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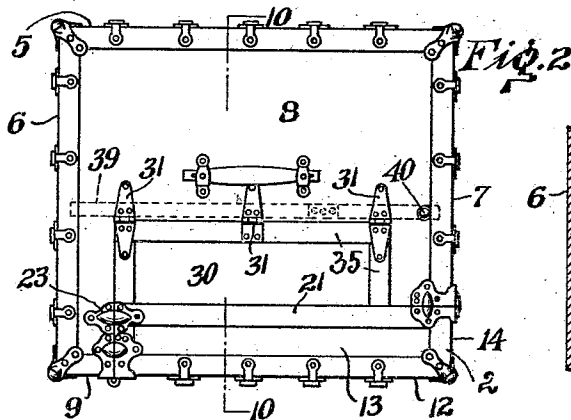


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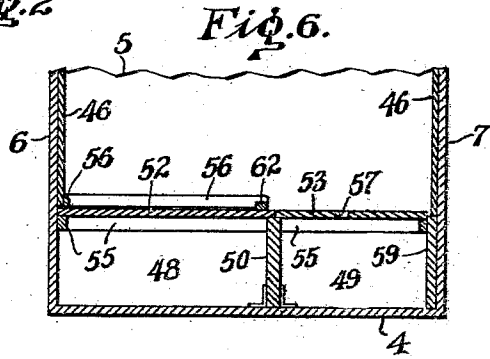


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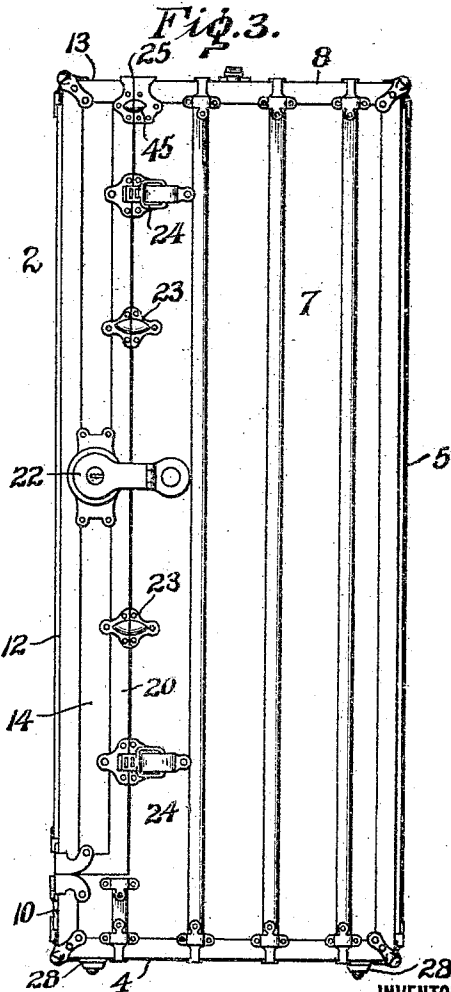


