

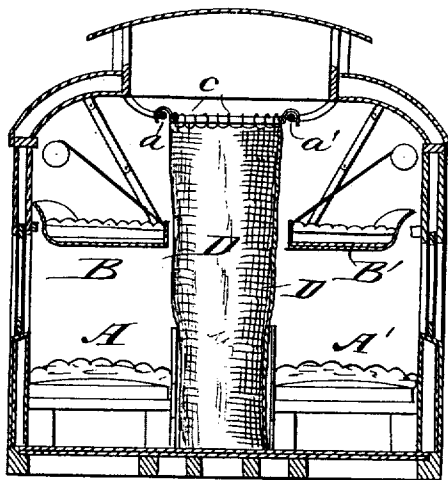
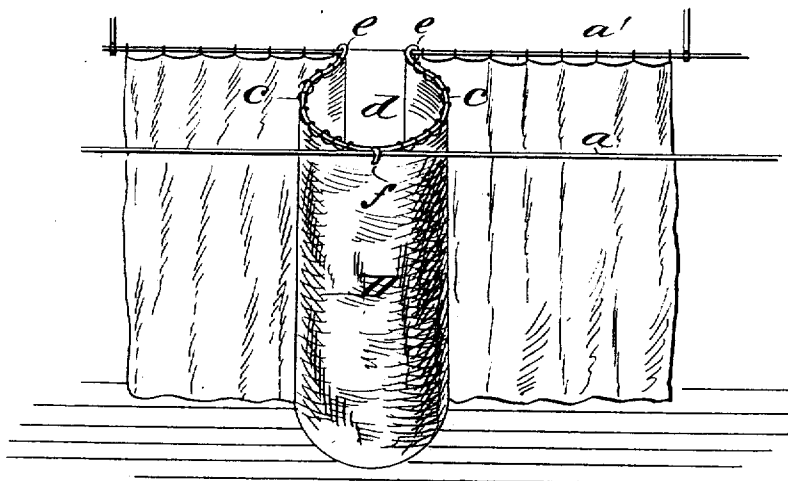
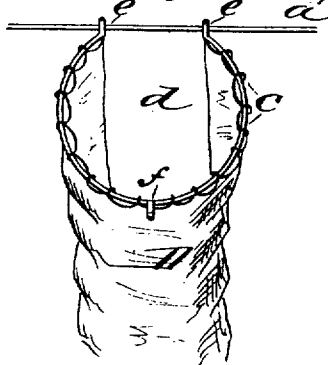
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Fig. 1.*Fig. 2.**Fig. 3.*

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADONIRAM J. CHANDLER, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Movable Dressing-Closet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a shelter or screen for use upon sleeping-cars of the Pullman model, whereby the occupants may stand upright in the aisle and dress without being within sight of other passengers; and the invention consists of a supporting-frame carrying curtains, said frame being so arranged that it may readily be attached to or disconnected from the curtain-rail of the car, and of certain details of construction and combinations of parts, to be hereinafter described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a vertical cross-sectional view of the body of a sleeping-car, representing my dressing-closet as applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view representing a portion of a section with my closet in position for use, and Fig. 3 is a similar view representing the frame as detached or unlocked from the curtain-rail across the aisle from the entrance to the closet.

Referring now to the construction shown in Fig. 1, A A' represent the lower, and B B' the upper, berths of an ordinary sleeping-car, before which the usual curtains are hung from the rails a a'. In this usual construction without my closet it is very difficult for passengers to dress and undress without exposing themselves to the view of their fellow-travelers, as the dressing must be done in the open aisle or in the berth, which, as is well known, is very inconvenient.

My closet consists of a curtain, D, of any proper material, that is secured to a rod, c, bent to circular form and provided with hooks e e and f, the hooks e e being at the ends of the rod and arranged so that they may be caught upon the curtain-rail a', that is above the section containing the travelers who wish

to use the closet, the hook f being so placed that it may be brought into engagement with the rail a on the opposite side of the car, thereby holding the rod c in the position shown best in Fig. 1. When placed as described, the opening d will be sufficient to allow a person to enter the closet, but, being toward the vacated berth, will not interfere with the seclusion of the closet. The hook f need not be placed in position on the rail a until needed for actual use, and after the sections are made up the closet may be suspended from rail a', as shown in Fig. 3.

Instead of a rod, c, the top of the closet might be made from a circular board provided with hooks arranged so as to correspond relatively with the hooks e e and f. During the day the closet may be taken down and packed away with the mattresses.

I am aware that portable bath-tubs have been provided with a surrounding curtain, and I claim no such construction as of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination, with the berth of a sleeping-car, of a dressing-closet in the aisle of the car in front of said berth and communicating therewith, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the curtain-rails of a sleeping-car, of a dressing-closet adapted to be secured to said rails at its top edge and be suspended in the aisle of the car in front of a berth and in communication therewith, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the curtain-rails of a sleeping-car, of a dressing-closet consisting of a removable frame open at one side extending across the aisle and connected to the said curtain-rails, and a depending curtain secured at its top edge to the said frame, whereby the frame may be moved along the aisle from one berth to another or removed from the rails, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with the rails a a', of the rod c, having hooks e e and f, and carrying a curtain, D, substantially as described.

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