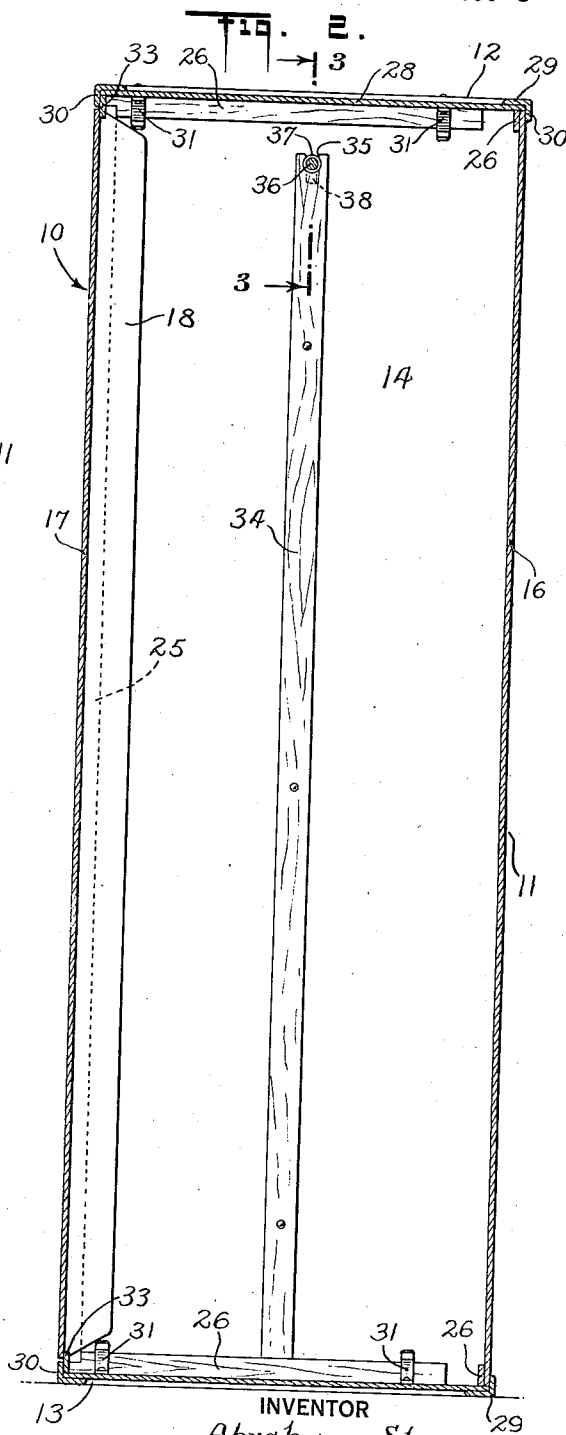
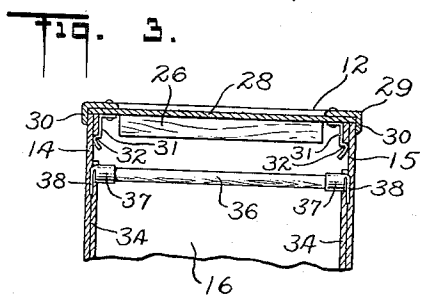
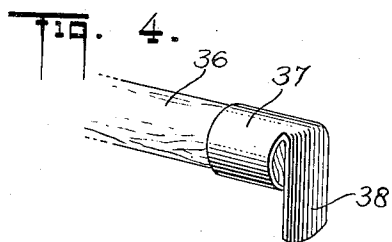


