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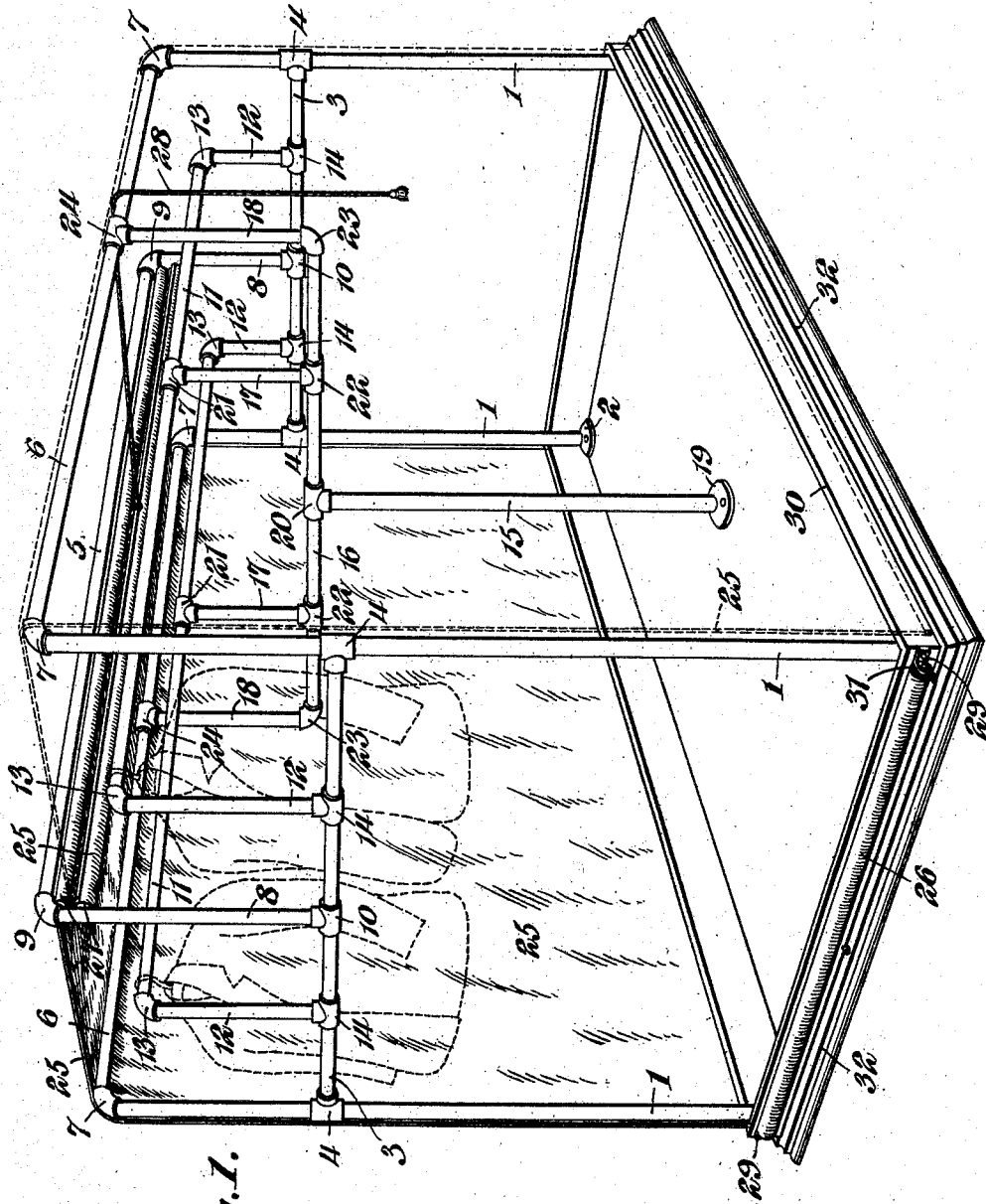


