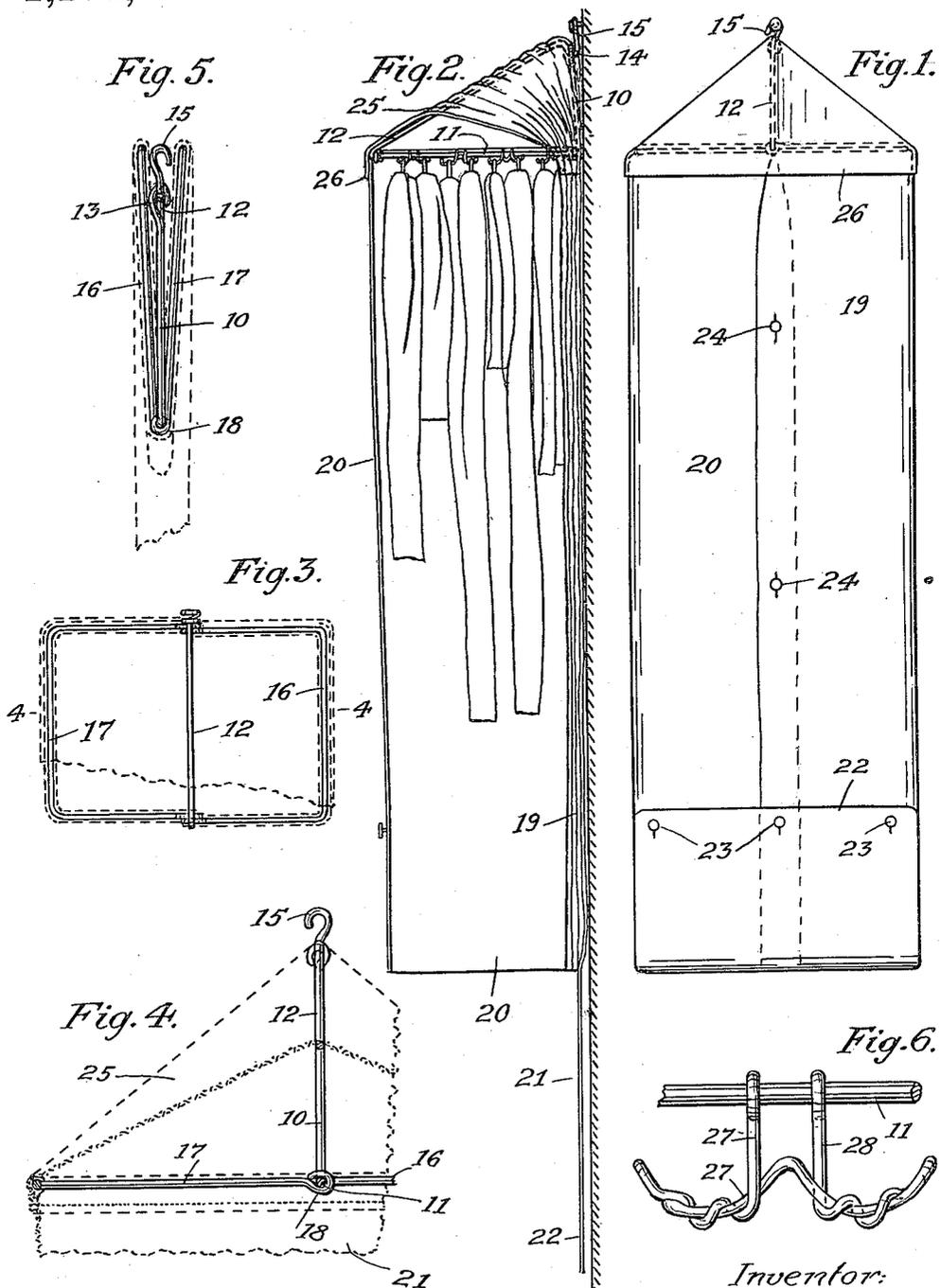


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE DOUCET, a citizen of Canada, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collapsible Folding Wardrobes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to collapsible folding wardrobes, and has for its object to provide a wardrobe of the type which may easily be folded into compact form so as to be carried in a suit case or trunk, which, when attached to the wall, will provide convenient means for hanging a number of suits of clothes, and which, while being perfectly sanitary, is of such construction as to enable the flexible walls of the wardrobe to be entirely withdrawn from about the clothes therein so that the same may be fully exposed to view and any suit or article of the series be conveniently removed at will.

The full objects and advantages of my invention will appear in connection with the detailed description thereof and are particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, illustrating the application of my invention in one form,—Figure 1 is a front view of the wardrobe when fully closed. Fig. 2 is a side view similar to Fig. 1 with the curtains pushed back showing the manner of obtaining access to the wardrobe. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the frame with the curtains indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 shows the frame folded together. Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail of the double hook used.

