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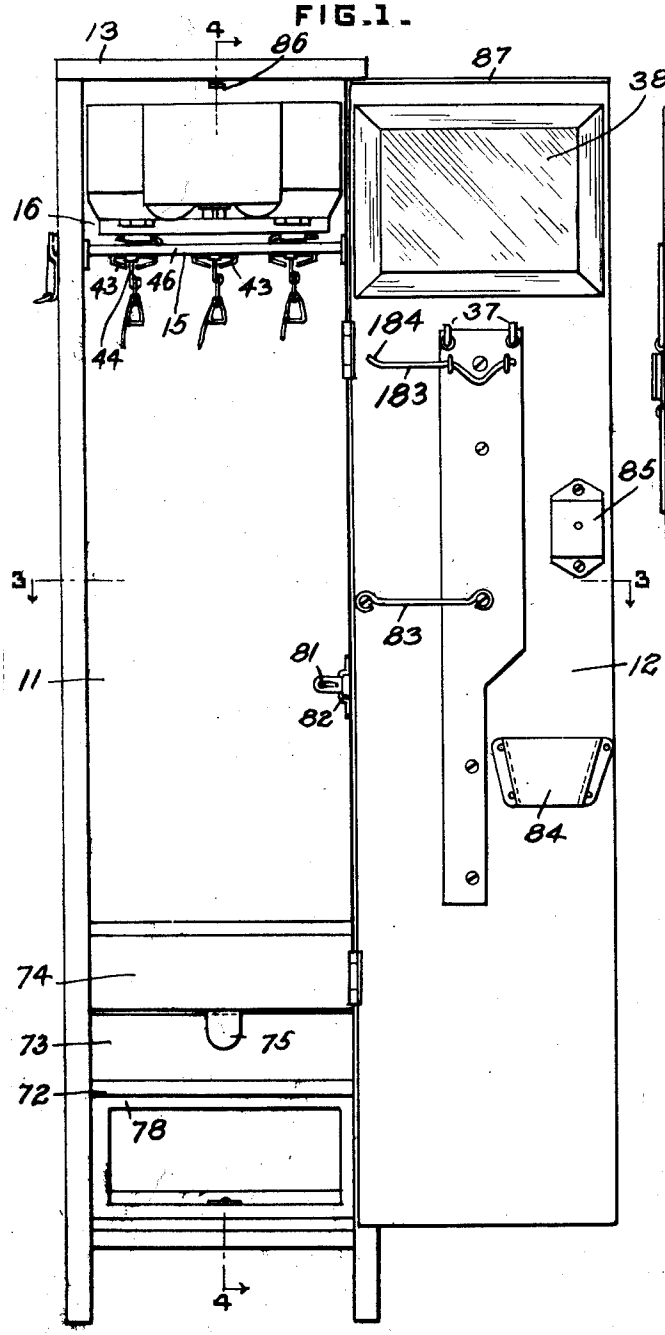


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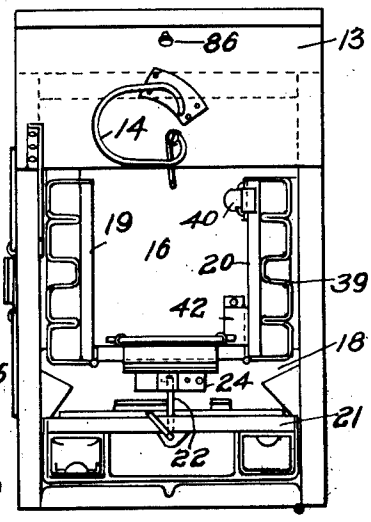
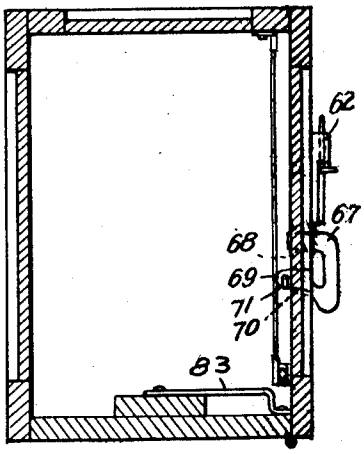


