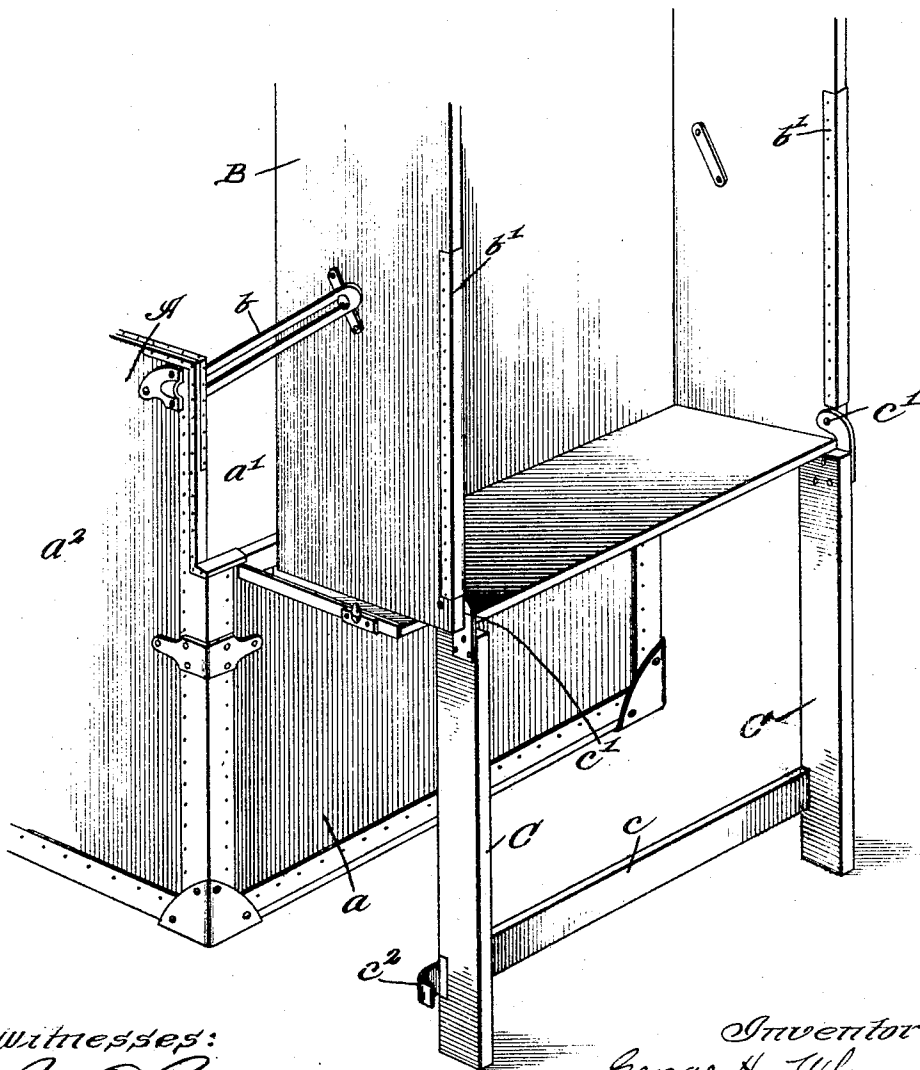


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. WHEARY, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Racine, Racine county, Wisconsin, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wardrobe-Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to trunks in general, and more especially to what are known as wardrobe trunks.

It relates particularly to trunks of this kind in which a tilting tray is provided, which tray is adapted to be tilted to an upright position at one end of the trunk, to afford access to the contents thereof in packing and unpacking the trunk.

The object of my invention is to provide means for supporting said tray upon the floor, when the tray is tilted to an upright position, whereby the entire weight of the tray will not, at such time, be thrown entirely upon the hinges and other connections of the tray, and whereby the weight of the tray will, moreover, have no tendency to unbalance the trunk on the floor, when thrown quickly or suddenly into an upright position.

This is a division of my prior pending application No. 575,742, filed August 5, 1910, for improvements in wardrobe trunks.

To the foregoing and other useful ends, my invention consists in matter hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings the single figure is a perspective of one end of a trunk and the lower end of the tray thereof, showing said tray provided with a pair of pivoted or swinging legs, embodying the parts of my invention, whereby the said tray is supported partly upon the floor and partly by the end of the trunk, when raised to an upright position.

As illustrated, the body A of the trunk may be of any suitable, known or approved form of construction. One end wall, a of the said trunk body is cut away at a^1 to provide an opening for the tray, which latter has its lower end connected by hinges or other similar devices with the upper edge of the wall a , whereby it may be tilted to an upright position. In addition, the said tray has its sides connected by slotted links b with the side walls a^2 of the trunk, which links serve as braces when the tray is raised

to an upright position, the slots of said links permitting the tray to be lowered and brought within the trunk.

The end of the tray is provided with a pair of pivoted legs C which are connected by cross bars c , and which have their upper ends pivoted or otherwise secured to the end of the tray at c^1 , whereby the said legs may be folded within the tray when the latter is lowered into the trunk. For the purpose of supporting the legs on the edge of the tray, when they are not in use, the said cross bar c is provided at its ends with lugs or stops c^2 adapted to rest upon the edges b^1 of the tray when the trunk is closed.

When the tray is raised to an upright position, as shown in the drawing, it is supported in part by the trunk body and partly by the legs C, which latter are adapted at the lower ends thereof to rest upon the floor. Thus the weight of the tray is prevented from tilting the trunk upwardly at the other end, and in addition the hinges or other connections of the tray are relieved of a part of the weight, so that there is less danger of breakage when the trunk is opened and the tray is brought into an upright position. The said legs enable the trunk and tray to stand firmly on the floor with the tray in an upright position, and any weight or pressure thrown upon the tray at such time will not tend to raise the trunk at the other end thereof. When the trunk is closed, the said legs fold within the tray, in the manner explained, and do not in any way interfere with the manipulation of the trunk in the packing and unpacking of the contents thereof.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I provide a trunk having a tray which is particularly adapted for use in certain ways, as for example, for supporting clothes hangers at the upper end thereof, as is customary in wardrobe trunks, and that said tray is effectively supported upon the floor in a way to prevent breakage of the connections in such manner as to prevent unbalancing or tipping over of the trunk when the tray is brought into an upright position.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a trunk, a body, a folding wardrobe section therefor, and legs pivoted inside of said wardrobe section and adapted to be swung into position to support said section

when the same is raised to upright position and to fold inside of said section when in inoperative position.

2. In a trunk, a body, a folding wardrobe
5 section therefor, legs pivoted inside of said section and adapted to be swung into position to support said section when the same is raised to upright position and adapted to
10 fold inside of said section when in inoperative position, and stops on said legs, which

stops engage the edges of said wardrobe section to limit the movement of the legs into the said section.

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