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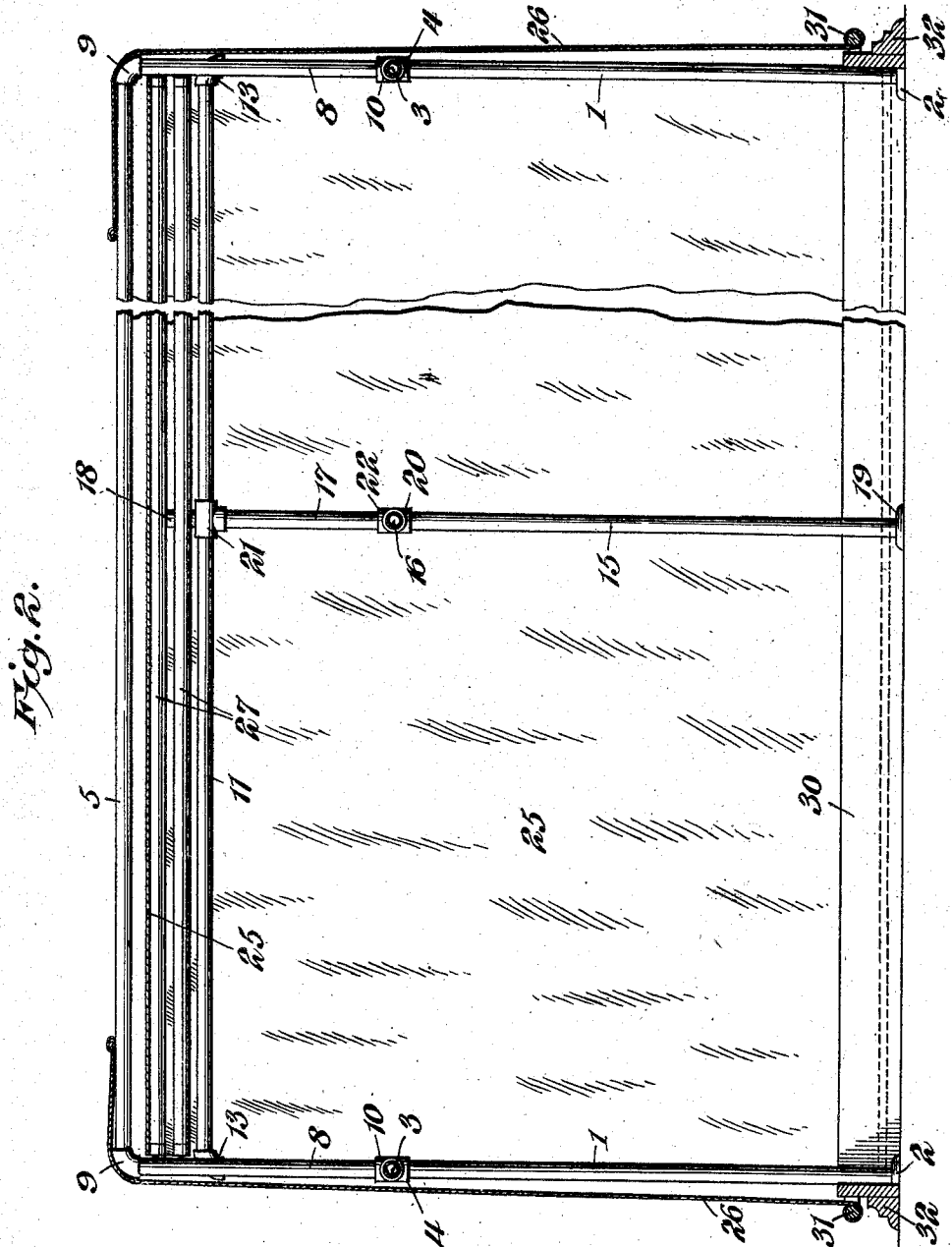
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARSHALL J. FREEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at High Point, in the county of Guilford and State of North Carolina, have invented a new and useful Clothing-Cabinet, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a clothing cabinet for displaying and protecting ready-made clothing.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple, efficient and comparatively inexpensive clothing cabinet, designed for use in clothing stores and other places, and adapted to contain a large number of suits of ready-made clothing, and capable of advantageously displaying its entire contents, and of permitting any suit to be readily removed without mussing, tearing or otherwise damaging the same or disturbing the other suits.