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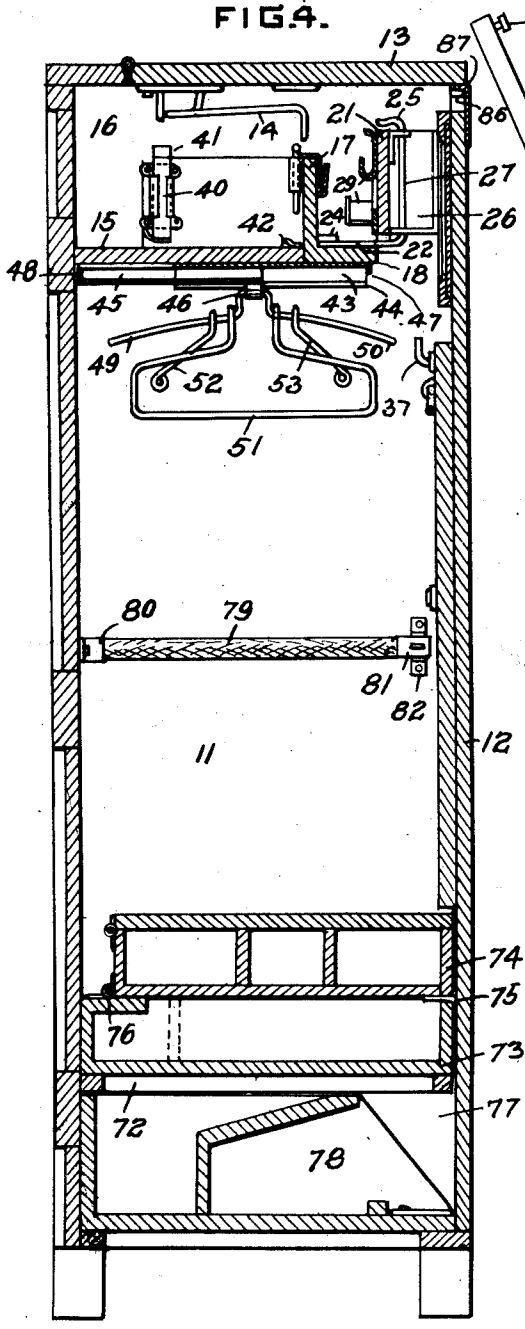


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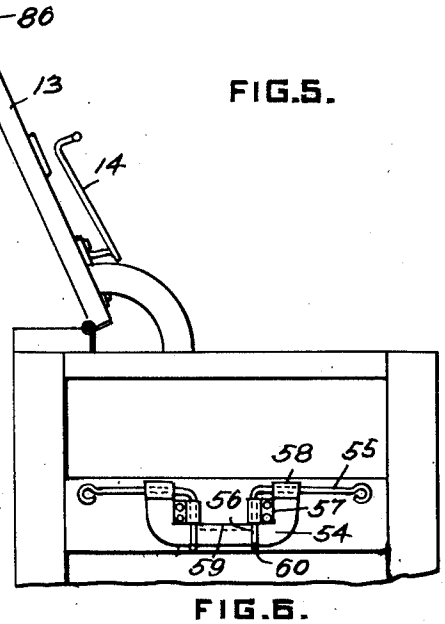
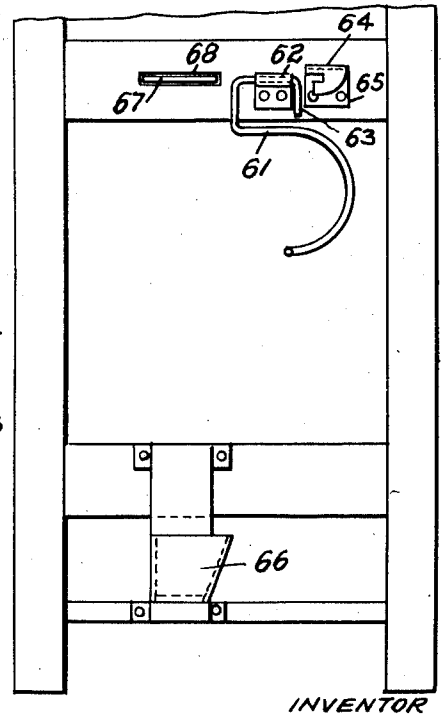


FIG.6.



