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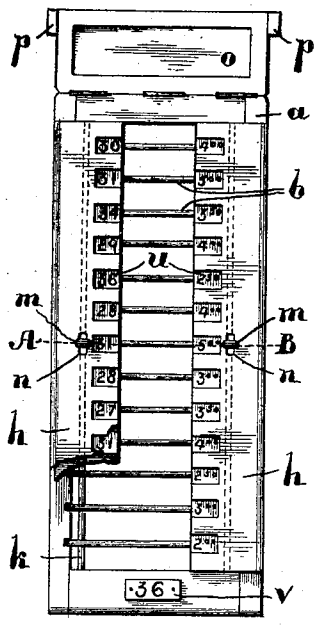


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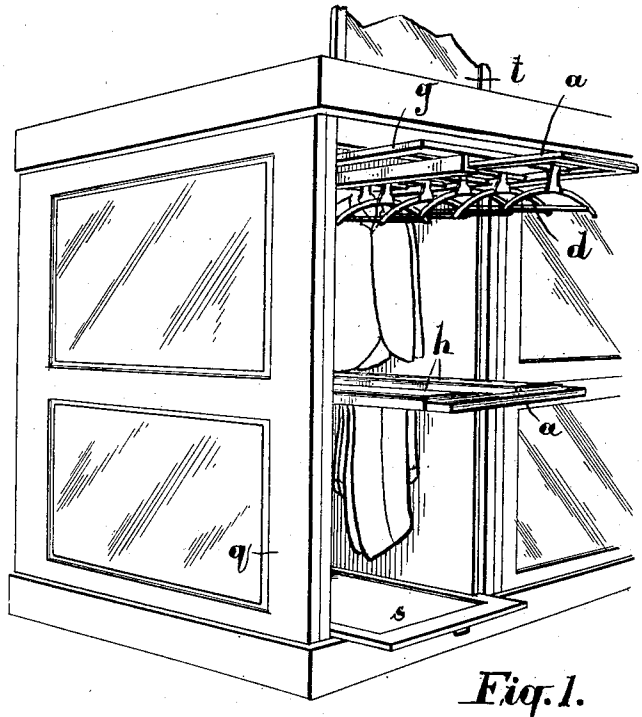


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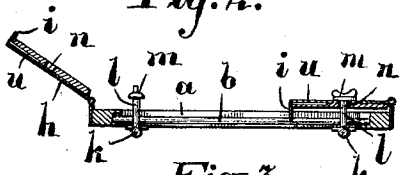


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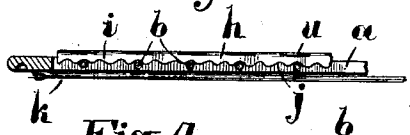


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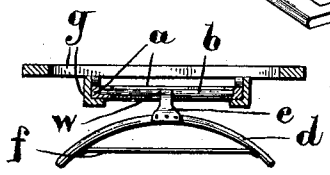


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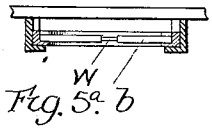


Fig. 5a.

Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RODERICK WEIR, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Winnipeg, in the county of Selkirk, in the Province of Manitoba, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Wardrobes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in clothes-wardrobes; and the object of the invention is to devise certain mechanical additions and changes to perfect the construction and increase the advantages of my invention, shown and described in my United States Patent No. 724,977, dated April 7, 1903, whereby the new arrangement of parts will provide for the construction of wardrobes having false fronts or casings and in the general arrangement effect a more convenient and secure place for the clothes; and it consists, essentially, of a casing, a rack or racks having removable rails with or without coat-hangers attached thereto, and inwardly-folding sides attached to the longitudinal edges of said rack or racks and designed to slide into the inclosure, the various parts being constructed in detail, as hereinafter more particularly described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a plain wardrobe open, having the racks partially projecting therefrom. Fig. 2 is a plan view of a trousers-rack. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view through A B in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the trousers-rack. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of an alternative method of hanging the rack where it is preferable to have the casing of greater width. Fig. 5ª is a detail view of Fig. 5. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of an ornamental wardrobe having a rack projecting therefrom.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

a is the frame of the rack, having the removable rails *b*, which are placed in the frame *a* either crosswise or lengthwise—that is to say, the frame *a* may be divided toward one end by the cross-bar *c* and rails inserted from that to the end in a similar manner to the rails across the frame, with the exception that they are longitudinally parallel with the frame.

The insertion of the rails in the frame is arranged the same as described in my former patent, No. 724,977, above referred to—that is to say, the rails are inserted in an orifice on the inside edge of one of the sides of the frame and into a slot on the opposite inside edge, the rails placed longitudinally with the frame being inserted in precisely the same way.

d is a coat and trousers-hanger having the projecting strap *e* rising therefrom and the cross-piece *f* designed to serve as a brace for the coat-support and as a trousers-hanger. The strap *e* encircles an annular groove *w* in the rails *b*, this groove being shown in Fig. 5ª, and is supported thereby, thus preventing any lateral movement of the coat-hanger. It will be thus seen that the combination coat and trousers hanger and the rail are practically one piece and may be readily placed in the frame *a* at any place desired to support a coat and vest or coat, vest, and trousers.

h represents hinged and inwardly-folding sides attached to the side pieces of the frame *a* and having downward projections *i* from their inner edges. The projections *i* continue to the full length of the inwardly-folding sides *h* and preferably have a corrugated edge *j*, which will hold the clothes hanging from the rails securely in place.

