

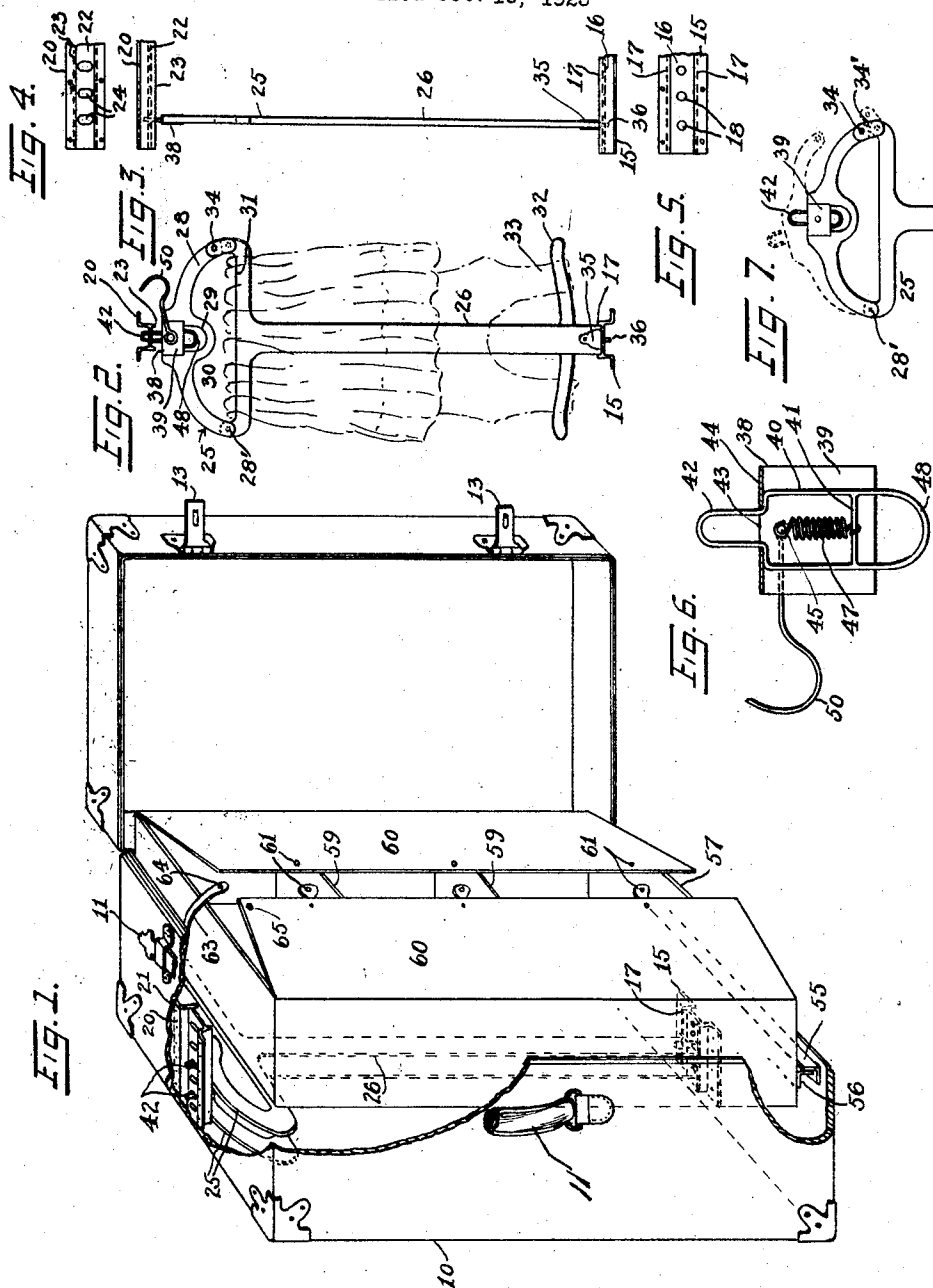
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This invention relates to wardrobe trunks and garment hangers therefor, though it is noted that the invention is not limited to either wardrobe trunks or hangers and in some respects not to trunks.

One object of the invention is to provide a trunk of this kind with improved means for holding the hangers in place.

Another object of the invention is to provide improved means for holding the tray in place.

Other objects of the invention are to improve generally the simplicity and efficiency of such devices and to provide devices of this kind which are durable, economical to manufacture and operate and which will not get out of order.

Still other objects of the invention will appear as the description proceeds; and while herein details of the invention are described, the invention is not limited to these since many and various changes may be made without departing from the scope of the invention as claimed.

