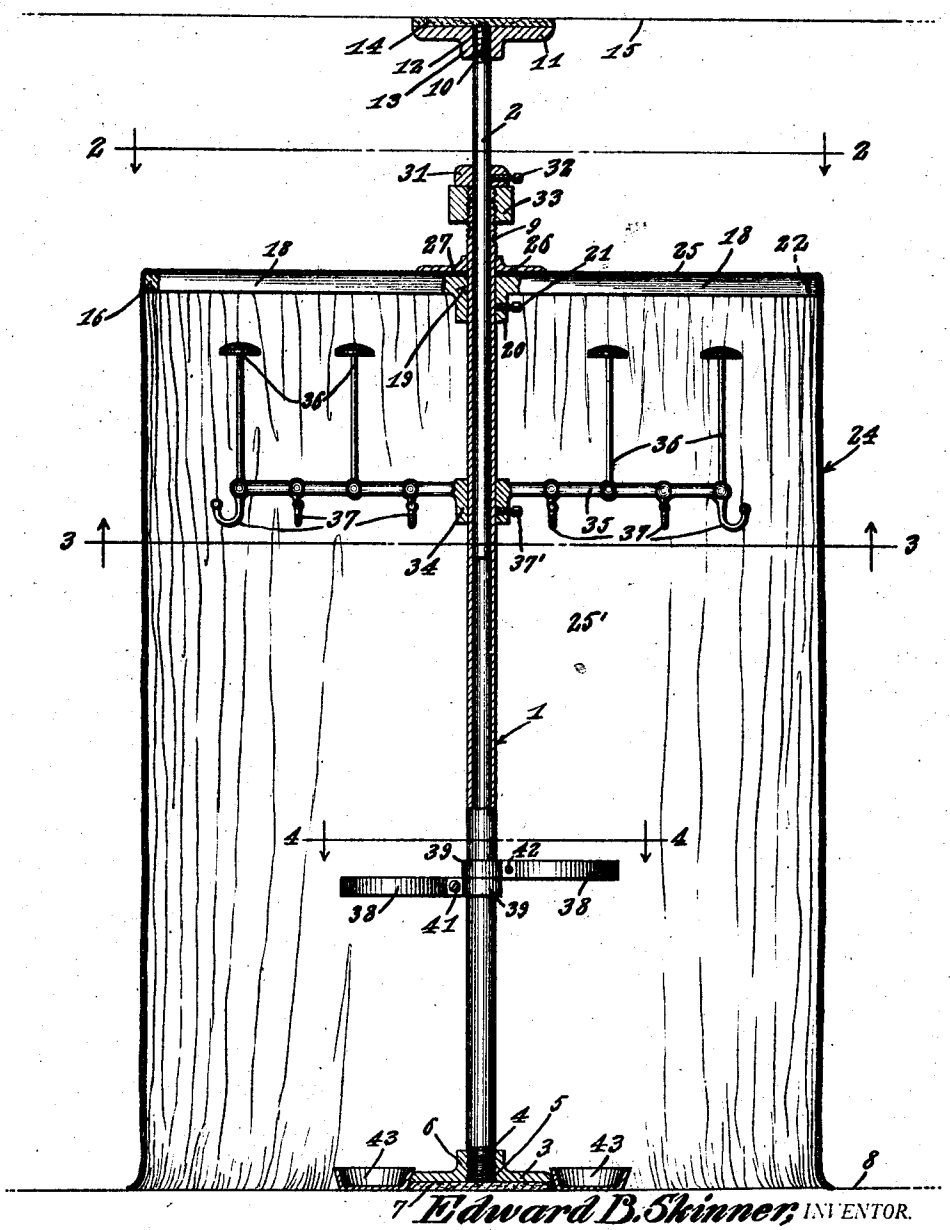
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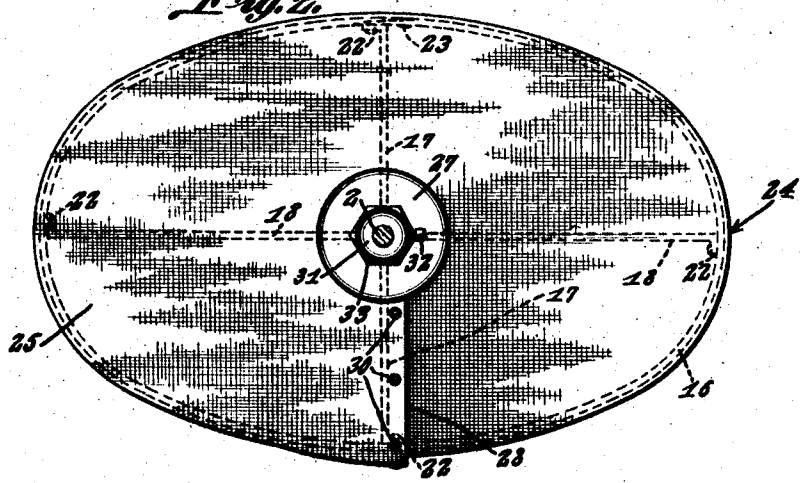