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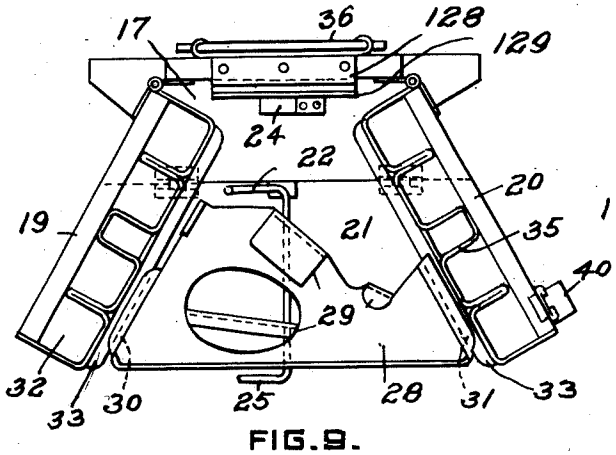


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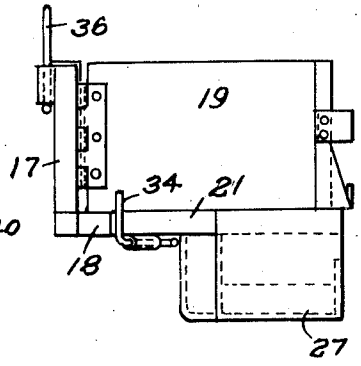


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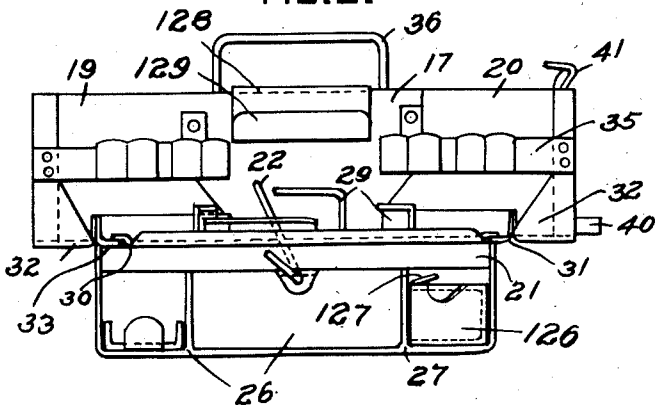


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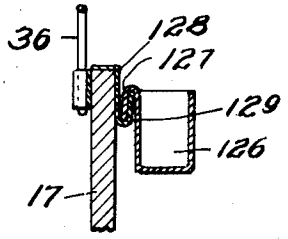
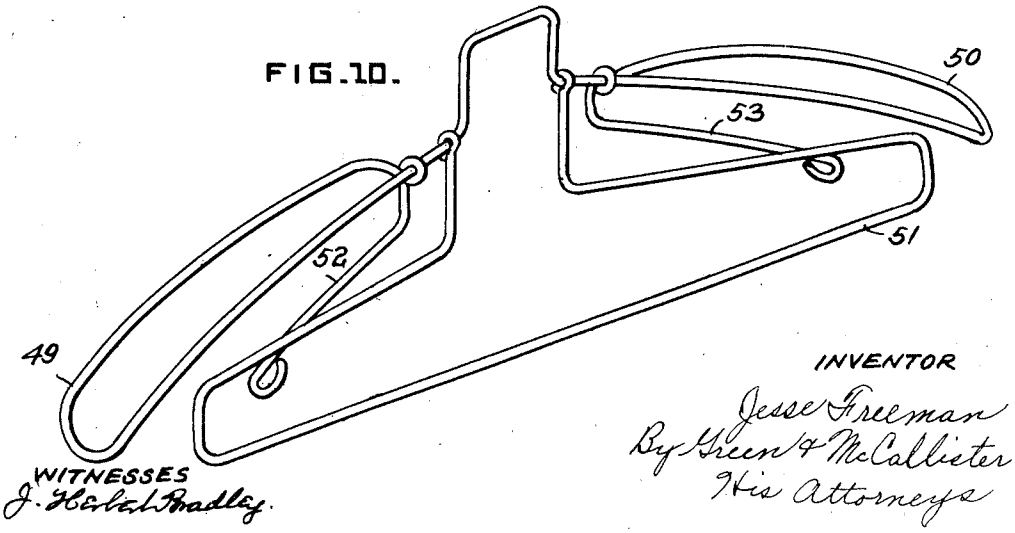