A further object of the invention is to provide a clothing cabinet, capable of lessening the labor in handling and caring for clothing, and adapted to obviate the necessity of pressing the suits before sending them to the persons purchasing the clothing.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a clothing cabinet, constructed in accordance with this invention, the end curtains and the front side curtain being rolled up. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same, the curtains being arranged to cover the cabinet.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in the accompanying drawings, the clothing cabinet comprises in its construction a rack, preferably constructed of tubular metal and provided with corner uprights 1, secured at their lower ends to the floor by floor plates 2 and connected at an intermedi-

ate point by transverse end bars 3, located at the upper portions of the corner uprights and secured to the same by couplings 4. The rack is provided at the top with central and side longitudinal bars 5 and 6; the side longitudinal bars are connected by a coupling 7 to the upper end of the corner uprights 1, and the central longitudinal bar 5 is supported by the end transverse bars 3, being connected with the same by vertical arms 8, secured at their upper ends to the central longitudinal bar by couplings 9 and connected at their lower ends with the transverse end bars by couplings 10.

The rack of the clothing cabinet is also equipped with intermediate longitudinal bars 11, arranged horizontally and located below the horizontal plane of the central and side longitudinal bars and connected at their terminals with the end transverse bars 3 by arms 12, secured at their upper ends to the intermediate longitudinal supporting bars 11 by couplings 13 and connected at their lower ends to the end transverse bars 3 by couplings 14. The intermediate longitudinal supporting bars 11 are located at opposite sides of the center of the rack, and they are adapted to receive the suits of clothing, which are suspended from the bars 11 by hangers of the ordinary construction, as illustrated in dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings. By hanging the suits of clothing at opposite sides of the rack in this manner the entire contents of the cabinet are advantageously displayed and any one of the suits may be removed without tearing, mussing or otherwise damaging it or disturbing the others. Also this will obviate the necessity of pressing each suit before it is sent to the purchaser, as must be done when the clothing is arranged in piles upon tables.

The rack is provided with a central transverse support, consisting of a central vertical post or upright 15, a transverse bar 16, and upwardly extending intermediate and end arms 17 and 18. The central post or upright 15 is secured at its lower end to the floor by a floor plate 19, and it is connected at its upper end to the transverse bar 16 by a coupling 20. The transverse bar extends horizontally across the cabinet, and the intermediate arms 17, which are arranged vertically, are connected at their upper ends to the supporting bars 11 by couplings 21 and are secured at their lower ends

to the transverse bar 16 by couplings 22. The terminal arms 18 are connected at their lower ends to the transverse bar 16 by couplings 23, and their upper ends are secured to the side longitudinal bars 6 by couplings 24. The central transverse support braces both the intermediate and side longitudinal bars and enables a rack of considerable length to be strongly constructed and to firmly support a large number of suits of clothing.

The cabinet shown in the accompanying drawings is equipped with side and end curtains 25 and 26, but the rack may be arranged within a glass case, or any other form of covering may be employed for protecting the clothes from dust and dirt at times when they are not exposed for sale or display, or other purpose.

The curtains are designed to be made of ducking, or any other flexible material, and the side curtains are mounted upon rollers 27, which are arranged one above the other immediately below the central longitudinal bar 5, the supporting arms 8 thereof being provided with suitable recesses to receive the journals of the rollers. Each side may be provided with a card 28 to enable it to be readily unrolled, and the spring actuated roller will automatically rewind the curtain when it is desired to display the contents of the cabinet. The end curtains 26 are mounted in brackets 29, which may be secured to a bottom frame 30 and which are adapted to be unrolled to cover the ends of the rack. The end portions of the end curtains are thrown over the top of the cabinet, as indicated in Fig. 2 of the drawings when the cabinet is closed, and the spring actuated rollers 31 are adapted to rewind the end curtains, which are out of the way when rolled up.

