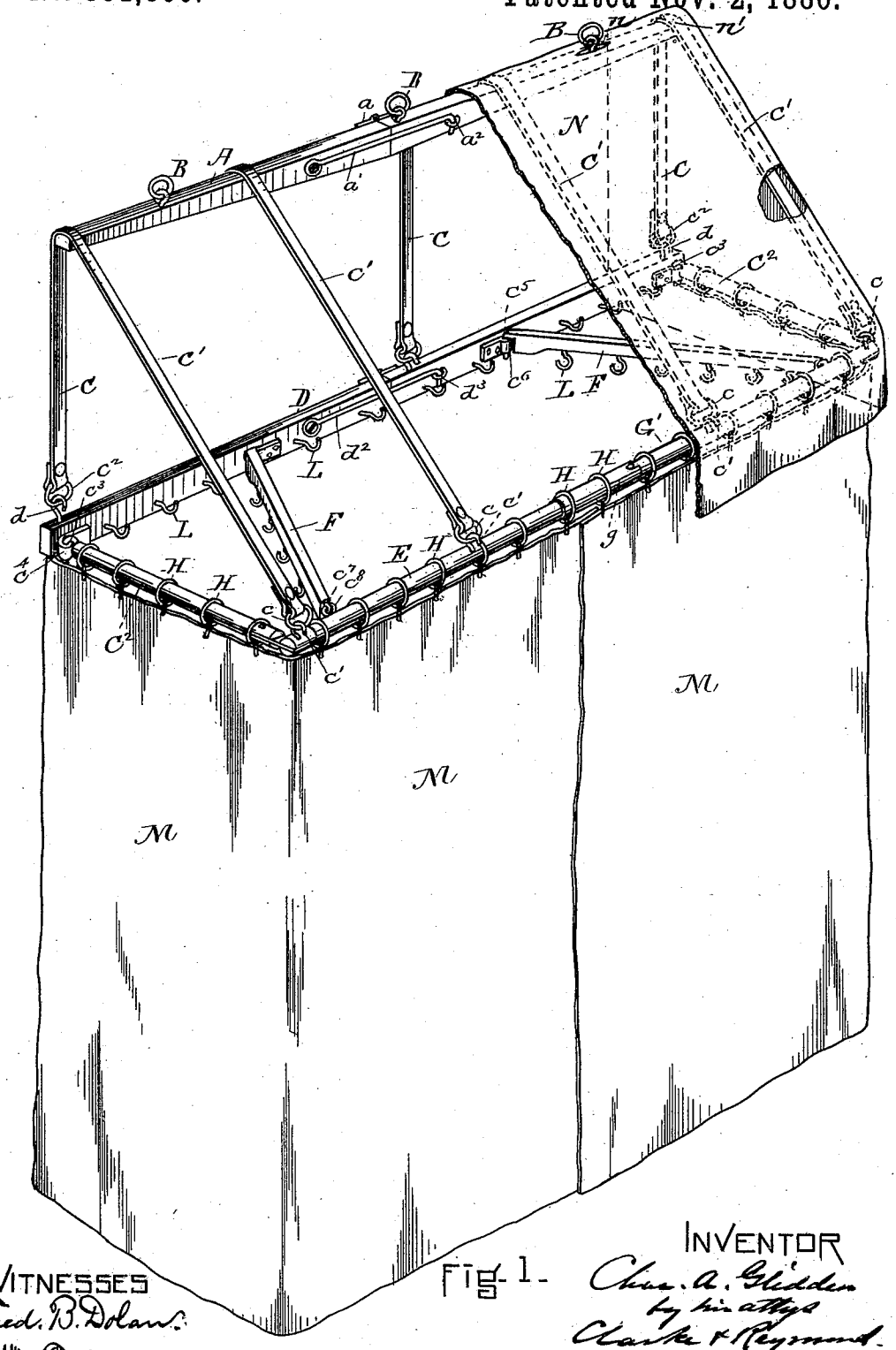
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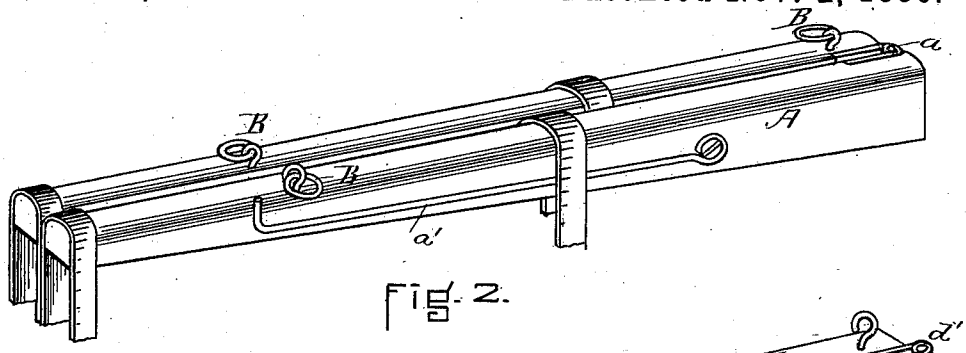


