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LOCKER FOR APPAREL, &c.

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FIG. 1.

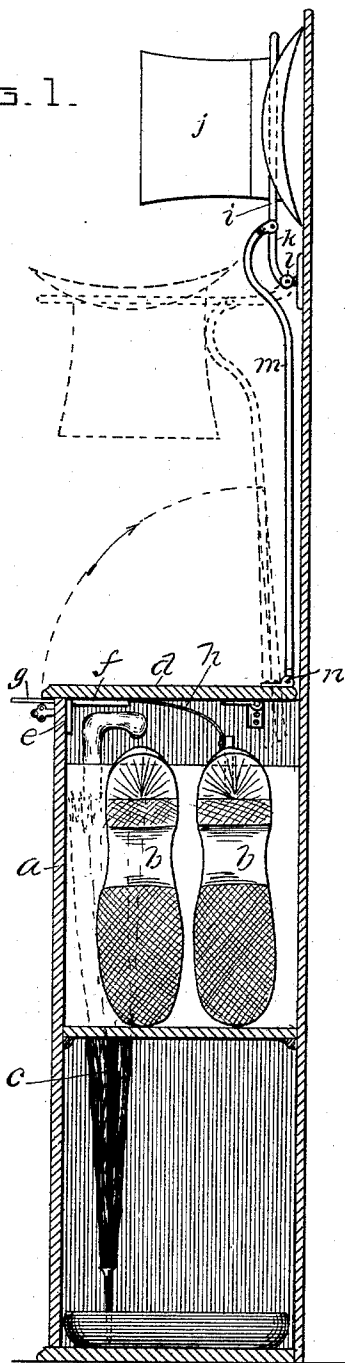
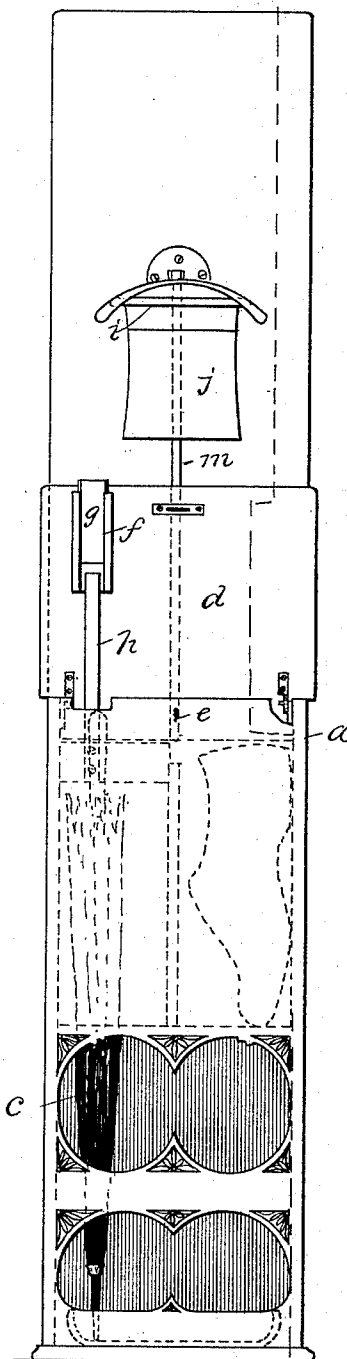


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. COTTON, of Ashland, in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lockers for Apparel and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to contrivances adapted for use in hotels, coat-rooms of clubs and lodges, and other similar places for "locking up" or securing in safety articles of apparel and personal effects, such as canes, umbrellas, &c., which may be taken off for the time being or temporarily laid aside.

It is the object of my invention to provide a locker for use in places mentioned which may be occupied and secured or locked without calling for the assistance of an attendant and by which, also, the person using the locker may get possession of a check entitling him or her to a key for the particular locker occupied or get the key itself.

To this end my invention consists of a locker for the reception of articles of apparel and personal property provided with a check or key holder and adapted to be locked automatically.

