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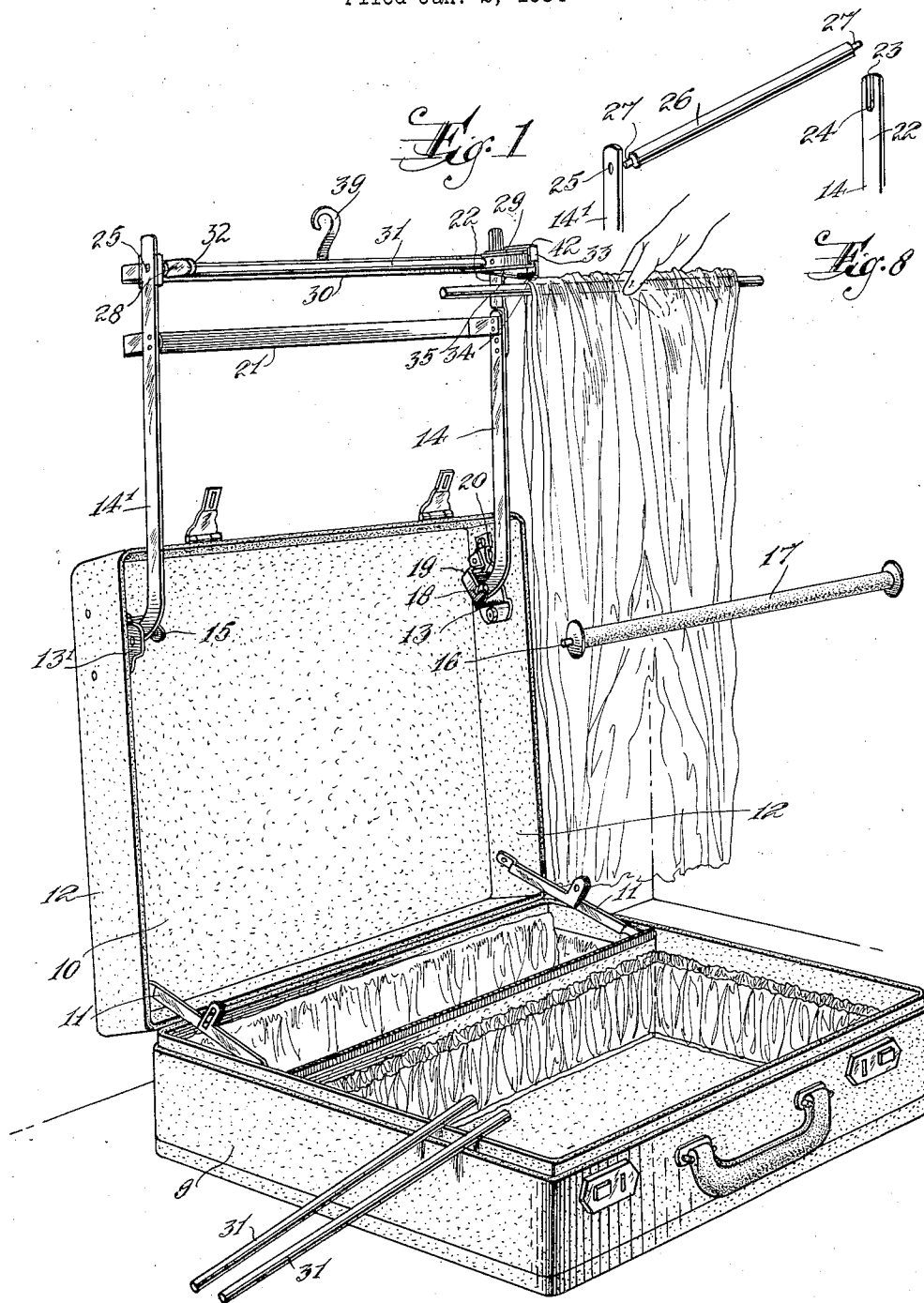
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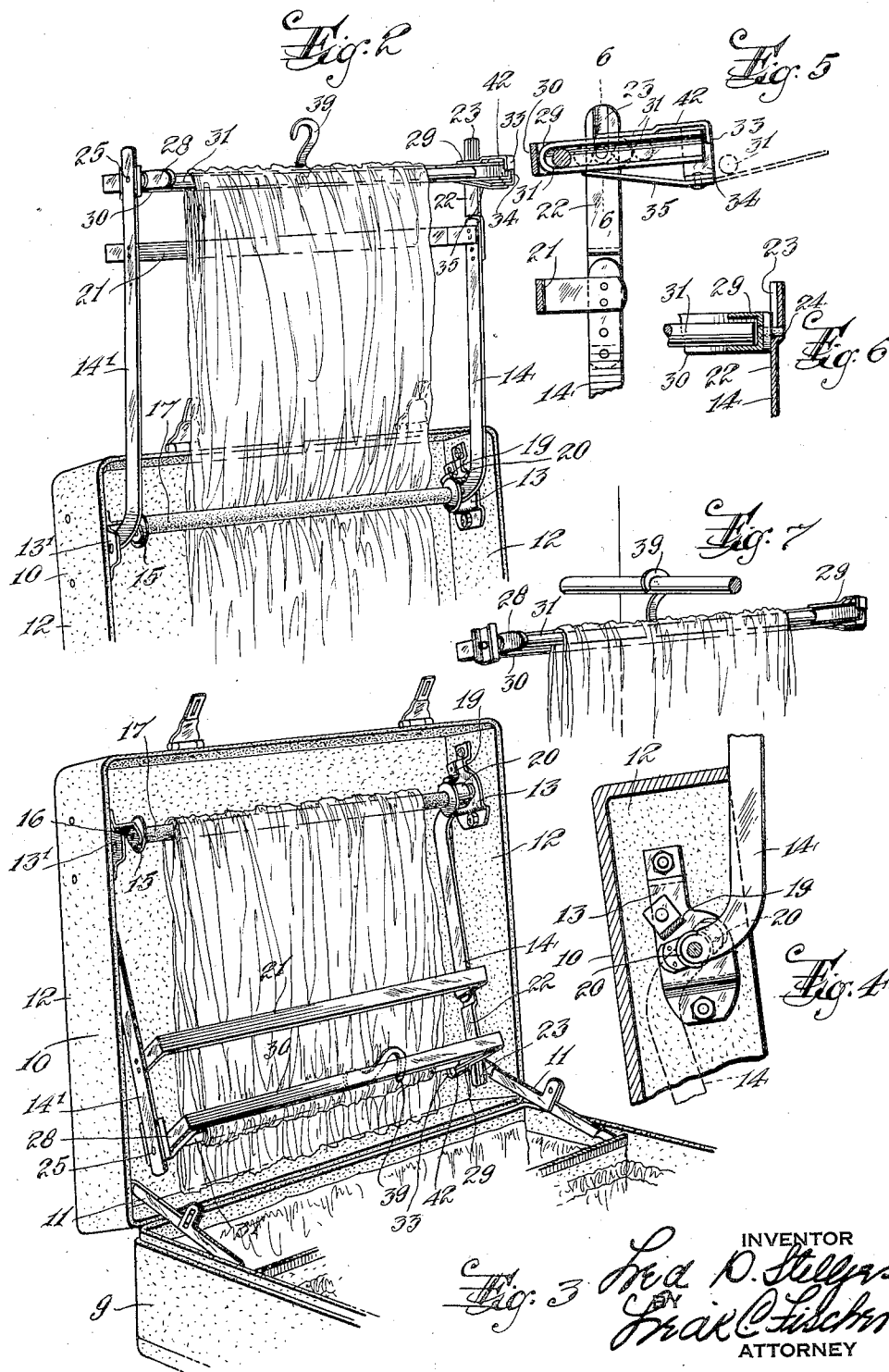
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This invention relates to traveling bags, and more particularly to improvements in garment-supporting devices used in such bags.

