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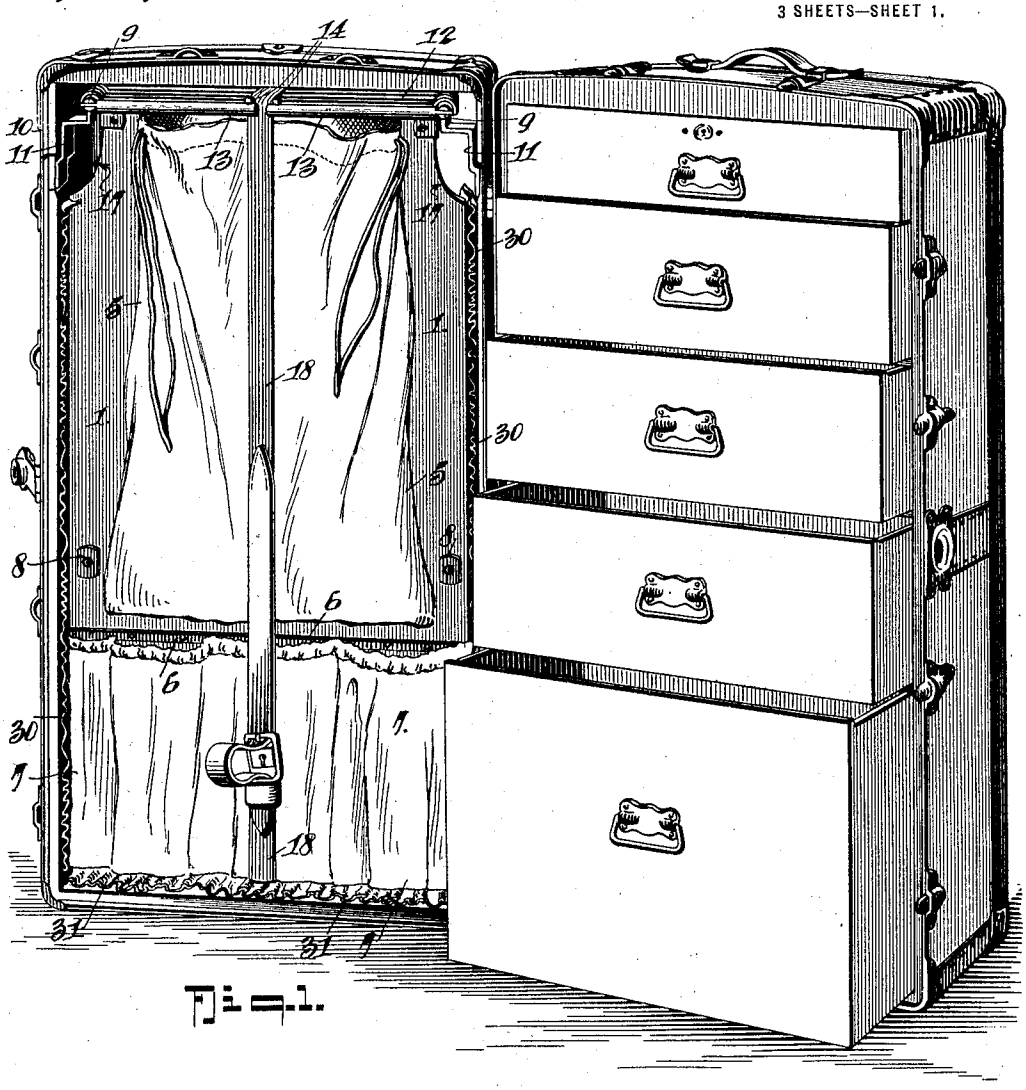