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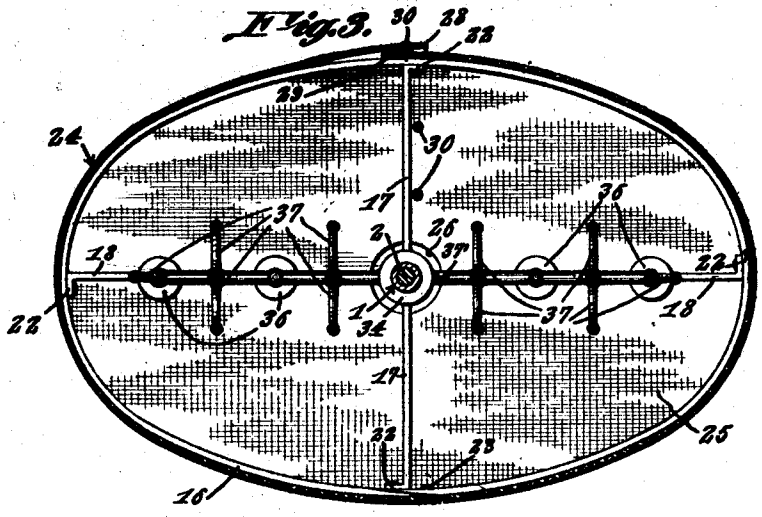
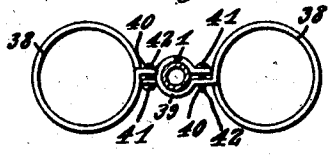


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This invention relates to a combined costumer and wardrobe, more particularly to what is termed a clothes press, and has for its object to provide, a device of such class in a manner as hereinafter set forth for receiving and protecting, as well as supporting and suspending therein, various articles of wearing apparel, such as hats, coats, trousers, shoes, umbrellas, canes and the like, as well as laundry.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined costumer and wardrobe capable of being conveniently positioned at any desired point and including adjustable means for fixedly securing it in position to prevent the tilting over thereof or accidental shifting.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined costumer and wardrobe including a support provided with a depending split curtain for concealing and protecting from dust the articles stored within the device and further with telescopic means for rigidly securing the support at the desired point to prevent the tilting over of the device or the accidental shifting thereof.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined costumer and wardrobe including a telescopic securing element therefor to prevent the tilting over or accidental shifting of the device and to further provide the latter with adjustable hangers for supporting various articles of wearing apparel and the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth a combined costumer and wardrobe including means whereby it will fit rooms of varying heights.