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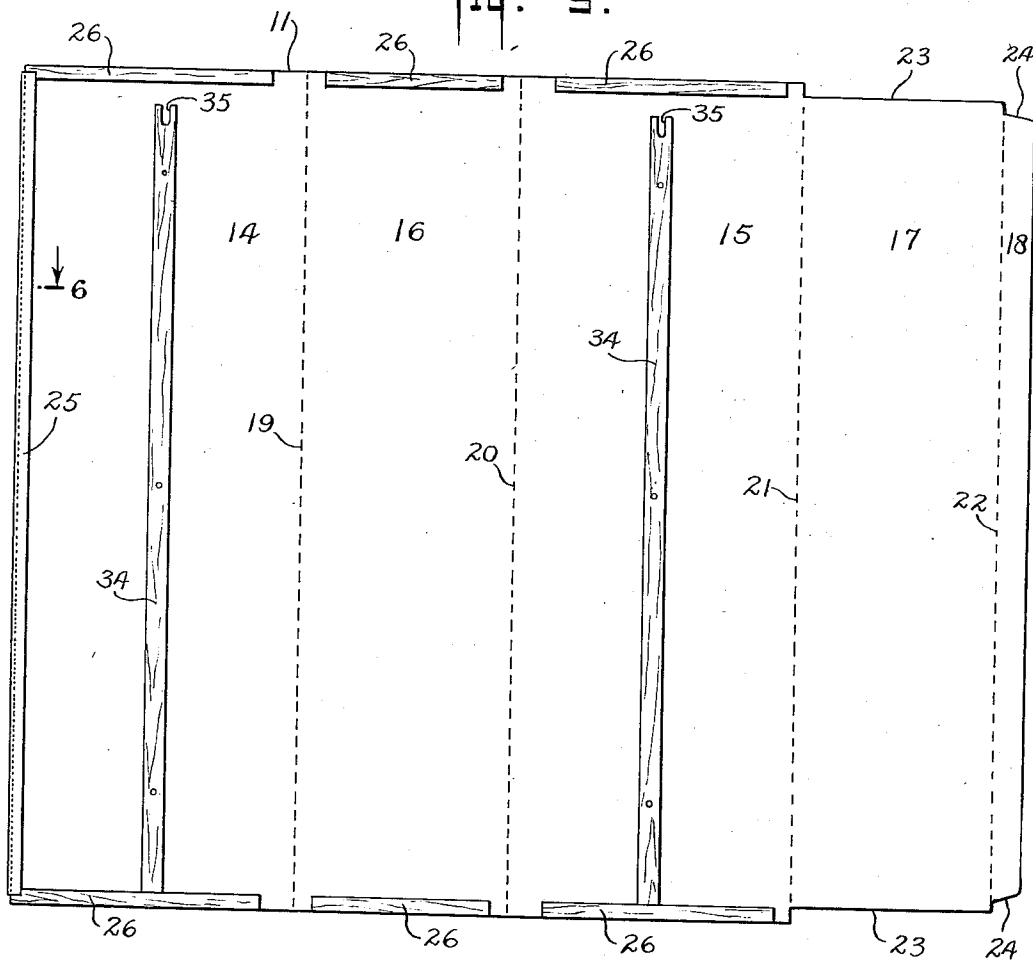


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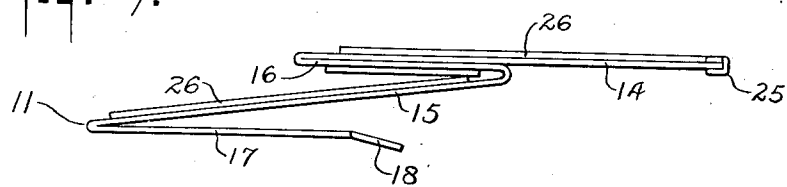
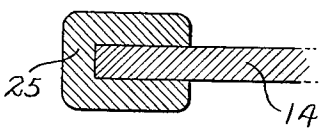


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This invention relates generally to the class of containers and has particular reference to an improved protective container for the storage of clothing or other articles of wearing apparel during off seasons.

The invention broadly aims to provide a dust proof and moth proof container in the form of a wardrobe in which wearing apparel or other articles may be safely stored and which is so constructed and arranged that it may be readily disassembled, collapsed and completely folded so as to occupy a minimum amount of space for storage, shipment and over-the-counter sales.

The invention further comprehends a container of the indicated character which is so fashioned and braced as to render it strong, rigid and durable when in set up condition and which is constructed in such a manner that access may readily be gained thereto for emplacing or removing the contents and which serves to effectively protect the contents when in fully closed condition.

Other features of the invention reside in the novel and simple means by which the several sections are detachably connected and assembled so as to facilitate the assembly and disassembly thereof without resorting to any complicated operations.

The invention further contemplates a container or wardrobe structure employing but few and simple parts which are not complicated in their structure and hence capable of economical production while making for an article which is highly efficient for its intended purpose.

With these and other objects in view, the invention also resides in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully described and claimed hereinafter.

The invention is shown in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a wardrobe embodying the said invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the upper portion of the wardrobe on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one end of the bar on which clothing is hung in the wardrobe.

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the main wall section of the wardrobe.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view of an edge portion of the main wall section taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is an end view of the main wall section showing the same partly collapsed to flat com-

pact form and illustrating the manner of collapsing the same.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, 10 indicates generally a wardrobe cabinet composed of an intermediate or main wall section 11, a top wall section 12 and a bottom wall section 13. These sections are so constructed and arranged that they may be readily assembled in set up condition or collapsed to knock down compactly folded condition, in which latter condition, the sections occupy a minimum amount of space for storage when not in use or for shipping purposes or for over-the-counter sales.

The intermediate or main wall section 11 comprises side wall portions 14 and 15, a rear wall portion 16 hingedly connected to said side wall portions, a front wall portion 17 hingedly connected along one edge to the side wall portion 15 and a flap portion 18 hingedly connected to the front wall portion 17.

Preferably the wall section 11 is constructed from a rectangular body of any suitable sheet material, such as corrugated cardboard which may be scored as shown in Fig. 5 on parallel lines 19, 20, 21 and 22, forming the said wall portions and which is readily foldable on said lines by virtue of which the section may be folded to set up assembled condition or collapsed to flatly compact condition as shown in Fig. 7. The front wall 17 is cut away as at 23 along its top and bottom edges forming the door for the cabinet of less height than the remaining wall portions of said section. The flap portion 18 is of slightly less length than the wall portion 17 and has its upper and lower ends cut on inwardly sloping lines 24. The side wall portion 14 is provided with a reinforcing member 25 of wood or other stiff material which is channeled to receive the forward edge portion of the wall portion 14 and which, in addition to reinforcing the said wall portion, prevents bulging of the said edge portion and provides means for effecting a close engagement with the flap portion 18 to thus form a tight fit when the door 17 is closed, to prevent the entrance of dust or insects into the wardrobe. The wall section 11 is also reinforced by strips of relatively stiff material, such as flat wooden bars 26 which are secured against the inner faces of the wall portions 14, 15 and 16 adjacent their upper and lower edges. These strips each terminate short of the fold lines 19, 20 and 21 to permit the folding of the said section without interference therewith.

