie both such drawers.

The respective free ends of the terminal sections of the locking bar are formed with openings 38 which engage over appropriately formed members 39 carried respectively at the free edge of the closure 19 and the forward edge of the bottom 7 of the trunk. The members 39 are formed to receive an ordinary padlock 40 or the like to prevent removal of the locking bar sections therefrom after the latter has been applied in position. The central section of the locking bar may, if desired, be provided with a forwardly projecting pin 41 by which it may engage the keeper of one of the full width drawers to provide for moving either or both of the end sections of the locking bar from locking position without the necessity of entirely removing the locking bar from the trunk structure.

With the locking bar in locking position, as indicated in Figure 2, it will be seen that all compartments except the garment hang-

ing compartment 6 are locked against access. If only the upper compartment and drawers are desired to be opened, only the upper section of the locking bar may be released, the release of only the lower section of such bar preventing access to only the lower drawers and compartment.

With the wardrobe trunk constructed as described, it is apparent that it serves the full function of a trunk when desired for traveling and will accommodate clothing in full length packing and all other necessary articles for travel. When not used as a trunk, it will serve the full function of a wardrobe. The locking bar is readily and conveniently secured in place or removed in a simple manner and is capable of sectional operation to provide access to a portion of the drawers and compartments when desired.

Of course, the exterior surfaces of the doors, drawers and walls may and are contemplated as being finished in any convenient or desirable manner, such as indicated in the drawings, and any necessary or desirable reinforcement to insure against breakage in rough handling may be provided wherever desired or necessary.

What is claimed to be new is:

1. A wardrobe trunk including a trunk structure having the side walls formed to provide garment hanging compartments and storage compartments above the garment hanging compartments, outwardly opening doors for the garment hanging compartments, independent doors for the storage compartments, a single top door covering the top of the trunk and closing the space between the storage compartments and bearing on the doors for the storage compartments, the trunk having a partition in line with the bottoms of the storage compartments to provide a compartment in said space between said storage compartments, a hinged closure for the front of said compartment, the space below the compartment and between the garment hanging compartments being formed for the reception of a plurality of drawers, the lowermost portion of said space being formed as a storage space, an outwardly opening hinged closure for said storage space, a locking bar having locking cooperation with the top door and the bottom of the trunk, said locking bar overlying and locking all drawers and closures throughout the height of the trunk between the side walls, said locking bar being formed in pivotally connected sections, and keepers formed on the parts to be locked beneath which the locking bar engages.

2. A wardrobe trunk including a trunk structure having hollow side walls, a transverse partition near the upper end of the trunk, said partition bridging the space between the side walls and extending through

- the side walls to thereby provide a central and side storage compartments at the upper end of the trunk, an upwardly opening closure for each of the side storage compartments, a lid for the trunk overlying the central storage compartment and the closures for the side storage compartment, the outer wall of each of the hollow side walls below the side storage compartment being in the form of a door closure, drawers located in the space between the hollow side walls and below the central storage compartment, and means whereby the cover for the trunk and the drawers may be locked against opening.
3. A wardrobe trunk including a trunk structure having hollow side walls, a transverse partition near the upper end of the trunk, said partition bridging the space between the side walls and extending through the side walls to thereby provide a central and side storage compartments at the upper end of the trunk, an upwardly opening closure for each of the side storage compartments, a lid for the trunk overlying the central storage compartment and the closures for the side storage compartment, the outer wall of each of the hollow side walls below the side storage compartment being in the form of a door closure, drawers operative in the space between the hollow side walls and below the central storage compartment, and means whereby the cover for the trunk and the drawers may be locked against opening, said means being of sectional formation to free certain of the drawers and the cover of the trunk while holding the remaining drawers in locked relation.
4. A wardrobe trunk including a trunk structure having hollow side walls, a transverse partition near the upper end of the trunk, said partition bridging the space between the side walls and extending through the side walls to thereby provide a central and side storage compartments at the upper end of the trunk, an upwardly opening closure for each of the side storage compartments, a lid for the trunk overlying the central storage compartment and the closures for the side storage compartment, the outer wall of each of the hollow side walls below the side storage compartment being in the form of a door closure, drawers operative in the space between the hollow side walls and below the central storage compartment, and a section hinged to the forward edge of the partition and serving as a movable closure for the front of the central storage space whereby said space is accessible without lifting the cover of the trunk.
5. A wardrobe trunk including a trunk structure having hollow side walls, a transverse partition near the upper end of the trunk, said partition bridging the space between the side walls and extending through the side walls to thereby provide a central and side storage compartments at the upper end of the trunk, an upwardly opening closure for each of the side storage compartments, a lid for the trunk overlying the central storage compartment and the closures for the side storage compartment, the outer wall of each of the hollow side walls below the side storage compartment being in the form of a door closure, drawers operative in the space between the hollow side walls and below the central storage compartment, a section hinged to the forward edge of the partition and serving as a movable closure for the front of the central storage space whereby said space is accessible without lifting the cover of the trunk, and means whereby said trunk cover, hinged section and drawers may be simultaneously locked against opening movement.
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