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Fig. 1.

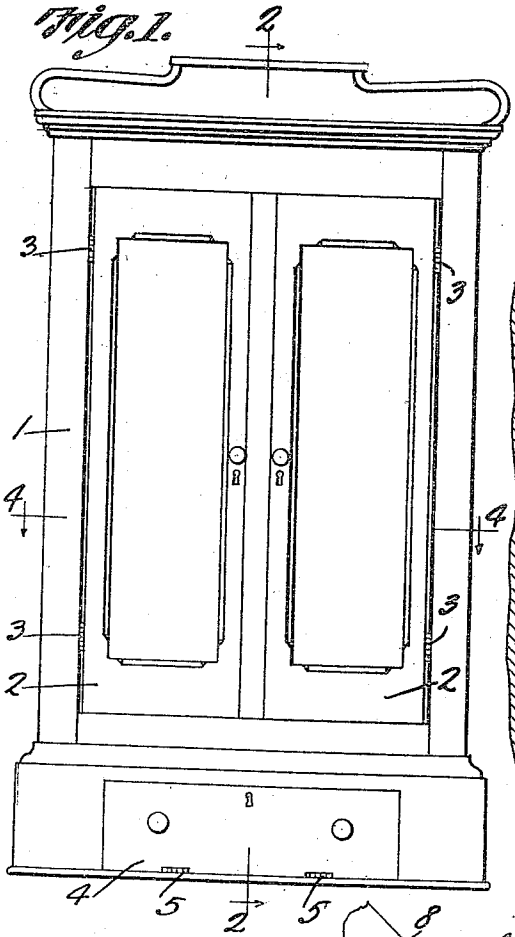


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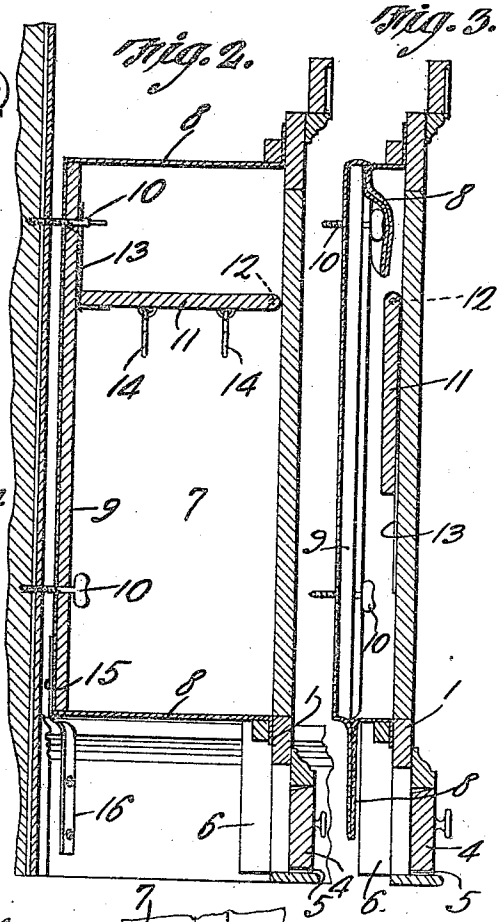


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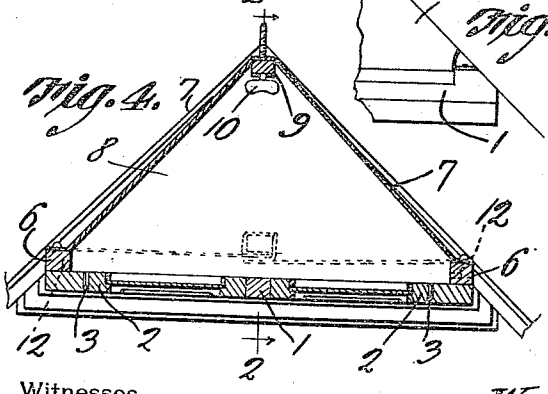
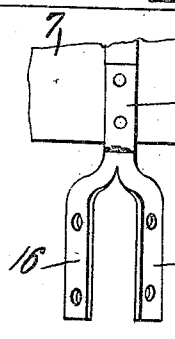


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER R. MONTGOMERY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Shreveport, in the parish of Caddo and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and useful Folding Wardrobe, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention is a folding wardrobe adapted for use in the corner of a room, whereby it will occupy very little space in the room, and yet enable the wardrobe to be of sufficient capacity to hold a comparatively large amount of wearing apparel.