Further objects of the invention are to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined costumer and wardrobe, and more particularly to that device which is termed a clothes press, which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, adjustable, thoroughly efficient in its use, conveniently secured in fixed position within a room, readily accessible to the interior thereof, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which fall within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of a combined costumer and wardrobe in accordance with this invention and further illustrating the same fixedly secured between the ceiling and floor of the room.

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4, Figure 1.

A combined costumer and wardrobe, in accordance with this invention includes a telescopic supporting standard formed of a lower tubular section 1 and a vertically adjustable upper section 2 which telescopes within the lower section 1. The section 1 is of materially greater length than the section 2 and has secured to the lower end an annular base piece 3. The lower end of the section 1 is peripherally threaded as at 4 and the base piece 3 is formed with a centrally disposed opening 5 having a threaded wall and further provided with a vertically disposed interiorly threaded collar 6 having its inner face forming a continuation of the wall of the opening 5. The threads of the collar, as well as the threads on the wall of the opening 5 engage with the threads 4 of the section 1 whereby the base piece 3 and section 1 are detachably connected together. The lower end of the section 1 is flush with the lower face of the base piece 3 and secured to said lower face of the latter is a cushioning element 7 which is co-extensive with the base piece 3 and preferably is constructed of felt. The cushioning member 7 prevents the base piece 3 injuring or damaging the floor 8 of a room in which the device is arranged or from injuring or damaging any other support upon which the base piece 3 is mounted. The section 4 at its upper terminal portion is peripherally threaded as at 9.

The upper terminal of the section 2 is peripherally threaded as at 10 and engaging therewith is a head piece 11 of annular contour and which is provided with a centrally disposed opening 12 having a threaded wall and further provided with a depending collar 13 having internal threads. The inner

face of the collar 13 forms a continuation of the wall of the opening 12 and the threads of said wall and the threads of the collar engage with the threads 10 of the section 2 whereby the latter is connected to the head piece 11. Secured to the upper face of the head piece 11 and co-extensive therewith, is a cushioning element 14, preferably formed of felt, and which prevents the head piece 11 from injuring or marring the ceiling of a room, which is indicated at 15, or any other support or abutment against which is positioned the head piece 11.

The adjustability of the supporting standard provides means whereby it can be rigidly secured in upstanding position between the floor 8 and the ceiling 15 to prevent the wardrobe from tilting over or being accidently shifted after the wardrobe has been positioned at the desired point within the room. The means for fixedly securing the section 2 in adjusted position with respect to the section 1 for the purpose of locking the supporting standard in position will be presently referred to.

Secured to the section 1, of the supporting standard at the desired point, that is to say in proximity to the upper end thereof, is a supporting frame consisting of an oval shaped body portion 16, a horizontally disposed cross member 17, a longitudinally disposed cross member 18, and a collar 19. The cross members 17 and 18 are intersected centrally thereof by the collar 19 and said cross members are integral with the latter. The collar 19 is formed with a hub 20, which carries a set screw 21 for fixedly securing the collar 19 to the section 1. The outer ends of the cross members 17 and 18 are formed with right angularly disposed bends 22 which abut against the inner face of the body portion 16 and are suitably secured therewith in any desirable manner. The body portion 16 is in the form of an oval shaped ring set up from a strip of suitable material, and with the ends of the strip overlapping and secured together by the hold fast devices 23. The supporting frame is in the form of what may be termed an oval shaped wheel.

Extended throughout the top of the body portion 16 of the supporting frame, as well as depending from the latter, is a split curtain referred to generally by the reference character 24 and which extends from the supporting frame to the floor 8. The curtain 24 provides a compartment 25 for the reception of the articles of wearing apparel. The curtain 24 includes an upper portion 25 formed with an opening 26 through which extends the section 1 of the supporting standard. Secured to the section 1 and bearing against the top of the portion 25 of the curtain 24 is a sealing gasket 27, to arrest the passage of dust so that it cannot enter the chamber 25' from the top of the curtain. The curtain 24 is split and the split ends thereof are indicated at 28 and 29 and which overlap each other, see Figures 2 and 3. The overlapping ends of the curtains 24 are detachably connected together by snap fastener members 30. The split in the curtain 24 extends transversely through a part of the upper portion 25 of the curtain and further extends to the bottom of the curtain.