FIG.10.



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This invention relates to wardrobes and particularly to men's wardrobes especially adapted for office use.

It is frequently desirable that a man be provided at his office with a change of clothing for the evening so as to do away with the necessity of a trip to his home and an object of this invention is to provide a wardrobe for office use having a compact arrangement of articles necessary for such a purpose.

A further object is to provide a wardrobe of the above type which will occupy a small amount of space and be cheap to manufacture.

These and other objects, which will appear obvious from the following description, I accomplish by means of this invention, one embodiment of which is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved wardrobe showing the door in open position, Fig. 2 is a top plan view showing the top of the wardrobe raised to open position, Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1 showing the door and top of the wardrobe in closed position, Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the top section of the wardrobe showing the lid in raised position, Fig. 6 is a similar view of the lower half of the wardrobe, Fig. 7 is a top plan view of a shaving stand which is adapted to be received within the wardrobe, showing the same in extended position for use, Fig. 8 is a side elevation thereof, Fig. 9 is a front elevation thereof, Fig. 10 is a perspective view of an improved form of clothes hanger adapted to be used in conjunction with my wardrobe, and Fig. 11 is a central cross section of a part of the structure of Fig. 9 showing a receptacle for shaving water in position for use.

The wardrobe comprises a box-like frame 11 having a door 12 hinged thereto. The top of the wardrobe is closed by a hinged lid 13 which is adapted to be raised, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, and which has on the inner face thereof a wire hat support 14 of conventional form.

The upper part of the wardrobe has a shelf 15 forming a compartment 16 which is adapted to receive a folded container which, in the illustrated embodiment, is shown as adapted to serve the purposes of a shaving stand.

This container or stand comprises a central supporting member 17 having a horizontal forwardly projecting ledge 18, see Figs. 4 and 8. Folding sides or arms 19 and 20 are hinged to the central supporting member 17 for horizontal swinging movement. A shelf 21 is hinged to the forward edge of the ledge 18 so that it may extend forwardly to form an extension of the ledge, see Figs. 7, 8 and 9, or it may be folded into a vertical position for packing in the wardrobe compartment 16. The shelf 21 is held in vertical position by a catch 22, formed by bending the end of a wire which is secured to the bottom of the shelf 21. When the shelf is in vertical position the catch 22 may be inserted under a latch 24 on the ledge 18 by rotating the rod 23 so as to swing the catch 22 under the latch. The outer end of the rod is bent so as to form a handle 25 for operating the catch. The bottom of the shelf 21 has compartments 26 formed thereon for holding any desired articles such, for example, as shaving materials. These compartments may be formed by securing suitably shaped pieces 27 of sheet metal to the bottom of the shelf 21.

One of the compartments 26 is adapted to receive a receptacle 126 having a flange 127 by means of which it may hang on a sheet metal bracket 128 secured to the central supporting member 17. The receptacle may be supported on the bracket by hanging the flange 127 over the flange 129 formed on the bracket. When hung on the bracket 128 the receptacle may be used for holding shaving water and when placed in one of the compartments 26 it will serve for holding shaving soap.