The inventive features for the accomplishment of these and other objects are shown herein in connection with an improved trunk which, briefly stated, comprises a trunk body provided with a seat plate on the floor of the trunk body provided with retaining holes and an upper plate on the top wall of the trunk provided with elongated openings.

The garment hangers are each formed with a shank having a pin adapted to engage in said holes of the seat plate. A latch on the upper part of each hanger is lockable in any one of said elongated openings. A tray disposed in the trunk in front of the hangers is provided with suitable means to hold the tray in place.

In the accompanying drawing, showing by way of example, one of many possible embodiments of the invention,

Fig. 1 is a fragmental perspective view showing the trunk open with tray and hangers therein;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation showing a hanger with a garment thereon;

Fig. 3 is an edge elevation of the hanger seated in the plates;

Fig. 4 is a bottom plan showing the upper plate;

Fig. 5 is a top plan showing the seat plate;

Fig. 6 is a vertical sectional view, partly

in elevation, showing details of the latch, and

Fig. 7 is a fragmental front elevation of the upper part of the hanger.

The various features of my invention are shown in combination with a trunk comprising a trunk body 10 having handles 11 at its top end and side, and a cover 12 for the front of the trunk hinged at the side edge thereof and provided with hasps 13. A sheet metal seat plate 15 is mounted on the floor of the trunk body and provided with a raised intra-marginal part 16 (Fig. 5) having side guide ribs 17 and a mid line series of retaining holes 18 arranged in a line perpendicular to the back wall of the trunk. An upper retaining plate 20 mounted on the top wall 21 of the trunk is provided with a down pressed middle part 22 (Fig. 4) and side guide ribs 23 and a series of elongated openings 24 disposed between said ribs.

A plurality of garment hangers 25 (Fig. 2) disposed between said plates 15 and 20 are each formed with a downwardly extending shank 26 adapted to rest on said seat plate 15 between said ribs 17. The curved garment supporting upper edge member 28 has a U-shaped cut-out 29 and is upwardly curved to form a large transverse opening 30 beneath said upper edge above a horizontal carrying portion 31. The lower end of said shank 26 of some of the hangers is provided with transverse retaining arms 32 for retaining the arm loops 33 of one piece garments folded over said carrying portion 31. The upper member 28 has pivotal connection 28' with the carrying portion 31, whereby the upper member may be swung to the position of the dotted lines of Fig. 7 to permit garments to be placed on the carrying portion or removed therefrom without passing them through the opening 30. The member 28 is held in the position of the solid lines by means of a snap-fastener 34 carried on the member 28 and a strap 34' carried on the portion 31.

A sheet metal bracket 35 secured on and embracing the lower ends of said shanks is provided with a downwardly pointed pin 36 engageable in any one of said holes 16.

A housing plate 38 having front and rear members 39 (Fig. 6) mounted on the front and rear faces of the hanger in part encloses said cut-out 29 to form a suitable latch space for a latch frame 40 provided

with a transverse attaching member 41 and an upwardly projecting tongue 42 passing through a slot 43 in the upper yoke part 44 and engageable in any one of said elongated openings 24. A pin 45 passing through the upper part of the housing members 39 has secured thereto a spring 47 tensioned between said pin and the attaching member 41, yieldably holds said tongue in the opening 24 and permits the tongue to be lowered and retracted from the opening 24 when the lower manipulating part 48 of the frame is depressed by hand. A hanger hook 50 pivoted on an outer end of said pin 45 may be depressed when the hanger is in the trunk and be raised when the hanger is not in the trunk to hang the garment on a wall hook or the like.

A retaining rail 55 mounted on the floor of the trunk near and parallel to the front edge thereof is engaged by a cleat 56 carried by a tray 57 disposable in the front of the trunk over said rail and against garments on the hangers and helps hold the garments from disarrangement. Said tray has partitions 59 and a pair of lids 60 provided with snap fasteners 61. Said cleat 56 engages behind said rail, holds the lower part of the tray in place and acts as a fulcrum when the upper part is being moved into place against the garments. A strap 63 secured on the inner face of the top wall of the trunk is provided with a fastener socket 64 at the end receiving a snap fastener knob 65 mounted on one of the tray lids to hold the tray in place.

The operation of the trunk and hangers is simple and obvious from the foregoing. Coats and the like are hung upon the edge 28; skirts, upon the horizontal portion 31, and one piece garments, as shown in Fig. 2. The hangers with the garments thereon are placed in the back of the trunk with the pin 36 in one of the holes 18 depending upon the bulk of the garment; and then the latch is depressed and the upper part of the hanger is moved back to a corresponding position and the tongue 42 allowed to engage in one of the openings 24.