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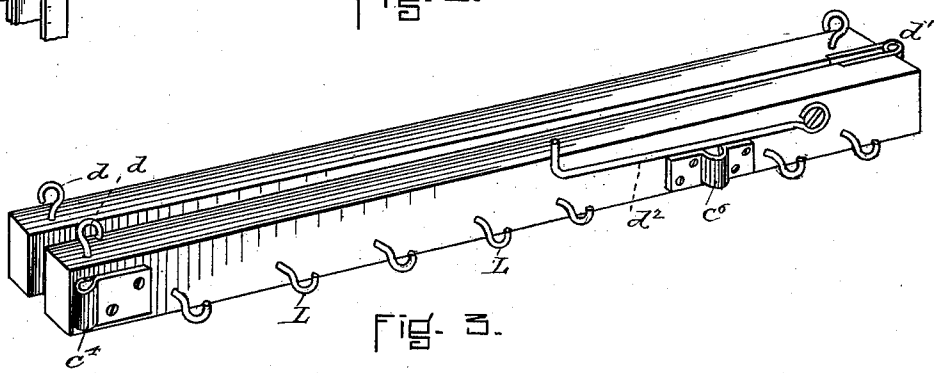


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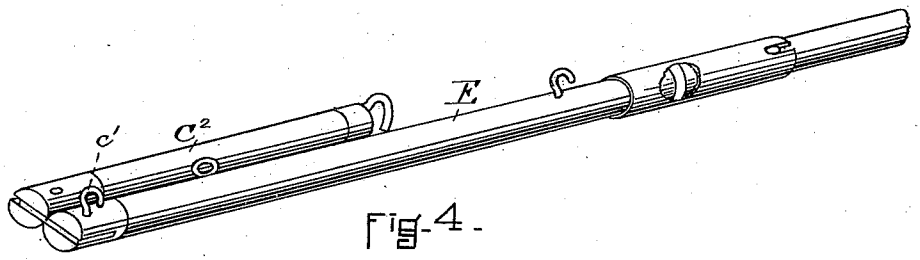


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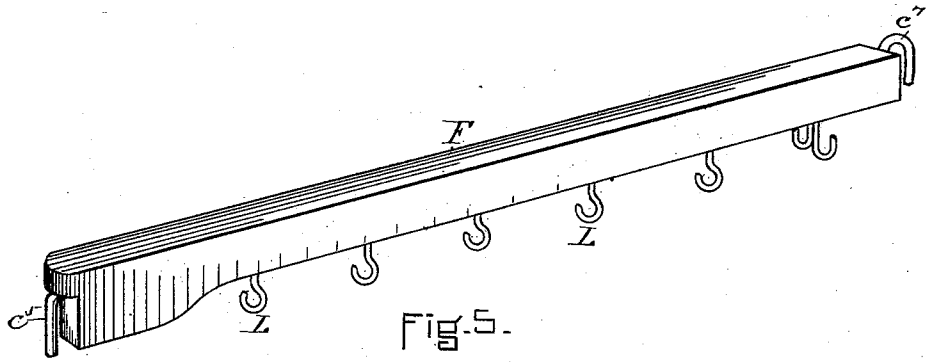


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. GLIDDEN, of Tenant's Harbor, in the county of Knox and State of Maine, a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Wardrobes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in explaining its nature.

The invention relates to a portable wardrobe which is made of a number of parts connected together in any desired manner, to permit them to be readily fastened or secured together and unfastened or removed from each other, so as to provide means whereby it can be packed in small compass for transportation, or for any other purpose, and can be readily put together and taken apart.

The wardrobe comprises, essentially, a frame, consisting of a horizontal bar from which is suspended, preferably by means of flexible suspending-straps, a rectangular open section or frame comprising two bars or rods, which are connected with each other by cross-stays and end pieces. The various parts of which this frame is made are so constructed as to be easily connected and disengaged, or jointed and unjointed, and the longer pieces are preferably made to fold at the center of their length, or at some other point or points, to enable them to be packed in a shorter space. This frame-work is adapted to be hung or supported upon a wall, and it carries or supports cloth or other flexible material sustained thereby to form a cover.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the portable wardrobe, a portion of the top covering being removed to show the construction. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of the upper rail, hinged at its center and folded to bring its two sections together. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the lower inner rail, having a hinge and folded to bring its sections together. Fig. 4 is a view illustrating a portion of the lower front rail and a side rail or bar hinged thereto. Fig. 5 is a view in perspective of a bracing rod or bar for connecting the lower rear rail with the front rail.