The frame 30, which is rectangular, is constructed of wood, preferably ornamented by strips 32 of molding, arranged at the lower portion of the rectangular frame and increasing the thickness of the lower edges or base thereof. The rectangular base frame 30 is designed to be varied to correspond with the flooring, or other wood-work or trimming of the store or other place in which the clothing cabinet is arranged, and the lower ends of the corner uprights are arranged within the angles formed by the sides and ends of the base frame. The base frame forms a dust proof bottom and excludes from the cabinet any trash, which may be upon the floor.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A clothing cabinet including a rack comprising corner uprights, transverse end bars connecting the corner uprights at a point intermediate of the ends thereof, side

longitudinal bars connecting the upper ends of the uprights, a central longitudinal bar provided with depending arms secured at their lower ends to the transverse end bars, and intermediate longitudinal supporting bars provided with terminal arms secured to the end transverse bars at opposite sides of the center thereof.

2. A clothing cabinet including a rack comprising corner uprights, transverse end bars connecting the corner uprights at a point intermediate of the ends thereof, side longitudinal bars connecting the upper ends of the uprights, a central longitudinal bar provided with depending arms secured at their lower ends to the transverse end bars, and intermediate longitudinal supporting bars provided with terminal arms secured to the end transverse bars at opposite sides of the center thereof, and a transverse brace composed of a central post or upright, a transverse bar secured to the post or upright and extending laterally from opposite sides thereof and provided with upwardly extending intermediate and end arms secured to the intermediate and side longitudinal bars.

3. A clothing cabinet including a display rack comprising corner uprights, transverse end bars connecting the corner uprights, longitudinal supporting bars provided with depending arms connected with the transverse end bars at opposite sides of the centers thereof, and a transverse brace composed of a central post, a transverse bar extending from opposite sides of the post and provided with upwardly extending arms connected to and supporting the longitudinal bars between the ends thereof.

4. A clothing cabinet including a display rack comprising corner posts or uprights, transverse end bars connecting the same between the ends thereof, side longitudinal bars connecting the upper ends of the uprights, a central longitudinal bar provided with arms connected to the end transverse bars at the centers thereof, and intermediate longitudinal supporting bars located below the plane of the central and side longitudinal bars and provided with arms connected to the end transverse bars, side curtains having rollers located beneath the central longitudinal bar and mounted between the arms thereof, and end curtains arranged to cover the ends of the rack.

5. A clothing cabinet including a display rack comprising corner uprights, transverse end bars connecting the corner uprights between the ends thereof, side longitudinal bars connecting the upper ends of the corner uprights, and intermediate longitudinal bars provided with arms connected with the end transverse bars, a rectangular base frame surrounding the rack at the bottom thereof and adapted to rest upon the floor or other supporting surface to exclude dust and trash

from the cabinet, and side and end curtains arranged to cover the rack.

6. A clothing cabinet including a display rack comprising corner uprights, end transverse bars connecting the corner uprights between the ends thereof, side longitudinal bars connecting the upper ends of the corner uprights, a central longitudinal bar having arms secured to the transverse end bars, intermediate longitudinal supporting bars located below the plane of the central and side longitudinal bars and provided with arms secured to the end transverse bars at opposite sides of the center, and a transverse brace consisting of a central post, a transverse bar mounted on the post, and end and side up-

wardly extending arms connected with the side and intermediate longitudinal bars, a rectangular base frame surrounding the rack and adapted to rest upon the floor or other supporting surface and adapted to exclude dust and dirt from the cabinet, side curtains mounted between the arms of the central longitudinal bar, and end curtains mounted upon the ends of the base frame.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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