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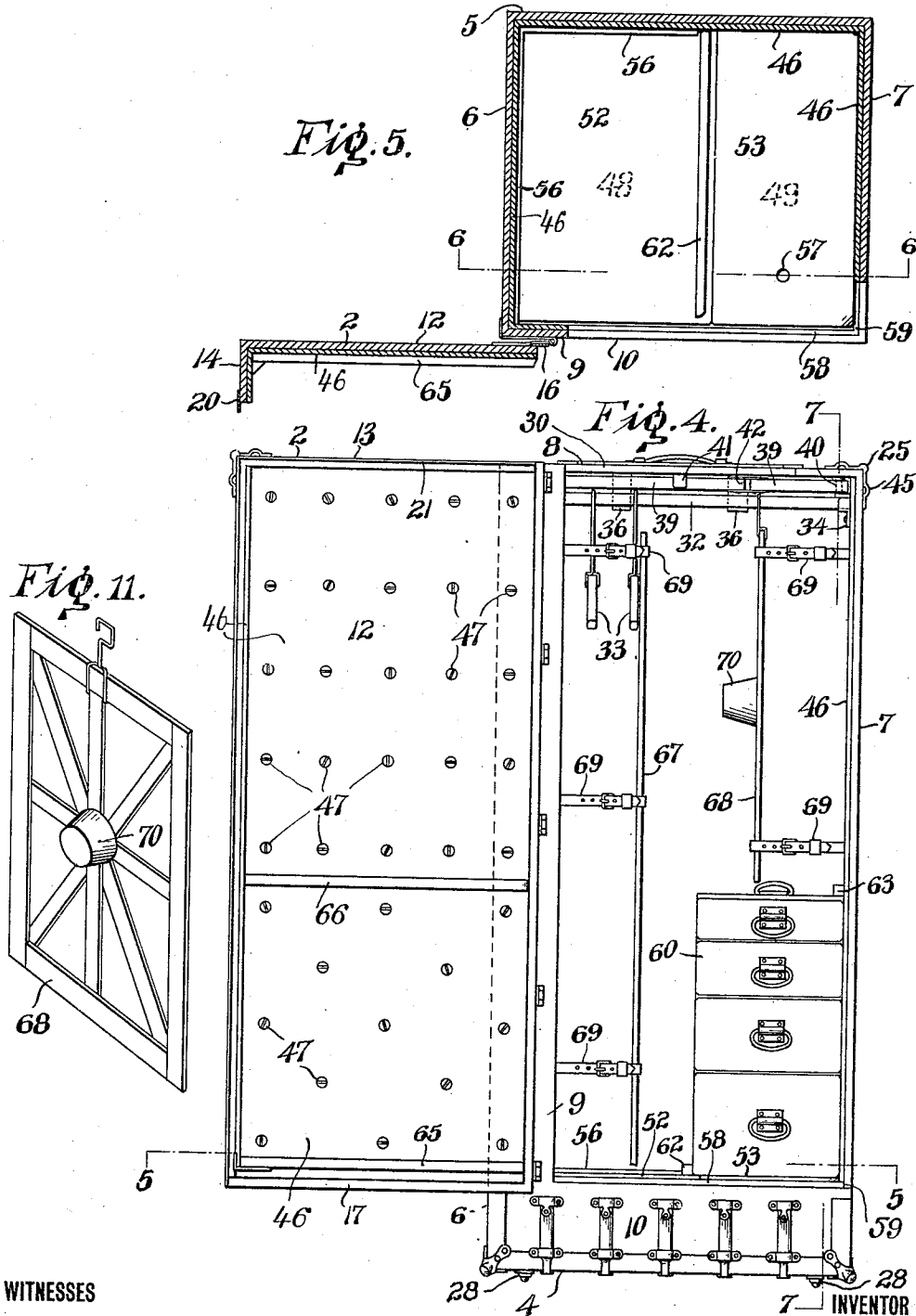
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO RANGNOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Wardrobe-Trunk, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in a wardrobe and the object of my invention is to construct a wardrobe upon the lines of a trunk, thereby making it a portable wardrobe; a further object of my invention is to so arrange the wardrobe that it may be used as a practical wardrobe for retaining articles of clothing in the same manner that an ordinary wardrobe or closet is used; and a further object of my invention is to arrange the several parts of the interior of the wardrobe used for retaining the articles of clothing so that the said parts and also the clothing may be readily and securely held in their proper places when it is desired to use the wardrobe for traveling purposes and by thus arranging the said parts of the wardrobe the usual packing and unpacking is avoided, as in my improved wardrobe any particular garment may be placed in the wardrobe or removed therefrom without disturbing the other garments and there are no heavy parts to be moved or lifted, thus making my improved wardrobe particularly adapted for use by women as a trunk when traveling and as a wardrobe suitable for every day use as a receptacle for retaining articles of clothing and the like; and a still further object of my invention is to simplify the construction and operation of the several parts of the wardrobe and thereby reducing the cost of manufacturing the wardrobe to a minimum.

