

(No Model.)

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WARDROBE TRUNK.

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FIG. 1.

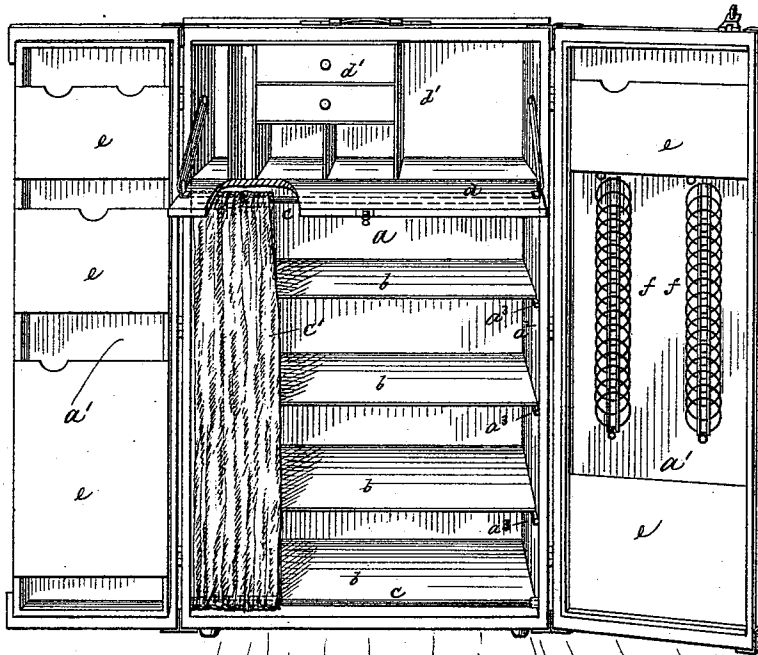
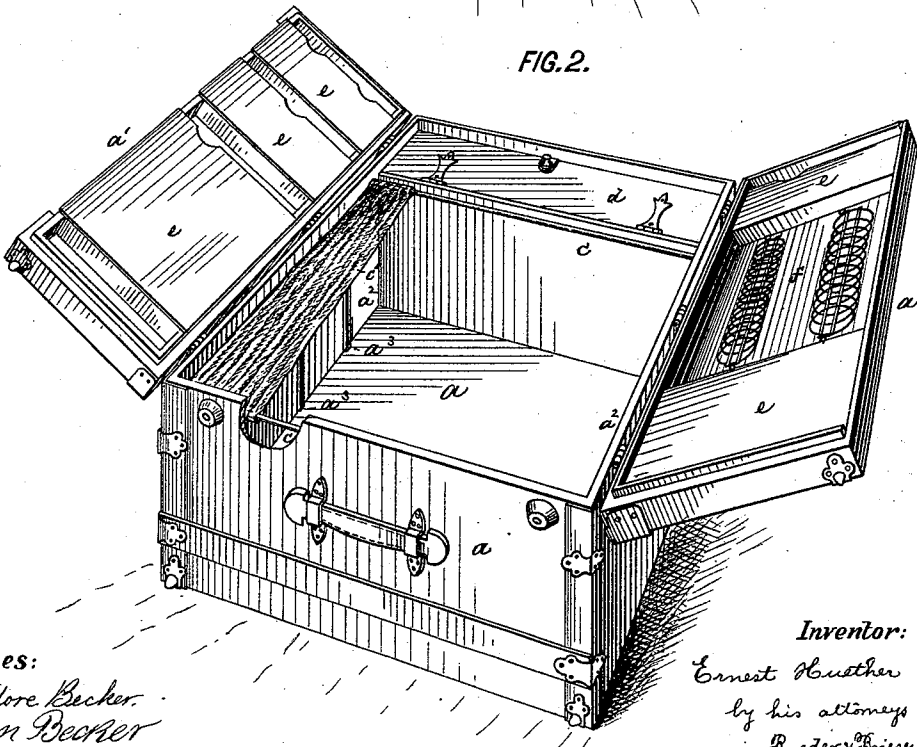


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST HUETHER, of New York city, New York, have invented an Improved Wardrobe-Trunk, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved wardrobe trunk which is adapted to be set on end and to be then used as a wardrobe and as a writing desk.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved wardrobe-trunk, showing it with the shelving inserted. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing it in a different position and with the shelving removed.

The letter *a*, represents the body of a wardrobe trunk having the divided folding lids *a'*. To the sides *a²*, of the trunk are secured the rails *a³*, which are adapted to support the removable shelves *b*. These shelves being applied to the long sides of the trunk, when the trunk is stood on end a large closet is formed, and the extensible frames heretofore used are entirely dispensed with. The two lids then merely form the cover for the trunk, and supports for the attachments applied to their inner sides. Transverse rods *c*, *c*, extend across the trunk at the top and bottom and serve for the attachment of a curtain *c'*, which may be drawn across the shelves. In this way the trunk when in its upright position

(Fig. 1) can have the lid *a'*, permanently open and still the contents of the shelves *b*, will be properly protected and concealed.

When the trunk is to be used for ordinary packing or traveling purposes, the curtain *c'*, is withdrawn and the shelves are removed (Fig. 2) or placed upon the bottom. In this way the trunk may be turned into a wardrobe or back into a traveling trunk with very little trouble.

Above the shelving *b*, I form the hinged tablet *d*, of a writing desk *d'*, which when folded up (Fig. 2) entirely closes the drawers and pigeon holes of the desk.

The lids *a'*, may be provided with pockets *e*, adapted for the reception of stationery and toilet utensils, and also with a card rack *f*.

What I claim is—

A wardrobe trunk, consisting of a body that is provided with a lid or cover made in two parts, and which parts open in opposite directions, combined with the rails *a³* applied to the long sides of the body; the shelves; the desk, the folding tablet, the two transverse rods, and the draw curtain applied to the rods, substantially as shown and described.

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