The lower part of the tray is next inserted, with the cleat 56 behind the rail 55, and then the upper part of the tray is moved back and secured with the fastener 64. 65. The trunk is then closed in the ordinary way.

I claim as my invention:

1. In combination, a trunk body; a sheet metal seat plate mounted on the floor of the trunk body and provided with a raised intra-marginal part having side guide ribs and a mid line series of retaining holes arranged in a line perpendicular to the back wall of the trunk; garment hangers each formed with a downwardly extending shank; a latch on the upper part of the

hanger lockable in the upper part of the trunk; and sheet metal brackets secured on and embracing the lower ends of said shanks and provided with downwardly pointed pins engageable in any one of said holes.

2. In combination, a trunk body; an upper retaining plate mounted on the top wall of the trunk and provided with a down pressed middle part and side guide ribs and a series of elongated openings disposed in and transverse to a line arranged between said ribs perpendicular to the back wall of the trunk body; a hanger supported at the bottom; and a latch on the upper part of the hanger engageable in said openings.

3. In combination, a trunk body; garment hangers each formed with a part adapted to hold in the lower part of the trunk; housing plates each having front and rear members mounted on the front and rear of the hangers; the yoke part of the plate having a latch slot; and a yieldably raised latch provided with a tongue passing through said slot and lockable with the upper part of the trunk.

4. In combination, a trunk body; garment hangers each formed with a shank adapted to lock in the bottom of the trunk and provided with a U-shaped cut-out in the top edge; housing plates each having front and rear members mounted on the front and rear faces of the hangers and in part enclosing said cut-out to form a latch space; the upper yoke part of each housing plate having an elongated slot; a latch frame in said latch space and provided with a manipulating part, a transverse attaching member and an upwardly projecting tongue passing through said slot and lockable in the top part of the trunk; a pin passing through the upper part of the housing plates; a spring tensioned between said pin and attaching member for yieldably holding said tongue in the opening and permitting the tongue to be lowered when the manipulating part of the frame is depressed by hand.

5. In combination with a trunk, attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body, attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body, hangers having garment supporting portions and stems depending from the garment supporting portions, means for releasably securing the stems at one of their ends to the attaching means at the lower part of the trunk body, means for releasably securing the hangers to the attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body, and means for supporting parts of the garments which are dependent when the garments are supported by said garment supporting portions, the last mentioned means being arranged on said stems between said garment supporting portions and the ends of the

stems which are secured to the attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body.

6. In combination with a trunk body, attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body, attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body, hangers having garment supporting portions and stems depending from the garment supporting portions, means for releasably securing the stems at one of their ends to the attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body, means for releasably securing the hangers to the attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body, and means for supporting parts of the garments which are dependent when the garments are supported by said garments supporting portions, the last mentioned means consisting of oppositely disposed arms arranged on said stems transversely thereof between said garment supporting portions and the ends of the stems which are secured to the attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body.

7. In combination with a trunk body having attaching means in its upper part, hangers having a garment supporting portions consisting of a member provided with a cut-out and a second member connected to the first member and providing space between the members for hanging garments on the second member in said space, and retractably and extensibly movable means supported in said cut-out and engageable with said attaching means.

8. In combination with a trunk body, attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body, attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body, hangers having curved garment supporting portions provided with a recess midway of the curvature thereof and having straight garment supporting portions connecting the ends of said curved portions provided with dependent stems, means at one end of the stems cooperating with the attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body for releasably securing said stems to the lower part of the trunk body, and means disposed in said recess and

cooperating with the attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body for releasably securing the curved portions of the hangers to the upper part of the trunk body.

9. In combination with a trunk body, attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body, attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body, hangers having curved garment supporting portions provided with a recess midway of the curvature thereof and having straight garment supporting portions hingedly connected to the ends of said curved portions provided with dependent stems integral with said straight portions, means at one end of the stems cooperating with the attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body for releasably securing said stems to the lower part of the trunk body, and means disposed in said recess and cooperating with the attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body for releasably securing the curved portions of the hangers to the upper part of the trunk body.

10. In combination with a trunk body, attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body, hangers having curved garment supporting portions provided with a recess midway of the curvature thereof and having straight garment supporting portions hingedly connected to the ends of said curved portions provided with dependent stems integral with said straight portions, means at one end of the stems cooperating with the attaching means in the lower part of the trunk body for releasably securing said stems to the lower part of the trunk body, and means including a spring pressed tongue and a manipulating member disposed in said recess and cooperating with the attaching means in the upper part of the trunk body for releasably securing the curved portions of the hangers to the upper part of the trunk body.

Signed at Thompson Ave. and Manley St., in the county of Queens and State of New York, this 10th day of October A. D. 1923.

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