

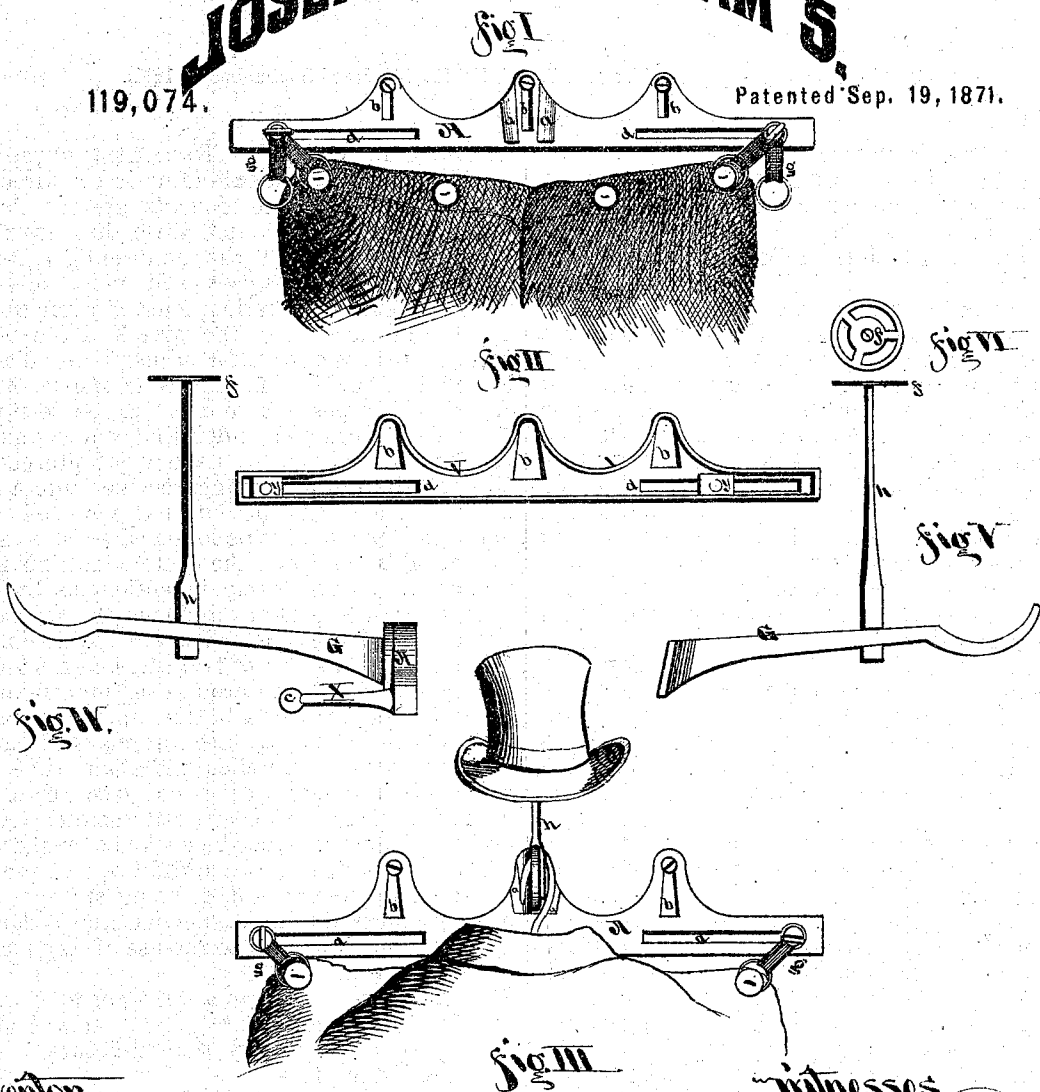
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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE WARDROBES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 119,074, dated September 19, 1871.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH P. BUCKINGHAM, of Chicopee, Hampden county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a Portable Wardrobe, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to a device the parts of which are so constructed and combined that a gentleman's outer garments and hat may be secured to and upon it and be easily detached at pleasure, the garments being held in a position to keep them free from creases and wrinkles and the hat so that its surface is not liable to come in contact with anything; the object of my invention being to provide a small portable device, to be attached to the wall or other convenient place, upon which any number of pantaloons and coats may be suspended compactly, while they are prevented, as before mentioned, from being creased or wrinkled.

In the drawing, Figure I is a front view with the support for the hat and coats removed. Fig. II shows the reverse of Fig. I. Fig. III shows the positions of the hat, coat, and pantaloons upon my device. Fig. IV is a profile view, and Figs. V and VI detail views of parts of my invention.

A is the frame or body, which I form of metal, as thin and light as is consistent with strength, and through which are made the oblong holes *b b*, larger at their lower ends, so that they can be slipped over the heads of screws or nails which will hold them at their upper ends. Upon each side of the center hole is a lug, *a*, the two forming a groove, into which slides the base of the hook G for holding coats, and having upon it the upright *h* for holding the hat. This hook projects out at right angles from the face of body A far enough to permit coats to be hung on it to swing clear of pants stretched upon pins X X. Also, extending outward from the body A, upon the hook G, is the standard *h*, having a slot in its butt-end to fit over and rest upon hook G, upon the tapering arm of which it slides, as shown in Fig. IV, so that it may be detached readily when not needed or for convenience in transportation, as may also the hook G itself, by being slid from the lugs *a a* holding its flanged base. Surmounting the standard *h* is the disk *f*, upon which rests

the hat as upon a block. To each side of the center of the frame, and extending in the direction of its length nearly to the ends, are the slots *d d*, nearly surrounded, at a little distance from their edges, by a rim, V, the rim forming a groove, which allows the nuts *y y* to slide in it, while preventing them from rotating, thus affording a bearing to the nuts when the pins X X are being screwed or unscrewed for adjustment. This is shown in Fig. II. In Fig. IV is shown one of the pins X in position, and it will be seen that it swells to form a shoulder that comes against the face of the frame A, a screw end proceeding through the slot and being received into a nut, so that by means of the button C upon the outer end either pin X may be loosened so as to slide nearer or further from the center; and this is an important feature of my invention, as by it a pair of pantaloons of any girth may be accommodated. Upon the pins X X is any required number of loops *g*, formed of two rings connected by elastic, one ring being around the pin, while the other is hooked over a button upon the waistband of the garment. Several pairs of pantaloons can thus be stretched at the same time, and to detach an inner pair it is not necessary to remove the others. The coats, being stretched over ordinary supporters, can be hooked over piece G.

The frame A, hook G, upright *h*, and pins X X are all made of metal, as being stronger and more ornamental than of other material, although I do not confine myself to the use of any particular substance.

By these means I form a light portable wardrobe, easily taken to pieces, and that will assist materially in the preservation of clothes.

What I claim is—

The device for holding and stretching clothes, consisting of the frame A with its holes *b b*, lugs *a a*, and slots *d d*, in connection with the pins X X with their nuts *y y*, and the hook G with its upright H and disk *f*, the parts being constructed and arranged substantially as shown and described.

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