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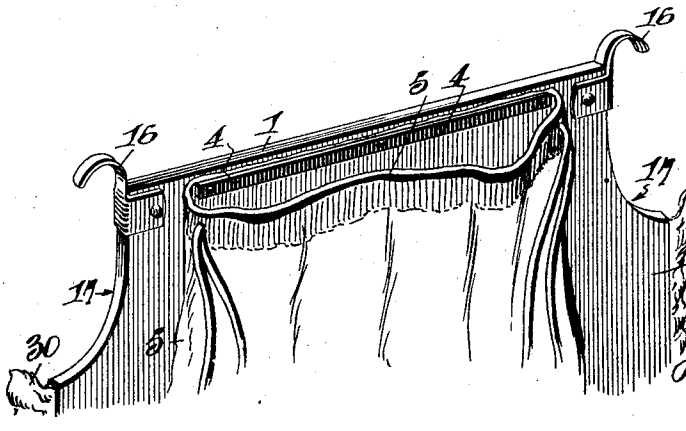


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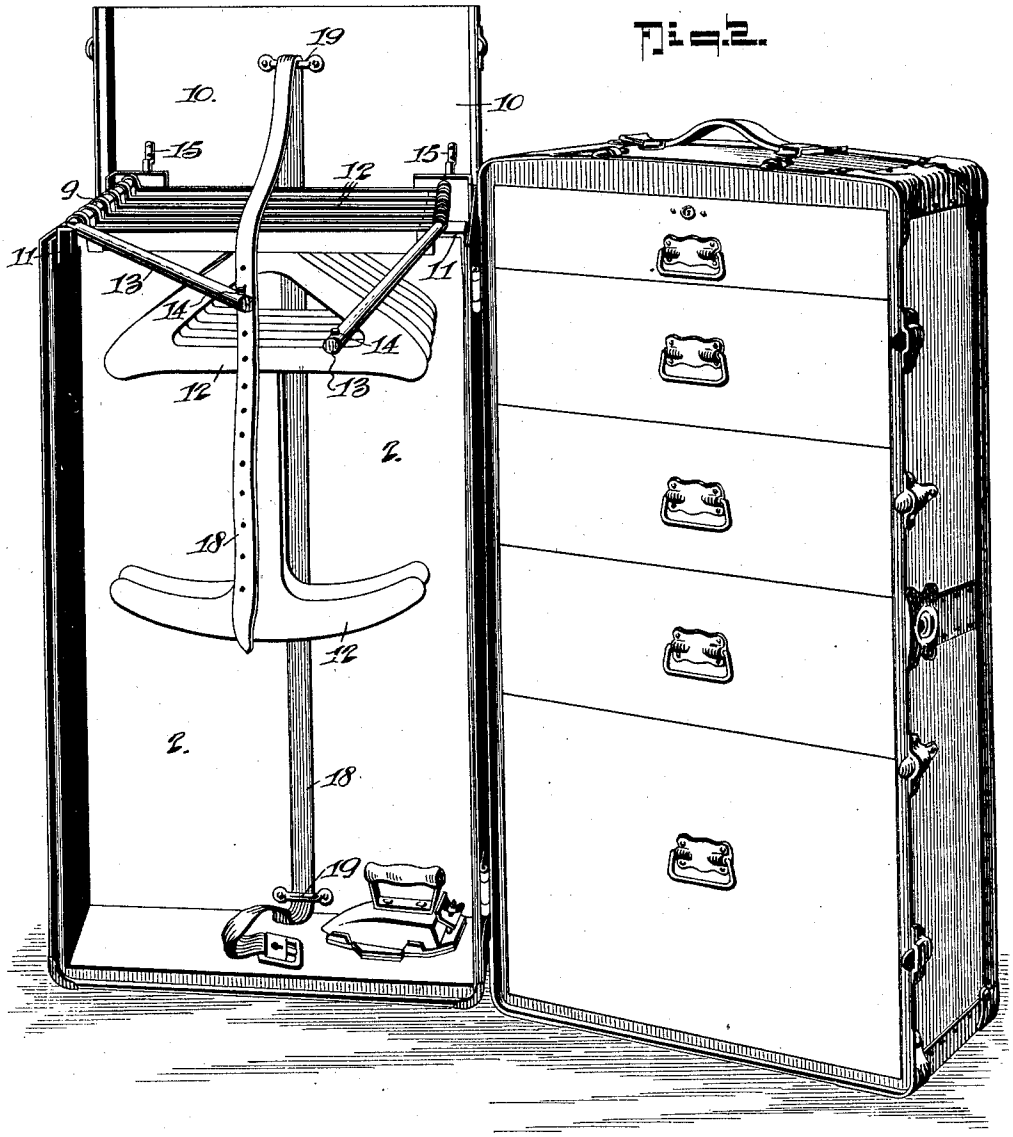
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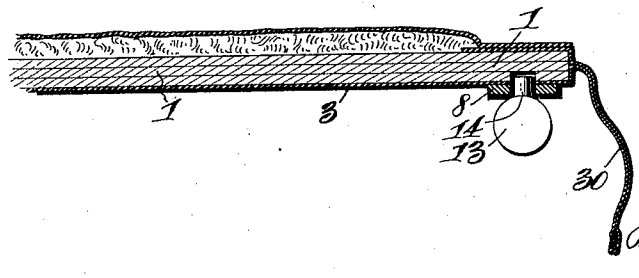