A represents the upper cross-bar of the frame. It is provided with the hinge *a* at the center of its length, whereby it may be folded or bent upon itself, with the hook *a'* and eye a^2, for locking the two parts together to form a continuous rail or length. It also, preferably, has rings B, by which the wardrobe is suspended upon hooks, nails, or other supports. It also carries the suspending-straps C, which hold or support the rear cross bar or rail, D, and the suspending-straps C', which hold or support the front rail, E. These straps may be of leather, webbing, or other flexible material; or they may be of wood or metal rods. I prefer, however, that they be made of flexible material. They are permanently secured at their upper ends to the upper rail, A, and the lower ends of the suspending-straps C' have the rings which engage hooks c' upon the rail E, and the lower ends of the suspending-straps C also have rings c^2, which engage hooks *d* upon the rear rail, D. The front rail is held from the back rail by the end rails, C^2, and also by the stay bars or rods F. The end rails are represented as hinged at their front ends to the front rail or rod, C', and as provided with hooks c^3 at their rear ends, to hook into the eyes or sockets c^4 upon the lower rear rail. The stay rods or bars are represented as provided with hooks or pivots c^5, which shut into the eyes or sockets c^6, fastened to the rear rail, and as provided at their front ends with hooks c^7, which are adapted to close into eyes c^8, carried on the inner side of the front rail. The lower rear rail is provided with a hinge, *d'*, at the center of its length, by which it may be reduced in length for packing and transportation, and it also has the long hook d^2 and the eye d^3, by which the two parts are locked together to form a continuous length. The front rail is also made, preferably, in two parts, G G', one of which has a sleeve, *g*, which receives the end of the other, and that and the end rails preferably are made round, and carry the sliding rings H, to which is attached the fabric M, which forms the front and ends of the wardrobe. This fabric is preferably made in two parts, which are arranged to meet and overlap, if desired, at the center of the front.

The top of the frame is covered by a hood, N, of any suitable fabric, having the holes *n*,

through which the attaching-rings B pass. It is also shaped to provide end pieces, n^2, to cover the end sections of the frame.

It is not always essential to use the stay-rods, and the end bar may be dispensed with in some instances. In lieu of the lower rear rail, the stay bars or rods and the end bars may fasten directly to the sockets or hooks secured to the wall or other support for the wardrobe; and I mention this construction as being an equivalent for the lower rear rail. The lower rear rail and the stay bars or rods also furnish means for supporting hooks L, for the reception of clothing and other articles.

I would not be understood as confining myself to the especial devices shown and described for connecting or securing together the front rail, end rails, and side rods or bars, as any hinge or mechanical equivalent for the hooks or pivots and eyes or sockets may be used in lieu thereof.

It will be seen that a wardrobe having this construction can be easily and quickly taken apart and put together, and can be packed in very small compass.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. A portable wardrobe comprising the upper rail, the lower rear rail, and front rail, both of which are suspended from the upper rail, connected with each other and supporting a fabric which forms the front and ends of the wardrobe, and covered by a fabric or covering which forms the top thereof, substantially as described.

2. In a portable wardrobe, the frame comprising the upper rail, A, having eyes or other devices, B, by which it is secured in place, the rear or inner rail, D, suspended from the upper rail, the outer rail, E, suspended from the upper rail, and the stay rods or bars F, substantially as described.

3. In a portable wardrobe, a frame having an upper rail provided with one or more hinges or joints, a lower inner rail adapted to be suspended therefrom and provided with one or more hinges or joints, and a lower rail adapted to be suspended from the upper rail, and provided with a hinge or joint and with hinged end pieces, substantially as described.

4. In a portable wardrobe, the combination of an upper rail, A, an inner lower rail, D, an outer rail, E, with the suspending-straps C C', stay-rods F, and end pieces, C^2, constructed to be detachable from each other, substantially as specified, as and for the purposes described.

5. In a portable wardrobe, comprising the upper rail or bar, A, the lower inner rail or bar, D, the lower outer rail or bar, E, both suspended from the upper rail by detachable straps, and the hooks L, carried by said lower inner rail and by the stay bars or rods, substantially as described.

6. The combination, in a portable wardrobe, of an upper bar or rail, two lower bars or rails suspended therefrom by detachable devices, a fabric to form the sides and ends of the wardrobe, carried by the lower outer bar or rail and end extensions therefrom, and a hood carried by the upper rail and adapted to extend over the top and ends of the frame to cover the same, substantially as described.

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