The above mentioned features, together with various other novel features of construction and arrangement of the parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described, constitute my invention.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved wardrobe; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the wardrobe, as shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the wardrobe; Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the wardrobe showing the door open; Fig. 5 is a horizontal section taken on line 5—5 Fig. 4; Fig. 6 is a partial vertical section through the lower portion of the wardrobe body taken on line

6—6 Fig. 5; Fig. 7 is a vertical section on line 7—7 Fig. 4; Fig. 8 is a horizontal section taken on line 8—8 Fig. 7; Fig. 9 is a vertical section taken on line 9—9 Fig. 8, showing the upper portion of the wardrobe drawn on a larger scale; Fig. 10 is a vertical section taken on line 10—10 Fig. 2, showing the upper portion of the wardrobe drawn on a larger scale; Fig. 11 is a perspective view of the smaller follower, detached, showing a hat form attached thereto.

Referring to the drawings, in which like references indicate like parts, 1 represents the wardrobe body portion and 2 the door pivotally secured to the wardrobe body by hinges 3. The body of the wardrobe consists of the bottom 4, the back 5, the sides 6 and 7, the top 8 and the front portions 9 and 10.

The door 2 consists of the front or main portion 12, the top edge 13 and the side edge 14. The front portion 12 of the door 2 is smaller than the front of the wardrobe and when taken together with the front portions 9 and 10 of the wardrobe body complete the front of the same. Valance-strips 16 and 17 secured upon the door 2, cover the joints between the door and the front portions 9 and 10 of the wardrobe body.

The top 8 and side 7 of the wardrobe body are cut away to provide for the edges 13 and 14 of the door. The joints are covered by valance-strips 20 and 21, secured upon the door.

The door is held in a closed position by the lock 22, dowel-pins 23, clasps 24, and the angle-iron 25, as shown in Fig. 3. The front of the door is held by a sliding bolt 26, which bolt is in turn held by a spring clasp 27.

The bottom 4 of the wardrobe is provided with casters 28 for readily moving the wardrobe when it is standing in an erect position. The wardrobe is provided with corner-irons and protecting strips to strengthen the wardrobe and thereby make it portable and adapted for shipping the same as any ordinary trunk.

The top 8 of the wardrobe body is provided with a hinged panel 30, which is secured to the top of the body portion of the wardrobe by the hinges 31 and said panel is held in a closed position by the valance-strip 21 on the top edge of the door, which valance-strip overlaps the front edge of the said panel 30 when the door 2 is closed. The panel is provided with valance-strips 35 to

cover the joints between it and the top 8 of the wardrobe.

When the door 2 is open the panel 30 may be swung upon its hinges into the position shown in Fig. 7, which will make the interior of the wardrobe body more readily accessible and the contents of the wardrobe will be visible through the space for the panel 30 formed in the top 8 of the wardrobe body.

A cross-bar 32 is secured inside of and near the top of the wardrobe body, upon which cross-bar 32 are suspended the garment hangers 33. The said cross-bar extends between the fixtures 34 secured against the sides of the wardrobe body. Said cross-bar 32 is located in the center of the wardrobe body and extends parallel with the front of the wardrobe so that the garment hangers may be readily inserted edgewise in the wardrobe and the hooks on the garment hangers may be placed over the cross-bar 32, which latter may be readily seen through the opening in the top of the wardrobe body formed for the panel 30. The cross-bar 32 is strengthened throughout its length by brackets 36 secured to the top of the wardrobe and to the under side of the said cross-bar 32 to support the latter. The said brackets 36 are so formed that sufficient space is left between the rear side of the cross-bar and the vertical portion of said brackets 36 for the free passage of the points of the hooks on the garment hangers 33 and to permit the said hooks to be freely moved along the said cross-bar 32.

A locking-bar 39 is provided to hold the hooks of the garment hangers upon the cross-bar 33 so that said hooks cannot be disengaged without first removing the locking-bar. One end of said locking-bar is pivoted at the point 40 to the top 8 of the wardrobe, and said locking-bar may be swung outwardly when it is desired to remove the garment hangers. The said locking-bar 39 is held in place above the cross-bar 32 by the brackets 36, as shown in Fig. 10, which act as a stop to limit the backward movement of the locking-bar. A stop 41 secured on the panel 30 takes against the front of said locking-bar, when said panel is closed, and holds said locking-bar from swinging forward and also holds said locking-bar in a position immediately above the said cross-bar 32, which will lock the hooks of the garment hangers so that they cannot become disengaged from the cross-bar 32. The said locking-bar 39 is adapted to swing upon the pivot point 40 and the free end of said locking-bar will project out of the wardrobe and form a convenient place to temporarily place the garment hangers when they are removed from the cross-bar 32. The said locking-bar is jointed at the point 42 so that the free end of said locking-bar which projects out of the