The securing means for maintaining the section 2 of the supporting standard, in adjusted position relatively to the section 1, consists of a collar 31 carried by the section 2 and provided with a set screw 32. Threadedly engaging with the threads 9 of the section 1 is a clamping collar 33, which when the collar 31 has been set in the desired position abuts against said collar 31 under such conditions maintaining the sections of the telescopic supporting standard in adjusted positions relatively to each other and further acts as a means whereby the standard is fixedly secured against the ceiling 8 and wall 15 to prevent any possibility of the device tilting over or being accidentally shifted.

Adjustably mounted on the standard 1, within the chamber 25, is a collar 34 provided with a plurality of radially disposed suspension arms 35 and each of these latter is formed with vertically disposed hat supports 36 and depending hooks 37 for supporting articles of wearing apparel. The collar 34 is maintained in its adjusted position by a set screw 37 carried thereby and which has binding engagement with the section 1. Adjustably mounted on the standard 1, below the collar 34, is a pair of oppositely extending and superposed umbrella or cane supports and each of which consists of a circular body portion or loop 38 and a coupling portion 39 of ring like form which extends around the section 1. The coupling portion 39 is spaced from the loops 38 by a connecting part 40 and said coupling portion is formed with a flange 41 which opposes the part 40 and coacting with the flange 41 and part 40 is a clamping screw 42 for fixedly clamping the coupling portion 39 to the section 1 whereby the umbrella or cane support is maintained in a stationary position with respect to the section 1. Arranged below the loops 38 are receptacles 43 for the lower ends of the canes or the umbrellas. The supports or loops can be adjusted relatively to each other in spaced relation or can be bodily adjusted to different positions upon the section 1 of the supporting standards.

By setting up the supporting frame of oval contour it takes up less space than if circular or of other contour and furthermore it permits of the full depth of the curtain to lie perfectly flat and enables the easy draping of the curtain. The curtain hangs close to the floor and excludes all dust, opens in

front and is readily thrown back out of the way when access is desired to the chamber 25. The curtain is so split that it opens to a point in close proximity to the section 1, and the ends of the curtain may be connected to each other by resilient means for the purpose of automatically closing the curtain when desired.

The elements of the combined costumer and wardrobe can be constructed of any suitable material, as well as the shape of the hat supports or garment hooks. Owing to the manner of setting up the supporting frame with respect to the section 1, said frame can be positioned at any desired height with respect to said section. The telescopic supporting standard provides means whereby the device can be fixedly secured in rooms of different heights. The collar or nut 33 is of polygonal contour to facilitate the gripping thereof by suitable instruments for the purpose of adjusting it towards and from the collar 31.

The elements of the device, other than the curtain can be constructed of solid steel, pressed steel or tubular steel.

It is thought the many advantages of a combined costumer and wardrobe, in accordance with this invention can be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, yet it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction can be had which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

A device for the purpose set forth comprising an oval-shaped curtain suspending frame, a collar positioned centrally thereof, longitudinally and horizontally disposed cross members interposed between the collar and the frame and further connected with the collar and the frame, a telescopic standard including an upper and a lower section and providing means for locking the frame to prevent lateral shifting or tilting thereof, said lower section extending through said collar, means for locking the collar to said lower section below the frame, said sections provided with coacting means for maintaining them in adjusted position, said coacting means arranged above said collar, and a one-piece overlapping split curtain extending over the top of the frame, throughout the opening formed on the frame, overlapping the complete outer side edge of the frame and depending from the latter to the lower end of the standard, said curtain providing a normally closed chamber, the split in said curtain disposed at one side of the chamber and extending horizontally at the top approximately half the width of the frame.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

EDWARD B. SKINNER.