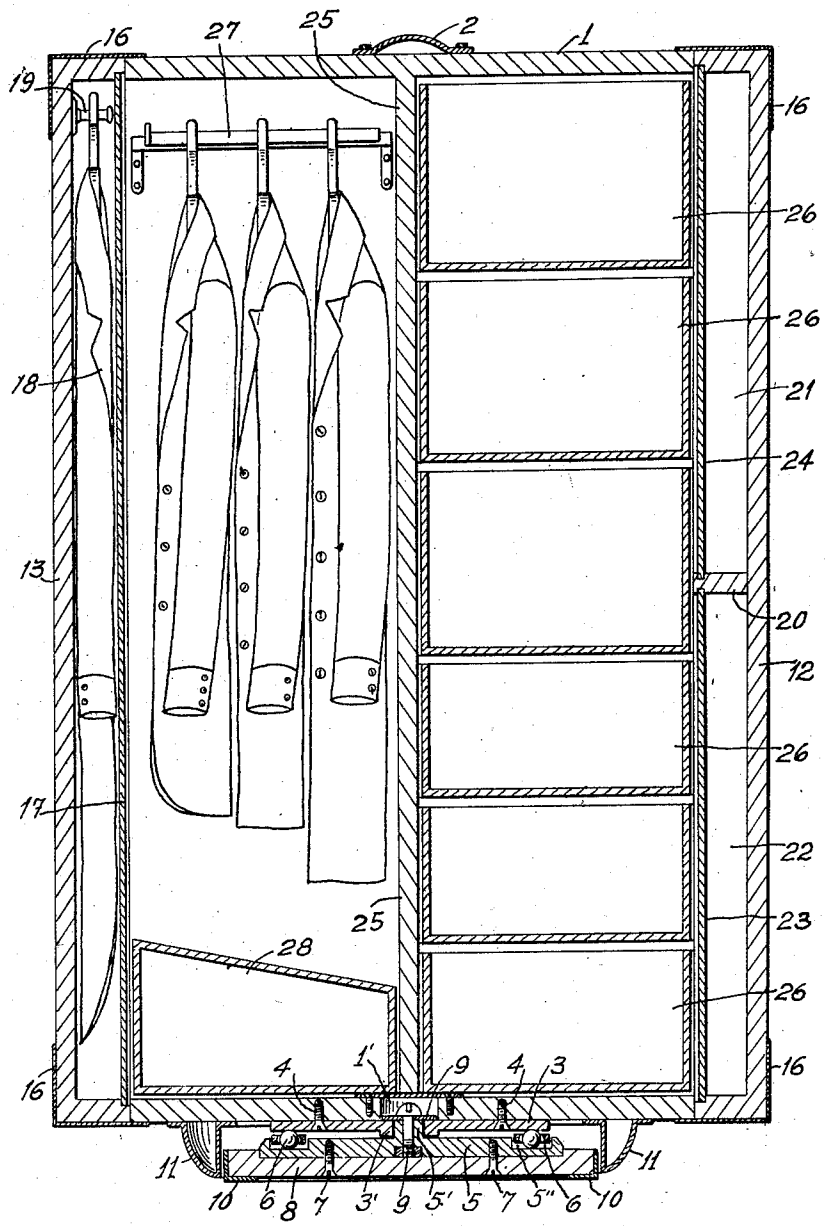
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This invention relates to improvements in trunks, known as wardrobe trunks and particularly to that type of trunk which has openings on two sides. The object of the invention is to provide a base on which the trunk may be readily rotated so that access may be had to the interior through both of the sides which open. A further object of the invention is to provide a base that forms an integral part of the trunk, is compact in its structure so as not to detract from the appearance of trunks of this character, and to provide means for preventing damage to the base.

In the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this application, the figure is a vertical longitudinal section of a trunk having a base constructed according to the invention.

In said drawing 1 designates the top of the trunk to which is secured a handle 2, in the usual manner. The base which is connected to the bottom of the trunk comprises a metallic bearing plate 3, secured to said bottom by screws 4. Said plate has an axial hub 3′ extending below the underside thereof and rests on a supporting plate 5 which also has an axial hub 5′ extending through the hub of the bearing plate 3.

The hub 3′ resting on the supporting plate 5 holds these plates in spaced relation and the plate 5 has formed in its upper face near its outer edge an annular recess 5″ in which is mounted a set of ball-bearings 6 in frictional engagement with the lower face of the plate 3.

Secured to the bottom of the supporting plate 5 by means of screws 7 is a larger base plate 8 which has in its upper face a recess in which the plate 5 is mounted.

The plates 3 and 5 are pivotally connected together by a bolt 9 the head of which bears upon a washer 9′ housed in a recess 1′ formed in the bottom member of the trunk, the end of said bolt engaging a nut countersunk in the bottom of the plate 5.

The base plate 8 is protected by an annular hoop 10, L-shaped in cross section, which is fixed on the periphery of the base plate and projects under its bottom, so that it slightly elevates the latter and prevents the heads of the screws 7 from coming in contact with the floor.

The base plate is further surrounded by an annular metallic guard member 11 which is preferably hollow and substantially U-shaped in cross section. This member 11 is fixed to the bottom member of the trunk and extends downward therefrom to near the bottom of the base plate 8. The guard member is an important adjunct to the base as it can withstand hard knocks which might injure the plate 8.

The trunk shown has two lids or doors 12 and 13 hinged on opposite sides of same and is provided with the usual corner plates 16.

Each lid 12 and 13 constitutes a trunk compartment being covered interiorly by a flexible cover 17; with regard to the lid 13, its compartment is suitable for hanging a dress suit 18 by means of a hanger and hook 19.

The lid 12 has two compartments in the example shown, being divided in two parts by a transverse partition 20, thus giving two compartments 21 and 22, closed by their corresponding flexible covers 23 and 24, which may be used to keep soiled clothes, or for other purposes, and which pocket may have the shape of a folding case, when closed. The trunk is divided into two compartments by a longitudinal partition 25, one of the compartments which corresponds to the lid 12, being occupied by drawers 26, and the other which corresponds to the lid 13, being destined as a wardrobe and being provided for this purpose, with the hanger bearer 27. 28 designates a box, or shoe-case which is housed in the last named compartment.

I claim—

1. A trunk comprising a bottom member, a metallic bearing plate fixed to the latter having an axial hollow hub extending below the plate, a supporting plate on which said hub rests and having a hollow hub extending through the hub of the bearing plate, said supporting plate having an annular groove formed in its top face near its outer edge, anti-friction bearings mounted in said groove and supporting the bearing plate, a bolt extending through the hubs having its ends countersunk in the bottom member and sup-

porting plate and pivotally connecting the latter to the bottom member, a base plate having a recess in its upper face in which the supporting plate is mounted, screws connecting the supporting and base plates, and an annular hoop surrounding and extending under the bottom of the base plate to elevate the same.

2. A trunk comprising a bottom member, a metallic bearing plate fixed to the latter having an axial hollow hub extending below the plate, a supporting plate on which said hub rests, and having a hollow hub extending through the hub of the bearing plate, said supporting plate having an annular groove formed in its top face near its outer edge, anti-friction bearings mounted in said groove and supporting the bearing plate, a bolt extending through the hubs having its ends countersunk in the bottom member and supporting plate and pivotally connecting the latter to the bottom member, a base plate having a recess in its upper face in which the supporting plate is mounted, screws connecting the supporting and base plates, an annular hoop surrounding and extending under the bottom of the base plate to elevate the same, and an annular guard member substantially U-shaped in cross section fixed to said bottom member and surrounding the base plate above the bottom of the latter.

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