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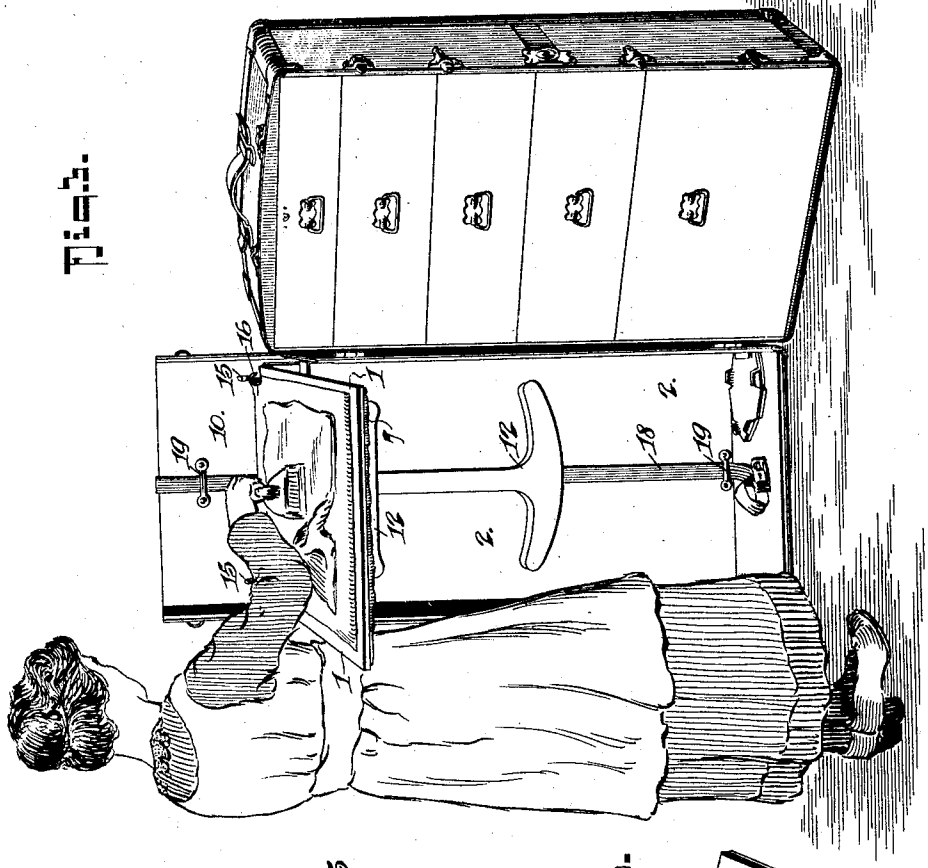