The top surface of the shelf 21 is partly covered by a piece of sheet metal 28 which has a number of ears 29 struck up and adapted to support various articles when the shelf is in vertical folded position. The edges of the sheet metal cover 28 are bent upwardly and outwardly so as to form grooves 30 and 31 along the edges of the shelf 21. Each of the arms 19 and 20 has a sheet metal shelf 32 formed at the bottom thereof and a tongue 33 is provided on the forward edge thereof. These tongues are adapted to be received within the grooves 30 and 31 when the container or stand is in extended position so as to assist in supporting the shelf 21, see Figs. 7 and 9. Latches 34 are secured on each side of the shelf and are

adapted to be turned as shown in Fig. 8 so as to hold the arms 19 and 20 in extended position and prevent their swinging backwardly away from the shelf 21. Sheet metal straps 35 are provided on each of the hinged arms for embracing and supporting elongated articles on the shelves 32.

The container or shaving stand has a handle 36 by means of which it may be hung on hooks 37 provided for the purpose on the inner face of the door 12 of the wardrobe, see Fig. 1, and a mirror 38 may be conveniently located near the top of the door above the hooks 37.

When the container is to be packed away in the wardrobe the catches 34 are turned down and the sides 19 and 20 folded so as to extend rearwardly of the central supporting member 17, see Figs. 2 and 4. The forwardly projecting shelf 21 is folded into a vertical position and held there by turning the catch 22 so as to engage under the latch 24. The container will then fit within the compartment formed by the shelf 15 of the wardrobe. The sides of the shelf have grooves 39 formed thereon which receive the tongues 33 of the arms 19 and 20. The arm 20 has a vertically movable latch 40 secured thereto which may be raised by means of a handle 41. A catch 42 is fastened on the shelf 15 and is provided with an inclined face so that in sliding the folded container into the compartment the latch 40 will merely ride up and over the inclined face of the catch 42. Accidental withdrawal of the container from the compartment is prevented by engagement of the latch 40 with the inner face of the catch 42. The container cannot be lifted vertically from the shelf 15 because of the engagement of the tongues 33 within the grooves 39 thereof. To remove the container from the shelf it is necessary to manually raise the latch 40.

The bottom face of the shelf 15 is provided with sheet metal slides 43, each of which has a longitudinal slot 44 in the lower face thereof. A trolley 45 is slidably mounted in the slides 43 and has a hook 46 extending downwardly below the slot 44. The hooks are adapted to receive clothes hangers and may be moved outwardly along the slides so as to bring the hangers to an easily accessible position at the front of the wardrobe. The slides 44 have lugs 47 at the front thereof adapted to contact with lugs 48 at the rear of the trolleys to prevent complete withdrawal thereof from the slides.

In Fig. 10 I have shown an improved clothes hanger which is provided with a means for supporting a pair of trousers on the outside of a coat which may be hung on the hanger. The hanger comprises the usual shoulders 49 and 50. A frame 51 is mounted on the hanger for holding trousers which may be hung over the lower rod of the frame. The frame is held outwardly in front of the shoulders 49 and 50 by arms 52 and 53 so that a coat which is supported upon the shoulders will hang between the shoulders and the frame 51 and trousers which are hung upon the frame 51 will be supported outside of and in front of the coat. This is a great convenience in view of the fact that the trousers are the first part of a suit which is removed from a hanger to be put on.

The outer face of one wall of the wardrobe has a bracket 54 secured thereto. A hook 55 has its shank 56 slidably mounted in a bearing 57 secured to the bracket. A slot 58 is formed in the upper edge of the bracket and a second slot 59 is formed adjacent the lower edge of the bracket. The hook has an angular arm 60. In Fig. 5 the hook is shown as lying in the slot 58 which holds it flat against the wall of the wardrobe when it is not in use. By sliding the hook upwardly in its bearing it may be raised out of the slot 58 and turned so as to extend outwardly from the wall of the wardrobe for use. It may be held in outwardly extending position by seating the angular arm 60 within the grooves 59 formed for that purpose.