k represents rods attached to the frame *a* beneath the rails *b* and running longitudinally with the frame.

l represents pins attached to the rods *k* and having at their upper ends the elongated buttons *m*.

n represents slots correspondingly shaped to the buttons *m* and into which the latter are inserted and turned when the sides *h* are folded inwardly and are to be retained in that position.

o is a board hinged to the inner end of the frame and having blocks *p*, designed to stop its further outward movement when the rack *a* slides in the casings *q* or *r*.

s represents sliding doors disappearing in the interior of the casings *q* or *r*, arranged similarly as described in my Patent No. 724,977.

t is a door sliding upwardly into a suitable

casing or frame and meeting the lower door half-way in the door-opening when the wardrobe is used as a double-decker, as shown in Fig. 1.

The casing *r* has a false front, and it may be here mentioned that any suitable form of false front may be used, and in this construction the combination-rack, in which the frame is divided into two parts, the one having the rails lengthwise and the other having them crosswise, is preferable.

The rails lengthwise will preferably have combination-hangers attached thereto, while the rails crosswise will preferably be for trousers only, though it must be here understood that they may be arranged as the user desires.

The rack or frame having the inwardly-folding sides is particularly desirable in selling goods such as trousers, for the reason that trousers are always kept securely in position by the corrugated downwardly-projecting edges of the sides, and opposite each rail a ticket-holder *u* may be secured on the sides and a ticket-holder *v* at the end. The particular construction of this ticket-holder need not be described here, as any suitable form of pocket may be used.

The ticket-holders *u* at the sides may have tickets inserted in them, on the one side giving the lengths of the trousers and on the other the prices, whereas the ticket-holder *v* at the end may be used for the waist-measure of the trousers in the cabinet. In a wardrobe for private use this will not, of course, be desirable, though the inwardly-folding sides may be used with great advantage, and in many cases where the private wardrobes are of a large construction the double-decker style will be preferable, such as shown in Fig. 1, though in this figure the wardrobe illustrated is plain and for business purposes.

In Fig. 5 an alternative method is shown for supporting the rack in the casing. This permits the frame *a* to be much narrower and is supported from the frame *g*. The frame *a* has a limited sliding movement in the casing, which will allow the rack to be brought still farther out than the rack described in the foregoing. The hangers in this alternative construction may be made much wider than the rack.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a clothes-wardrobe, the combination with the casing having an opening thereinto, and a suitable door closing the said opening, of a frame having a plurality of removable rails thereacross and sliding in suitable supports arranged in the interior of the casing, a pair of upper sides hinged to the longitudinal sides of the frame and folding inwardly, and means for holding said upper sides close to the rails, as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a clothes-wardrobe, the combination with the casing having an opening thereinto, and a suitable door closing the said opening, of a frame having a plurality of removable rails thereacross and sliding in suitable supports arranged in the interior of the casing, a pair of upper sides hinged to the longitudinal sides of the frame and folding inwardly, and having a slot therethrough, a pair of rods attached to the frame beneath the rails and the upper sides, an upward projection from said rods designed to engage in the slot in the upper sides, as and for the purpose specified.

3. In a clothes-wardrobe, the combination with the casing having an opening thereinto, and a suitable door closing the said opening, of a frame having a plurality of removable rails thereacross and sliding in suitable supports arranged in the interior of the casing, a pair of upper sides hinged to the longitudinal sides of the frame and folding inwardly, and having downwardly-projecting and corrugated inner edges, and means for pressing the said inner edges against the rails, as and for the purpose specified.

4. In a clothes-wardrobe, the combination with the casing having an opening thereinto, and a suitable door closing the said opening, of a frame having a plurality of removable rails thereacross and sliding in suitable supports arranged in the interior of the casing, a pair of upper sides hinged to the longitudinal sides of the frame and folding inwardly, and having downwardly-projecting and corrugated inner edges, a plurality of ticket-holders arranged in the upper sides in alinement with each of the removable rails, and a ticket-holder at the end of the said frame, and means for pressing the inner edges of the upper sides against the rails, as and for the purpose specified.

5. In a device of the class described, in combination, a casing having a suitable opening thereinto, a door designed to slidably recede into the interior of the casing, and to close the said opening, a frame sliding into the interior of the casing, and suitably supported therein from the interior walls, a plurality of removable rails laterally arranged in said frame, and a plurality of removable rails longitudinally arranged in said frame, as and for the purpose specified.

6. In a device of the class described, in combination, a casing having a suitable opening thereinto, a door designed to slidably recede into the interior of the casing and closing the lower portion of the opening, a door sliding upwardly and closing the upper portion of the opening, a plurality of frames sliding within the casing and suitably supported from the interior walls, and a plurality of removable rails arranged in each of the frames, as and for the purpose specified.

7. In a device of the class described, in combination, a casing having a false outward appearance and an opening thereinto, a door closing said opening and designed to slidably recede within the interior of the said casing, a frame sliding into the interior of the casing

and suitably supported from the walls, a plurality of removable rails laterally arranged in one portion of the said frame, and a plurality of removable rails having garment-hangers thereto attached longitudinally arranged in the second portion of the said frame, as and for the purpose specified.

Signed at Winnipeg, in the county of Selkirk, in the Province of Manitoba, Canada, this 13th day of June, 1903.

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