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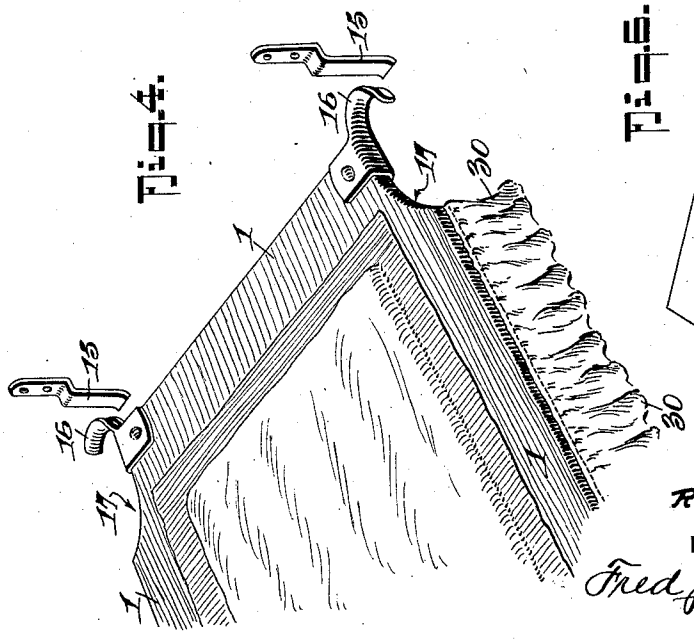
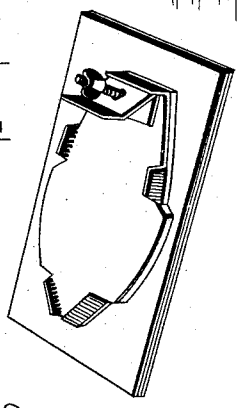


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT E. PHILLIPS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improved attachments for wardrobe trunks and more particularly has for its purpose to provide an improved construction of follower board adapted, under one adjustment, to serve as a compressor for holding the hung garments rigidly in position without wrinkling, and under another adjustment, to serve as an ironing board.

Primarily, my invention has for its purpose an improved construction of combined ironing board and follower, that is so designed whereby, when in use as a follower or clothes press, it is practically dust-proof for the clothes suspended from the hangers behind the same, and when adjusted to use as an ironing board, it is readily supported, in the horizontal position, without the use of leg devices or other like supports and in position for use either as an ironing board, a shelf for holding hats, gloves or other like articles of wear or as a card table and with means, at one end, for fixedly connecting it to the usual supplemental hinged top or end member embodied in the modern types of wardrobe trunks and which is also adapted for being firmly sustained, in a substantially rigid position upon the trolley guides at the opposite sides of the garment receiving compartment of the trunk and from which the garments are slidably suspended.

Another object of my invention is to provide, in connection with a combined follower and ironing board, a simple inexpensive and easily adjusted strap arrangement for tightening the clothes and holding up the follower board and with further minor objects in view, that will hereinafter be apparent, my invention consists in the peculiar construction and novel combination of the parts, all of which will be fully stated in the following detailed description, specifically set out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a wardrobe trunk in which is embodied my invention, the trunk being opened, with the combined follower and ironing board shown utilized as a clothes compressor and held to its follower position by the tightening strap connections hereinafter specifically referred to.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view, similar to Fig. 1, the hinged end for the clothes compartment being shown swung up, the combined follower and ironing board being removed from its trunk engaged adjustment.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the trunk opened with the hinged end of the clothes compartment swung up and the follower adjusted to its ironing board position, the manner of use of the said ironing board being also illustrated.

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the hook carrying end of the follower and ironing board and the coöperative hook connections that secure the same to the hinged end of the trunk.

Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view of the board and one of the trolley rod extensions that serve as supplemental supports for the said ironing board and for interlockably engaging the board to hold it against lateral displacement, when used for ironing.

Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view that illustrates one way of carrying an electric iron in the trunk.

Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of the hook carrying end of the combined follower and ironing board, illustrating the side opposite to that shown in Fig. 4.