My invention also consists of a locker comprising in its construction a hinged bail or loop adapted to be folded down to receive a hat and to be then folded back against a wall or other stationary object and locked in the latter position to secure the hat in safety for the time being.

My invention also consists of combining with a hat-locker a locker for other articles of apparel and personal property of such construction that the act of locking one will operate to lock the other, all as will appear more fully hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the annexed drawing, and to the letters marked thereon, forming a part of this specification, the same letters designating the same parts or features, as the case may be, wherever they occur.

Of the drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional side view of my improved locker in closed position. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same in open position.

In carrying out my invention I provide a locker consisting of a case *a*, of wood or other suitable material, and partition or otherwise

divide it into compartments for the reception of overshoes *b*, an umbrella *c*, or other articles of wear or personal use, such as a "mackintosh" or "rain-coat," an overcoat, cane, &c., which are usually taken off and laid aside on entering an apartment from out-of-doors. I provide the locker so constructed with a lid *d*, hinged or pivoted to the casing *a*, and a spring or other automatic lock *e*, so that the user of the locker can shut down the lid and lock it without the use of a key.

f designates a check-holder connected with the lid, in which is arranged a check *g*, designating the particular locker with which it is connected, which check may be arranged to be taken out by hand or to be ejected by means of a spring *h* in the act of closing the lid *d*.

In the present case I have shown the check *g* as held at its edges by guideways and the spring as secured at one end to the casing *a* and having its other end arranged to act against one end of the check to push it out of the holder when the lid is closed down, as will be readily understood from an inspection of the drawings.

Instead of employing a check for the purpose of obtaining a key from an attendant it is obvious that I may use a key in place of the check, so that the occupant of the locker may obtain possession of the key to the locker at once.

i designates a loop or bail of metal or other material of sufficient size to receive there-through the crown of a hat *j*, so that the brim of the hat may rest upon the loop or bail, which is provided with a shank or stem *k*, pivotally connected at its inner end to a stud *l*, secured to an upright part of the locker, or it might be the wall of a building.

m is a rod pivotally connected at its upper end with the hat-holder or bail *i* and in like manner connected at its lower end with ears or a stud *n*, secured to the rear edge of the lid *d*. It will be observed by reference to Fig. 1 that the hinges of the lid are arranged some distance from its rear edge and subserve the functions of a fulcrum, so that when the lid is raised, as shown in Fig. 2 and by dotted lines in Fig. 1, the rear edge of the lid will be swung downward when dropped to a position to allow the hat to be removed; but when the

lid is closed, as is represented by full lines in Fig. 1, the hat-holder may be folded up, so as to lock the hat, with the articles below, in the locker against removal.

5 With this invention a person may place articles temporarily laid aside in the locker and secure the same, receiving a check therefor, without calling upon an attendant or any other person for assistance and, when it is desired to resume the use of such articles, obtain
10 the right key, if a check be used, by the presentation to an attendant of the check taken from the check-holder of the locker.

It is obvious that the locker may be made
15 of any size desired and be made in sections and that it may be provided with hooks upon which clothing may be hung or be otherwise formed or equipped.

The invention, it will be seen, will be of
20 great utility in small hotels, lodge and club rooms, and other similar places where no separate coat-room or attendant to check clothing and articles of personal use is provided.

Having thus described the nature of my invention and explained a way of constructing 25 and using the same, though without attempting to set forth all of the forms in which it may be made or all of the modes of its employment, I declare that what I claim is—

A locker comprising in its construction a casing 30 provided with compartments for the reception of articles of apparel, a lid for closing said compartments, said lid having its hinges located at a point intermediate its front and rear edges, a hinged hat-holder, and a rod 35 pivotally connected at one end with the hat-holder and at the other end with the lid at a point in rear of the hinges, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of 40 two subscribing witnesses, this 5th day of April, A. D. 1892.

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