Another part of the wall of the wardrobe may be provided with an umbrella rack in the form of a large curved hook 61 for supporting the heads of umbrellas or the like. The hook 61 is slidably and rotatably mounted in the bracket 62 secured to the wall of the wardrobe and is provided with an angular arm 63 which is adapted to be received within a notch 64 formed in an adjacent bracket 65 for supporting the hook 61 in horizontal position for use.

A cup-like receptacle 66 is provided at the bottom of the wall for receiving the points of umbrellas. I provide a clamp for locking an umbrella to the wardrobe in such a way that it can be released only from the interior of the wardrobe by one who has access thereto. This clamp comprises a strap 67 which is adapted to surround or embrace the handle of an umbrella or the like. The clamp is adapted to seat within a slot 68 formed in the wall of the wardrobe above the receptacle 66 and has an arm 69 which extends into the interior of the wardrobe through a hole or opening 70. The part of the arm which extends into the wardrobe is provided with a hole for receiving a locking pin 71 which prevents removal of the clamp 67 and thus effectually locks an umbrella to the wall of the wardrobe. The point of the umbrella being received within the cup cannot be slipped downwardly and out of the clamp 67 and the clamp can only be released by one who has access to the interior of the wardrobe so as to remove the locking pin 71.

A shelf 72 is provided in the lower part of the wardrobe and on the shelf I provide a container or box 73. The top of the box 73 is formed by the bottom of a second box 74 which is hinged to the lower box 73. A strap 75 is secured to the upper box 74 so that it may be raised in order to gain access to the lower box 73. The rear of the upper box is spaced from the back wall of the wardrobe so as to provide room for raising it about the hinge 76 which connects it to the lower box. This provides a very compact arrangement.

The shelf 72 forms a compartment 77 in the bottom of the wardrobe which may be conveniently used to keep a shoe box 78 or the like on the inside of the wardrobe.

I provide an elastic band or the like 79 which is secured at one end 80 to the wall and which has at the other end a hook 81 adapted to be fastened to an eye 82 provided for the purpose, see Figs. 1 and 4. This elastic is especially adapted for holding an overcoat, which is supported on a hanger, to one side of the wardrobe against the wall so that it will not be in the way of other clothes.

Neckties may be slipped under the rod 83 and hung over the rod 183 which is rotatably mounted on the door of the wardrobe and which has an angularly extending end 184 to prevent the neckties from slipping off. The rod may be rotated by means of the handle 185 so as to move the end 184 to a position permitting removal of the neckties.

A lock 85 is provided to prevent unauthorized access to the wardrobe and the lid 13 is held closed by means of a headed screw or bolt 86 which engages within a notch 87 formed in the top of the door.

I claim:—

1. The combination in a wardrobe having a container-receiving compartment of relatively small dimensions formed therein, of a container including a support member, a shelf hinged to said member and extending forwardly therefrom, arms hinged to said support engaging said shelf member, said shelf member and said arms being adapted to swing to positions whereby said container fits into said compartment and the movement of said arms is confined by the walls thereof.

2. The combination in a wardrobe having a container-receiving compartment of relatively small dimensions formed therein, of a container including a support member, a shelf hinged to said member and extending forwardly therefrom, arms hinged to said support engaging said shelf member, said shelf member and said arms being adapted to swing to positions whereby said container fits into said compartment and the movement of said arms is confined by the walls thereof, grooves formed along the edges of said shelf and tongues on said arms adapted to engage said grooves for engaging said shelf when in extended position.

3. The combination in a wardrobe having a container-receiving compartment of relatively small dimensions formed therein, of a container including a support member, a shelf hinged to said member and extending forwardly therefrom, arms hinged to said support engaging said shelf member, said shelf member and said arms being adapted to swing to positions whereby said container fits into said compartment, a catch in said compartment and a manually operable latch on said container adapted to cooperate with said catch so as to prevent accidental withdrawal of said container from said compartment.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 1st day of February, 1924.

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