In the drawings, I have illustrated a modern type of wardrobe trunk composed essentially of two half sections hinged to support the trunk, when opened, in the upright position, one of the said sections having the usual nest of drawers and the other the conventional form of trolley supports at the opposite sides of the upper end of the clothes compartment, which compartment, as shown, includes the supplemental hinged end portion hereinafter again referred to.

The drawings also illustrate the clothes hanger devices that slidably engage the opposite end trolleys and are adapted for being shifted, when compressed by the combined follower and ironing board, as presently explained.

Since the construction of the trunk body, as shown, is of the conventional type and further since my invention has reference exclusively to the several attachments connected therewith, that is, the combined follower

and ironing board and the means for holding the same to the clothes pressing and to the ironing board adjustments, detailed description of the trunk body proper, excepting so far as required to designate the connection of my improved attachment therewith, is deemed unnecessary.

In carrying out my invention, I provide a follower board 1, which, in practice, is an actual board, preferably of three ply veneer, such as is generally used in the manufacture of trunks.

The board 1, in my construction, is the full width and height of the clothes compartment 2 of the trunk and one face of the said board has a flannel covering 3 that is somewhat wider than the board, whereby to provide a valance 30 at each of the opposite edges of the said board, and at the lower end, the covering 3 is also projected to provide a valance 31 along that end of the board.

Providing the opposite edges and the bottom edge of the board with the extension or valance portions 30—30 and 31, as stated, when the said board is pushed into place as a follower or clothes compressor, the said extensions 30—30 and 31 will lap out and form a tight closure or dust-proof fit of the follower and thereby protect the articles within the clothes compartment.

That side of the board provided with the flannel covering is padded for ironing board uses and the said face acts as a soft contact against the clothes, which is especially desirable, when closing up the follower and securing it, under compression, against the clothes within the trunk body.

On the front side, the board 1 has a metal strip 4 along the upper edge for clamping the open end of a laundry bag 5, and near the lower end, the said front face of the board 1 has a similar strip 6 for clamping a shoe bag 7 and, at the opposite edges of the face of the board, are located apertured plates 8—8, the purpose of which will be presently explained.

9—9 designate the usual trolley guides at the opposite inner side of that portion of the trunk top having the hinged end 10 and the said guides are supported at their outer and inner ends in suitable bracket irons 11—11 attached to the adjacent side of the said trunk top in the usual way, it being understood from the drawings, that the said guides 9 constitute the side supports upon which the clothes hangers 12 are slidably suspended in the usual way.

In my construction of wardrobe trunk as shown, an extension rod 13 is hingedly connected, at one end, to the outer end of each trolley rod 9 and in such manner whereby they can be swung out in longitudinal alinement with the said trolley or guide member 9, when the board 1 is to be used as an ironing board, to thereby constitute additional supports for sustaining the outer end of the board in proper position for ironing (see Fig. 3).

To hold the board rigidly to its ironing or table adjusted positions, the outer end of each of the extensions 13 has a projecting finger 14 for interlockably engaging the apertured plates 8 at their respective sides, as clearly indicated in Fig. 5.

When the board is used as a follower or clothes press, the extension rods 13—13 are folded inwardly over the upper end of the board 1, as is clearly shown in Fig. 1.

At the inside of the hinged end of the trunk, adjacent each of the inner brackets for the guide or hanger rods 9—9, is secured a spring catch 15 that forms a convenient means for receiving the hook members 16—16 secured at each corner of the cut away portions 17 of the board 1, which hooks 16, when the board is used as a follower, are hung over the hanger or guide rods 9—9 to provide for pushing the board 1 into the clothes chamber and along the trolley rods 9—9, the same as is done with the garment hangers.

