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Wardrobe.

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Fig. 1.

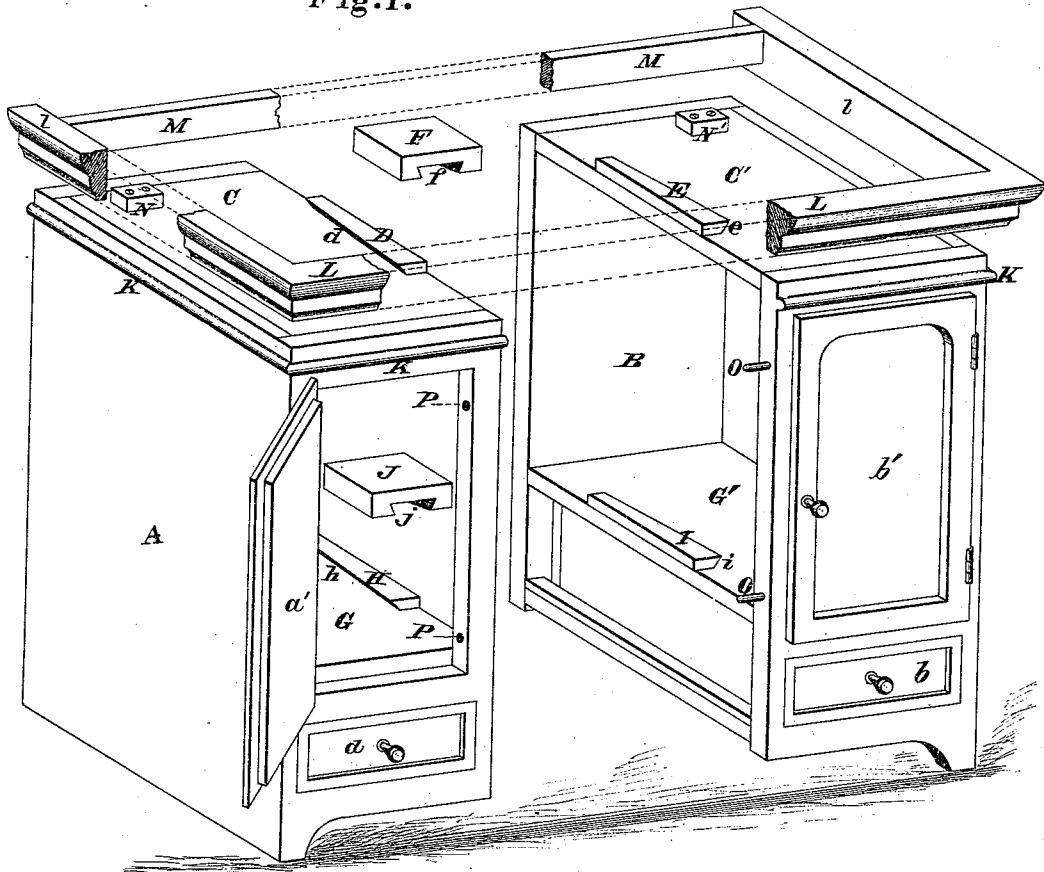
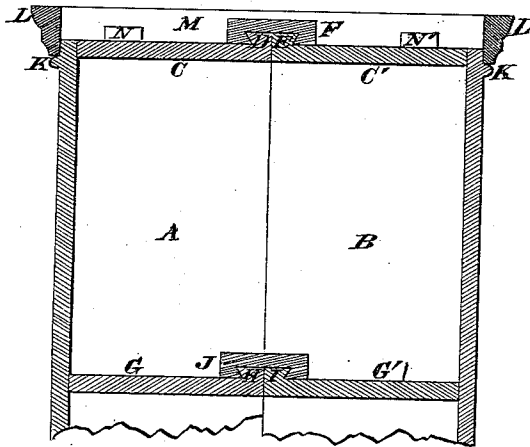


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED PORTABLE WARDROBE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERRIT NIERMANN, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Portable Wardrobe; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

My invention relates to that class of portable wardrobes which are divided vertically into two or more separable parts, so as to render the wardrobes capable of being handled and transported with the utmost facility; and

My improvement consists in connecting the separable parts together, by means of dowels, wedges, clamps, and a detachable cornice, in a manner which will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portable wardrobe, embodying my improvements, with the various parts in a detachable condition, and

Figure 2 is a vertical section, showing the wardrobe in its connected condition.

A B represent the two separable parts, and each of these parts is provided with a drawer, *a b*, and a door, *a' b'*, by which access is had to the interior of the wardrobe.

The tops C C' of the separable parts A B have attached to them cleats D E, whose outer edges *d e* are tapering, and under-cut, as shown, and, when the wardrobe is in its closed condition, these cleats or wedges are drawn tightly together by means of a clamp, F, whose lower surface is provided with an under-cut groove, *f*, whose sides have a corresponding taper with the said cleats D *d*, E *e*.

Placed directly above the drawers *a b* are two horizontal shelves G G', to which are secured cleats H *h*, I *i*, which are similar to the upper ones, D E, and which are united by another clamp, J *j*.

Extending around three sides of the wardrobe, and near the top of the same, is a bead, K, which serves to support a detachable cornice, composed of an open rectangular frame, L, and the latter not only adds to the ornamental appearance of the wardrobe, but it also serves to assist in binding the two separable parts A B together.

The two end pieces *l* of the cornice are united at the rear by a beam, M, which rests upon the top, C, of the wardrobe, and said beam is held in position by the blocks N N'.

Projecting from the part B of the wardrobe are dowels O, which are adapted to enter suitable sockets, P, in the part A. The office of these dowels and sockets is to bring and hold the front portions of the two separable halves precisely flush with one another.

My wardrobe is united in the following manner:

The two separable parts A B are first brought as close together as possible, the dowels O being inserted in the apertures P, after which the clamps F J are engaged with the cleats D E H I, and driven along them, toward their broadest ends, so as to draw the two parts A B of the wardrobe together in the most firm and secure manner. The removable cornice L is then placed in its proper position, and the wardrobe is at once ready for use.

If at any time it should be desired to remove the wardrobe from the room in which it is located, the different parts can be separated in a few moments, and, in their detached condition, can be handled with the utmost facility, and carried through very contracted passages and door-ways.

When detached, the various parts of the wardrobe are so light that they can be transported much more readily than could be done in case the wardrobe were constructed in one inseparable piece.

I have described my wardrobe as consisting of only two separable parts, A and B, but it is evident that three or more may be employed whenever it is desired to construct an unusually large one.

I claim herein as new, and of my invention—

The combination, with the separable parts A B, of the tapering dovetail cleats E H I, clamps F J, cornice L, dowels O, and sockets P, all constructed and arranged substantially as represented and described, for the purposes specified.

In testimony of which invention, I hereunto set my hand.

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