It is the object of the invention to provide a wardrobe of the nature indicated, which when not in use or when being shipped may be folded into a small space, and which may be readily set up and applied within the corner of a room, the construction being extremely light, simple and inexpensive, and also being convenient, practical, serviceable and efficient in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a front view of the improved wardrobe or cabinet. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar section of the device in folded position. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a fragmental plan view of the wardrobe. Fig. 6 is an elevation of a bracket used in certain instances for securing the wardrobe in the corner of a room.

In carrying out the invention, there is employed a front wall 1 of wood or other suitable material adapted to be disposed obliquely or diagonally between the walls of a room at the corner thereof, and the edges of the front wall 1 are so formed or cut as to fit snugly against the walls and mop boards without leaving objectionable crevices. The front wall 1 is provided with a pair of vertical doors 2 having their remote edges hinged, as at 3, to the front wall, and the front wall is also provided with a lower door 4 hinged, as at 5, whereby it may be swung open downwardly. The wall 1 is also equipped adjacent its upright side edges with rearwardly projecting cleats or flanges 6.

The side walls, top and bottom of the wardrobe are formed from fabric such as canvas, duck or the like, and this fabric is preferably coated with a vermin repelling paint or substance to prevent attack by insects, rodents and the like. Thus, the sides 7 are formed from a sheet of suitable fabric or flexible material and converge rearwardly and have their rear edges united, so that the sides are arranged in V-shape with their remote edges disposed forwardly and attached in any suitable manner to the cleats 6. The triangular upper and lower ends or top and bottom 8 of the wardrobe are attached in any suitable manner to the upper edges of the sides 7 and have their forward edges attached in any suitable manner to the front wall 1 immediately above and below the doors 2. The bottom or lower end 8 is thus spaced above the lower end of the front wall 1 and will thereby be spaced above the floor to provide a compartment for receiving shoes and other kindred articles which may be readily inserted and removed when the lower door 4 is swung open.

An upright bar 9 is disposed within the corner between the sides 7, and is adapted to be attached in the corner of a room by screws 10 engaged through the bar 9 and adapted to be threaded into the woodwork at the corner of the room. Thus, when the screws 10 are threaded into the woodwork, they pull the bar 9 therewith to draw the front wall 1 snugly between the walls of the room, and at the same time, the fabric constituting the sides and ends will be stretched or drawn taut. The fabric will thus fill the space between the front wall and the corner portion of the room to prevent dust and other foreign matter from dropping onto the corner of the floor.

A shelf 11 is provided, the same being of triangular contour, and having its forward

edge hingedly connected to the front wall. Thus, the front corners of the shelf 11 are provided with outstanding dowels or pins 12 pivotally engaged to the cleats 7, whereby the shelf 11 may be swung downwardly against the front wall when the shelf is released. The rear corner or free portion of the shelf 11 has a strap 13 secured thereto, and said strap 13 is adapted to be engaged with the upper screw 10 for upholding the shelf 11 in horizontal position, when the wardrobe is erected. When the strap 13 is slipped out of engagement with the respective screw 10, the shelf 11 can be swung downwardly against the front wall. Hooks or hangers 14 are pivotally engaged to the lower surface of the shelf 11 for supporting garments or wearing apparel within the wardrobe, and the hooks 14 will swing against the shelf 11 when said shelf is swung against the front wall.

When it is not feasible to use the screws 10, as when the walls of the room are constructed of brick or the like, a bracket 15 may be attached to the lower end portion of the bar 9, and is provided with branches 16 adapted to be secured by means of screws or other suitable securing elements to the mop boards, for holding cabinet in upright position within the corner of the room.

The present wardrobe is extremely simple and inexpensive in construction, and is of light weight so that it can be readily handled, and shipped, the wardrobe also being foldable so that it can be stored and shipped within small compass. In folding the wordrobe, the shelf 11 is swung against the front wall, and when the bar 9 is detached, the same is moved against the front wall to pull the fabric therewith, and if desired, the bar 9 may be turned so as to partially wind the sides 7 thereon, as suggested in Fig. 4, in dotted lines. The wardrobe is very easily erected and applied in the corner of a room, and will thereby occupy very little space, compared with the space usually necessary when a wardrobe is set in the corner of a room. When the wardrobe is erected, the shelf 11 being swung rearwardly will force the bar 9 rearwardly, and this will fold the fabric taut, the bar 9 being disposed at the rear portion of the wardrobe.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A wardrobe comprising a front wall, flexible united sides arranged in V-shape and having their remote edges attached to the front wall, a bar disposed within the corner between the sides, and means for drawing said bar within the corner of a room.

2. A wardrobe comprising a front wall, flexible united sides arranged in V-shape and having their remote edges attached to the front wall, a bar disposed within the corner between the sides, and a triangular shelf having one edge hinged to the front wall and adapted to be swung against said bar to be supported thereby.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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