A triangular frame member comprises the main central support of my wardrobe and involves a leg 10 approximately vertical when the wardrobe is in position on the wall, a corresponding horizontal leg 11, and an inclined member or hypotenuse 12. The short leg 10 is provided with a hook or loop 13 through which extends a bend 14 in the hypotenuse 12, said bend being extended upwardly to form a hanging hook 15, as best shown in Fig. 5. The horizontal leg 11 is in practice an integral part of the same rod or wire of which the short leg 10 and long leg 12 are formed. As clearly shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 5, a pair of rectangular frames 16 and 17, each preferably

formed of a single length of wire properly bent at right angles to form a frame of the desired size, have the ends of said wires looped over the horizontal rod 11, as indicated at 18 in Figs. 4 and 5. It will be apparent therefore that the rectangular frames 16 and 17 can fold like a pair of hinges on either side of the triangular frame 10, 11, 12, as illustrated in Fig. 5. The above elements comprise the entire framework of my folding wardrobe. The inclosing parts of the wardrobe comprise side and front curtains 19, 20 of any desired textile fabric, such as muslin, integrally connected with a back curtain 21 which, as shown in Fig. 2, extends below the side curtains a sufficient distance so that when the curtains are closed a flap 22 of the rear curtain 21 may be brought up over the front of the side curtains and secured thereto by means of buttons or other fastening devices, as indicated at 23. The curtains 19 and 20 are respectively looped over the side frames 16 and 17, and when in closed position are secured together by means of buttons or other fastening members 24. A top canopy 25 extends over the member 12 of the central frame and is connected at its side edges with the side curtains 19 and 20, preferably being provided with a flap 26 which extends over the front of the frames 16 and 17 when the wardrobe is closed. The clothes are hung upon the horizontal member 11 of the central triangular frame. Ordinary clothes hangers may be employed if desired, but I also provide on the member 11 a series of double reversely extended hooks 27. These hooks are constructed of a single piece of wire twisted together so as to provide two shanks 28 and 29 which are spaced from one another and are respectively looped over the wire 11 from opposite directions. This gives a two-point connection with said wire, which, while permitting the hook to be slid along the same, holds the hook in the planes of wire 11 and in its proper position. Garments may be hung on each portion of the double hook 27, which further adds to the stability of such a hook.

In use, my improved wardrobe has the walls 19 and 20 of textile fabric permanently connected with the rectangular frames 16 and 17, and the top canopy in turn connected with the side walls of said curtains and with the upper portion of the

rear wall 22. The frames can be folded into the position shown in Fig. 5 and the curtains wrapped around said frame, which gives a small compact bundle that may be carried in a suit case or trunk. To assemble the wardrobe in proper position it is simply necessary to hang the same up at the side of the wall by means of hook 15. The frames 16 and 17 then fall down and are held in proper relative position by the canopy 25, and the wardrobe is ready for use. The clothes may be compactly hung in this wardrobe along the member 11, a wardrobe which will go in an ordinary suit case being of sufficient size to carry as many as six or eight suits. When it is desired to hang up the clothes or to remove the clothes from the wardrobe the side curtains 19 and 20 and the bottom flap 22 are unbuttoned and one or the other of the side flaps (or both if desired) is slid around on its frame and pushed up against the wall, thereby exposing the entire length of the hanging member 11 and all of the suits of clothes in the wardrobe. It is thus possible to inspect the entire outfit of clothes hung up and to remove any suit desired or replace a suit in any position along said hanger without displacing any of the suits thereon. This is a feature of the highest advantage in my wardrobe as it enables a user to get at the clothes from the side, and the fumbling and mussing which accompany a wardrobe of this type where the clothes have to be introduced and removed entirely from in front are wholly avoided.

The extreme simplicity of my wardrobe both in construction and mode of use will be apparent.

I claim:

1. A folding wardrobe comprising a central frame member integrally formed in a single plane having a portion provided with a hook for attachment to the wall, a portion extending at right angles thereto and horizontally when the frame is in position for supporting the clothes, and a portion spaced from said horizontal portion, auxiliary frame members hinged to the clothes supporting portion of the central member, wall

curtains connected with the auxiliary members, and a canopy or top extending over said spaced portion of the central frame and connected with said wall curtains for holding the hinged frame members and the wall curtains in proper position relative to the central member.

2. A folding wardrobe comprising an integral central frame member for attachment to the wall and for supporting the clothes, said member having spaced portions extending outwardly from the wall when attached thereto, auxiliary frame members hinged to the central frame member in the plane of the clothes supporting portion thereof, wall curtains slidably connected with the auxiliary members, and a canopy connected with said wall curtains and extending over the central frame member for holding the hinged frame members and the wall curtains in proper position relative to the central member.

3. A folding wardrobe comprising an integral central frame member of triangular form, a hook at the top of the shortest leg for attaching the frame to the wall, an intermediate leg extending horizontally outwardly from the wall when so attached and providing the support for the clothes, a pair of rectangular auxiliary frames hingedly connected to said horizontal member, wall curtains slidably connected with the respective auxiliary members, and a canopy extending over the longer side of the triangular frame and connected with said wall curtains at the sides and back only, said canopy operating to hold the auxiliary frames and the wall curtains supported thereby in proper position relative to the central frame member and permitting the wall curtains to be slid upon the auxiliary frames so as to fully expose the intermediate portion of the central frame and the clothes hung thereon from the side.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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