The top and bottom wall sections 12 and 13 are of similar construction, each including a rec-

tangular panel portion 28 of suitable lightweight material such as corrugated cardboard, to which is secured a marginal frame 29 of wood or other rigid material and which has an inwardly directed marginal flange 30, the said panel portion 28 being of a size to fit against the inner face of the flange of the said frame. The upper and lower sections are of a size to fit upon the upper and lower ends respectively of the intermediate or main wall section 11 with the flanges 30 thereof telescopically fitted over the edges of the side and rear wall portions of said main wall section, to thus form with the main wall section a complete box structure which may be readily set up in box formation or collapsed to a knock down condition. Secured against the inner side of the panel portion 28, of each of the end sections, are a plurality of spring clips 31 having an offset or laterally bent portion 32 providing latch means which engage with the inner edges of the reinforcing bars 26 of the side wall portions 14 and 15 for releasably holding the said top and bottom sections in assembled position on the intermediate or main wall section 11.

When in assembled relation the edges of the flanges 30 abut against the ends of the reinforcing bar 25 which bar being of rigid construction takes up the thrust of the forward portion of the upper wall section 12. The flanges 30 are also each provided with an inwardly directed bar 33 secured against the inner face thereof which bars form stops for the ends of the door 17 against which the said door tightly fits when in closed relation.

For the purpose of providing means for supporting garments in the wardrobe, the oppositely disposed side walls 14 and 15 are each provided with wooden strips 34 secured against the inner faces of the said side walls and extending from the lower reinforcing bars 26 to a point adjacent the top bars 26. These strips are notched as at 35 to receive a cross bar 36 on each of the ends of which bar is arranged a tubular bracket 37 having a depending tongue 38 constructed in a manner to slide between the said strips and the side walls respectively.

From the foregoing it is apparent that there is provided a wardrobe container for clothing composed of three wall forming sections which are constructed in a manner to permit ready assembly of the same in set up condition and which is braced and fashioned to provide a strong and rigid construction when in set up condition and which may be also readily disassembled and arranged in flat compact arrangement for storage or shipping purposes.

What is claimed is:

1. In a knock-down wardrobe, a body section including hingedly connected side and rear wall-forming portions, and a door-forming portion, and top and bottom sections each including a panel and a rigid marginal frame to which the panel is fixedly secured at its edges, said frame having an inwardly directed marginal flange telescopically fitted over the upper and lower edges

of the wall-forming portions respectively and interengageable means on the wall forming portions and on the top and bottom sections for releasably holding the wardrobe sections in set up assembled relation, said means comprising reinforcing strips secured to the inner surface of the wall-forming portions adjacent the upper and lower edges thereof, and inwardly directed spring clips anchored to the rigid marginal frames of the top and bottom sections and engageable with said reinforcing strips.

2. A container including side walls and end walls each of said end walls being provided with a rigid marginal frame having a marginal flange, each side wall being provided adjacent each end with a reinforcing strip secured against its inner face and said side walls at their ends telescopically fitted within the flanges of said frames respectively, and spring latch means carried by the said end walls engageable with the said strips for releasably locking the said end walls in connected position on the side walls and the said walls in box formation.

3. A clothing container including a rectangular body of sheet material, said body being scored and bent on said scored lines forming compactly foldable side walls and front and rear walls, end walls releasably connected to said side walls, each of said end walls having a rigid marginal frame fitting over the top and bottom end portions respectively of said side and rear walls, means secured to the inner faces of said side walls adjacent their ends for reinforcing the same and spring latch means on said top and bottom walls engageable with the first named means for releasably locking the said walls in position and the container in set up condition.

4. A collapsible container for clothing adapted to be set on end to form a wardrobe cabinet including upper and lower end sections and an intermediate section, said intermediate section being constructed from a rectangular cardboard body which is bent to form compactly foldable side walls and rear and front walls, said front wall being of less length than the remaining walls of said section and forming a door for the cabinet, each of said end sections comprising a cardboard panel portion and a rigid marginal frame to which the panel portion is fixedly secured, said frame having an inwardly directed marginal flanged portion, said intermediate section at its ends telescopically fitting within the said flanges of said frames respectively, each of said frames having a bar along one side projecting beyond the flange thereof forming a stop for the upper and lower edge portions of said door and means releasably connecting said end sections and said intermediate section in set up condition, said means including reinforcing strips secured to the inner surface of the intermediate section adjacent the upper and lower edges thereof and inwardly directed spring clips carried by the end sections and engageable with said reinforcing strips.

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