Providing a follower board the full width of the clothes compartment, admits of readily using the conventional form of tightening strap 18, since by equipping the board with the laundry and shoe bags that are hung on the outer face thereof, as is shown in Fig. 1, the ends of the straps 18, when drawn over and under the clothes within the compartment, can be readily carried over the outer face of the board 1 and by buckling up the ends, the board is secured in the clothes holding position, it being understood the strap is passed through suitable metal guides 19, one of which is attached to the under side of the hinged portion of the trunk top and the other to the inside of the trunk top near one end thereof, as is clearly shown in Fig. 2, and thereby not only secures the follower board in the desired clothes holding position but also tends to hold the laundry and shoe bags in a closed condition upon said board.

Any suitable means may be provided for securely holding an electric iron within the trunk top; for example, a holding device such as is illustrated in Fig. 6 may be firmly attached to the solid end of the trunk onto which the iron can be detachably held in a handy way and very secure in the trunk, when traveling.

From the foregoing taken in connection with the drawings, the complete construction, the manner of use and the advantages of my invention will be readily apparent by those familiar with the use of wardrobe trunks.

What I claim is:

1. In a wardrobe trunk having a clothes

compartment, a follower board of substantially the full width of the clothes compartment of the trunk, whose inner face is padded to serve as an ironing board, the covering for the said face being projected along the opposite sides and bottom whereby to produce valance portions adapted to lap back when the board is inserted against the clothes, to provide a dust-proof fit of the said board.

2. In a wardrobe trunk having a clothes compartment, a follower board of substantially the full width of the said compartment, whose inner face is padded to serve as an ironing board, the covering for the said face being projected along the opposite sides and bottom whereby to produce valance portions adapted to lap back, when the board is inserted against the clothes whereby to provide a dust-proof fit of the said board, and a strap connection secured within the clothes compartment and having its ends adapted for passing over and under the hung clothes and the follower member, and over the front of the said board when it is adjusted as a clothes compressor.

3. In a wardrobe trunk having a clothes compartment, the usual hinged portion at one end of the said compartment and trolley rods at the opposite sides of the said compartment adjacent the hinged portion thereof and upon which the clothes hangers are supported; a follower board of substantially the width and length of the said clothes compartment whereby when placed in horizontal position over the opened end of the clothes compartment it will rest upon and be supported by the trolley rods and thereby serve as a table or ironing board, and means coöperative with the board and the hinged end portion of the trunk for interlockably connecting the inner end of the board and the trunk end, when the board is at the horizontal or table adjustment.

4. In a wardrobe trunk having a clothes compartment provided with the usual hinged portion at one end thereof and trolley rods at the opposite sides of the said compartment adjacent the hinged portion and upon which the clothes hangers are supported; a follower board of substantially the width and length of the said clothes compartment whereby when placed in the horizontal position over the opened end of the clothes compartment it will rest upon and be supported by the trolley rods and thereby serve as a table or ironing board, and means coöperative with the said board and the hinged end of the trunk for interlockably connecting the inner end of the board and the trunk end when the board is at the horizontal or table adjustment, and a foldable extension attached to the outer end on each trolley rod that constitutes supplemental supports for the outer end of the board when it is utilized as an ironing board.

5. In a wardrobe trunk having a clothes compartment provided with the usual hinged portion at one end thereof, and trolley rods at the opposite sides of the said compartment adjacent the head portion and upon which the clothes hangers are supported, a follower board, of substantially the width and length of the said clothes compartment, whereby, when placed in the horizontal position over the opened end of the clothes compartment it will rest upon and be supported by the trolley rods and serve as a table or ironing board, and means coöperative with the board and the hinged end portion of the trunk for interlockably connecting the inner end of the board and the trunk end when the board is at the horizontal or table adjustment and a foldable extension attached to the outer end of each trolley rod that constitutes supplemental supports, for the outer end of the board, when the latter is utilized as an ironing board, the said trolley extension and the board having interlockable portions.

6. In a wardrobe trunk having a clothes compartment, a follower board having substantially the full width of the clothes compartment of the trunk whose inner face is padded to serve as an ironing board, the covering for the said face being projected along the opposite sides and bottom end, whereby to form valance portions adapted to lap back when the board is inserted, the said board having means on that side opposite that of the ironing board side for sustaining laundry and other like bags.

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