wardrobe may be placed in a position parallel with the front of the wardrobe, as shown in Figs. 8 and 9, in which position said locking-bar will be out of the way of a person placing garments in or removing them from the wardrobe. Said locking-bar 39, when swung outwardly, is supported by the pivot 40, a projecting plate 43 secured on the inside of the wardrobe and by a pin 44 on said locking-bar, as shown in Fig. 8. Said pin is adapted to enter the socket 45 formed in the angle-iron 25. Said socket 45 is provided to receive the dowel-pin on the corresponding portion of the said angle-iron 25, carried by the door when the latter is closed.

Followers 67 and 68 are provided for holding the clothing upon the garment hangers against the sides of the wardrobe by means of the straps 69. Said followers are made as shown detached in Fig. 11, and upon one of said followers is placed a hat-form 70 made similar to a cushion so that a hat may be placed over said hat-form and held thereon by inserting a hat pin through the hat and said cushion.

The operation of my improved wardrobe is as follows: By opening the door, raising the panel 30, withdrawing the locking-bar and releasing the straps holding the followers the garments are all released and free to be removed from the wardrobe by lifting the garment hangers off the cross-bar. The free end of the locking-bar when drawn forward forms a convenient place to temporarily hang the garment hangers. When it is desired to prepare the wardrobe for shipping purposes it is only necessary to insert the followers which will divide the garments suspended upon the garment hangers and when the followers are strapped to the sides of the wardrobe the garments will be firmly held in place and cannot move. The garment hangers cannot become disengaged from the cross-bar on account of being held by the locking-bar. When the garments are drawn by the followers toward the sides of the wardrobe a space is formed in the center of the wardrobe so that a hat may be secured upon the hat form upon one of the followers. When the door is closed all the parts are securely locked in their proper positions and said parts cannot move no matter in what position the wardrobe may be placed.

Having thus described my invention I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A wardrobe comprising a body, a door, a cross-bar secured in said body, garment hangers having hooks adapted to pass over said cross-bar, a locking-bar located adjacent to said cross-bar, stops to hold said locking-bar adjacent to said cross-bar and means for withdrawing said locking-bar to release said hooks.

2. A wardrobe comprising a body, a door,

a cross-bar secured in said body, garment hangers having hooks adapted to pass over said cross-bar, a locking-bar located adjacent to said cross-bar and adapted to hold
 5 said hooks in engagement with said cross-bar and means for pivotally mounting one end of said locking-bar so that the free end thereof may be withdrawn and release said hooks.

10 3. A wardrobe comprising a body, a door, a cross-bar secured in said body, a locking-bar located adjacent to said cross-bar, said locking-bar pivotally mounted at one end thereof, means for locking said locking-bar
 15 in a position parallel with said cross-bar and the free end of said locking-bar adapted to swing forward and project out of the body of the wardrobe when released from said locking means.

20 4. A wardrobe comprising a body, a door, a bar pivotally mounted at one end in said body, said bar adapted to swing forward toward the front of said body and said bar comprising two members hinged together at
 25 a point near the front line of said body so that the outer member of said bar may be turned into a position parallel with the front of said body.

5. A wardrobe comprising a body, a door,
 30 a bar pivotally mounted at one end in said body, said bar adapted to swing forward

toward the front of said body, said bar comprising two members hinged together at a point near the front line of said body and means upon said body to support the said
 35 bar when the latter is in the forward position.

6. A wardrobe comprising a body, a door, a bar pivotally mounted at one end in said body, said bar adapted to swing forward, a
 40 bracket secured to the body to support said bar when in the forward position, a second portion of said bar hinged to said first mentioned portion at a point outside of the front line of the said body, a pin carried by said
 45 second portion of said bar, a plate having a socket formed therein to receive said pin and said plate secured to the outside of said body.

7. A wardrobe comprising a body, a door, 50 a cross-bar secured in said body, garment hangers suspended from said cross-bar, a follower, means for securing said follower against the side of said body and a hat form secured upon said follower for carrying a
 55 hat.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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