It has been generally the custom, to equip traveling bags, especially bags with square corners and relatively stiff side walls, with pivotally mounted devices upon which garments can be supported in a manner to prevent them from being rumpled and disarranged when the bag is closed.

Heretofore such garment-supporting devices have comprised a pair of spaced-apart arms pivotally mounted at one end to the main body of the bag adjacent the side carrying the hinges by means of which the cover of the bag is attached to the body portion.

Such racks are limited in application in that they can satisfactorily accommodate only garments of a certain length, that is, relatively short garments. Garments, such as dresses or top-coats or trousers are too long to be satisfactorily supported upon such devices as obviously the device, by virtue of being hinged to the body portion of the bag, cannot extend beyond the confines of the body portion or have a greater height than the width of the cover of the bag.

It is an object of this invention to provide in a traveling bag, a garment-supporting device which is pivotally attached to the cover portion of the bag remote from the hinges, and which, when the bag is opened, can be extended beyond the side walls of the cover, thus enabling the accommodation of long garments satisfactorily.

A further object is the provision of a garment supporting device having a plurality of rack bars which enables supporting of several garments independently, and having means to enable the convenient removal of any one of the rack bars without materially affecting the other rack bars.

A further object is the provision of a traveling bag provided with a garment supporting device having a plurality of rack bars, said device having means to enable it to be conveniently removed from the bag and hung upon a wall or other suitable place when the bag is not in use.

These and other advantageous objects, which will later appear, are accomplished by the simple and practical construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and exhibited in the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the traveling bag provided with a garment supporting device embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing a portion of the cover of a traveling bag and the manner in which the garment supporting device is mounted therein,

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a traveling bag showing the garment supporting device in a position to enable closing of the bag,

Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing details of the mounting of side arms of the garment supporting device,

Fig. 5 is an elevational view, partly in section, showing details of the mounting of rack bars on the side arms,

Fig. 6 is a sectional view showing the manner in which the rack bars are mounted on the side arm,

Fig. 7 is a perspective view showing the manner in which the garment supporting rack may be hung upon a rod after it has been removed from the traveling bag, and

Fig. 8 is a perspective view showing the manner in which a cross bar is mounted in side arms of the garment supporting device.

Referring to the drawings, in Fig. 1 is shown a traveling bag having a main body portion 9 having hinged thereto a cover 10, the latter being maintained in a definite upright position by means of braces 11 when the bag is open. The bag herein described is of the square type having walls of stiff non-flexible material; however, it is to be understood that my invention is capable of being applied to other types of traveling bags without necessitating material alteration.

Attached to the side walls 12 of the cover 10 are metal plates 13, 13' to which are pivotally connected arms 14, and 14' of the garment supporting device. The plate 13' has attached thereto an angle plate 15 having an aperture therein to receive a pin 16 at one end of a cross-bar 17, which has at its other end a similar pin adapted to be positioned in a notch 18 in an angle plate 19 attached to the plate 13 on the other side wall of the cover.

Attached to the lower end of side arm 14 adjacent its pivot is a semi-cylindrical collar 20 which allows the cross bar 17 to be removed from the notch 18 when the garment supporting device is in an extended position as shown in Fig. 1, and which prevents the cross bar from being removed from the notch 18 when the garment supporting device is in the position as shown in Fig. 3.

The side arms 14—14' are braced adjacent their extremities by bar 21, and side arm 14 is

shorter than side arm 14', side arm 14 having attached thereto an extension 22 of resilient metal which has its extremity provided with a groove 23 and aperture 24, the extremity of side arm 14' being also provided with an aperture 25.

A cross-bar 26 is provided with pins 27 at each end thereof adapted to enter the aperture 25 in side arm 14' and at the other end to move in the groove 23 and enter the aperture 24 in extension 22, the cross-bar being positively held in such a position by the resiliency of the extension 22.

When cross-bar 26 is used, the garment supporting device obviously can satisfactorily accommodate only one garment. When it is desired to accommodate several garments, the cross-bar 26 is replaced by a rack comprising metal channelled end members 28, 29, which are connected by a metal brace-bar 30, the end members 28, 29 having pins adapted to enter the apertures 24 and 25 in the same manner as described in connection with cross-bar 26. The end members 28 and 29 are channelled and of such a length as to accommodate a plurality of cross-bars 31, the channel of end member 28 being closed at 32 to prevent the removal of the bars 31, while the channel of end member 29 is open to enable the bars 31 to be removed from that end. In order to prevent the cross-bars 31 from falling out of the channel of end member 29, there is attached to the end member 29 a flat spring member 42 having a downwardly extending lip 33 which normally closes the channel of end member 29.

The spring member 42 has attached thereto a downwardly extending projection 34 which has pivotally connected thereto an upwardly inclined finger-piece 35 as shown in Fig. 5. When it is desired to remove a cross bar 31 from the channel of end member 29, the finger piece 35 is moved to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 5, and forced upwardly to cause the lip 33 to uncover the channel of end member 29. At the same time, the finger-piece 35, when in the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 5, provides a support to receive the cross-bars 31 as they fall out of the channel of end member 29. This arrangement greatly facilitates the removal of cross-bars from the rack member especially when it is desired to remove several cross-bars at one time.

The rack is provided with a hook 39 pivotally connected to the brace-bar 30, so that when the traveling bag is not in use the rack, in its entirety, with garments supported upon the cross-bar 31, can be removed from the side arms 14 and 14' and hung upon a bar or the like in a closet as illustrated in Fig. 7.

In operation, when it is desired to use the garment supporting device in its simplest form, as shown in Fig. 1, the side arms are rotated so that they are extended beyond the borders of the cover as shown in Fig. 1. Obviously when in such a position a garment of a considerable length can be satisfactorily accommodated. The garment is placed upon a cross-bar and the latter is mounted on the side arms 14-14' as above described and as shown by the drawings. The cross-bar 17 is then positioned in the plates 15 and 19 in front of the garment as shown in Fig. 2. The side arms 14 and 14' are then rotated downwardly to place the garment supporting device entirely within the cover as shown in Fig. 3, with the garment being folded over the cross bar 17, the latter being prevented from removal by the

semi-cylindrical collar 20. When a plurality of garments are supported on the several cross bars 31, the same procedure is followed.

From the above description it will be seen that I have provided a garment supporting device for use in traveling bags which enables the satisfactory supporting of garments of considerable length without subjecting them to wrinkling and disarrangement. The device is relatively simple in structure and capable of convenient manipulation with practically no parts to get out of order. When the traveling bag is not in use, the garment supporting rack having a plurality of cross-bars carrying garments may be conveniently removed and hung in a closet or a suitable place.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which an embodiment may be constructed including many modifications, without departing from the general scope herein indicated and denoted in the appended claims.

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

1. In a traveling bag having a main body portion and a cover connected to said body portion by hinges, plates attached to the side walls of the cover remote from said hinges, side arms pivotally mounted on said plates, an angle plate having an aperture attached to one of said plates, an angle plate having a slot attached to the other plate, a cross-bar mounted on said angle plates, the free end of one side arm having an aperture therein, a resilient extension attached to the free end of the other side arm, said extension having a groove communicating with an aperture, a cross-bar having pins at each end adapted to enter the aperture in one side arm and pass through the groove and enter the aperture in the extension of the other side arm.

2. In a traveling bag having a main body portion and a cover connected to said body portion by hinges, plates attached to the side walls of the cover remote from said hinges, side arms pivotally mounted on said plates, a cross bar removably mounted on said plates, means associated with one of the side arms to prevent removal of said cross bar, and a cross bar removably mounted in the free ends of said side arms.

3. In a traveling bag, a pair of pivotally mounted side arms, a rack removably mounted on the free ends of said side arms, said rack comprising a pair of channel-shaped end members with their ends normally closed and the open faces of the members directed towards each other, a plurality of cross bars removably mounted in the members, resilient means attached to one of the members to normally close one end of said member, and a finger-piece attached to said resilient means to facilitate moving said resilient means to a position to open the end of said member to enable said cross bars to be removed from the channelled end members.

4. In a traveling bag having a main body portion and a cover hingedly connected thereto, a pair of side arms pivotally mounted on the side walls of the cover, a cross bar removably mounted in the free ends of said arms, a second cross bar removably mounted on the side walls of the cover adjacent the pivots of the side arms, and means associated with one of said side arms to prevent removal of the second cross bar.

5. In a traveling bag, a garment supporting

device comprising a pair of channel-shaped end members with their ends normally closed and the open faces of the members directed towards each other, a brace bar connecting said members, a
5 spring member attached to one of said members and having a lip adapted to normally extend to a position to close said member, a finger-piece connected with said spring member to facilitate moving said lip to a position to uncover the mem-
10 ber, a plurality of cross bars removably positioned in said end members.

6. In a traveling bag having a main body portion and a cover connected thereto by hinges, plates attached to the side walls of the cover remote from said hinges, side arms pivotally
5 mounted on said plates, a cross bar removably mounted on said plates, a semi-cylindrical collar attached to one of the side arms to prevent removal of said cross bar, and a second cross bar removably mounted in the free ends of said side
10 arms.

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