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Fig. 1.

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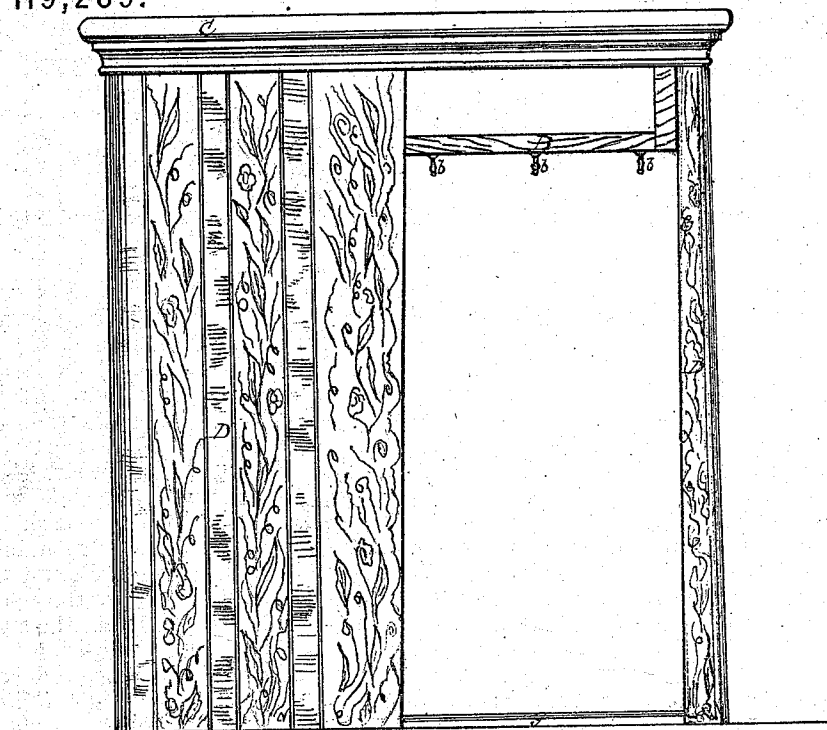


Fig. 2.

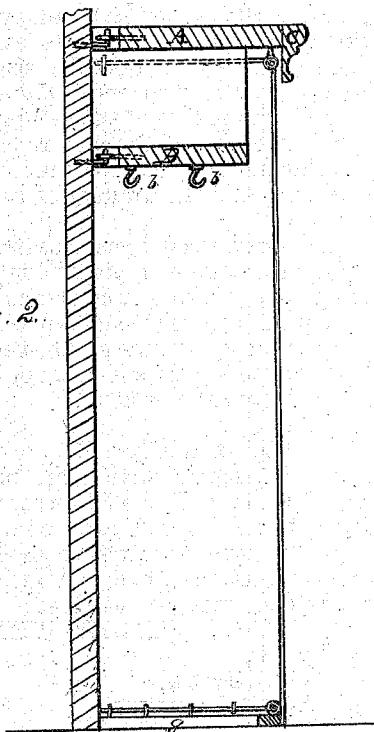
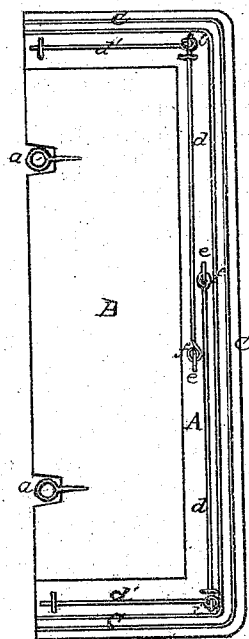


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY WHITEMORE, of Orangetown, in the county of Rockland and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Wardrobes, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in a portable wardrobe of woodwork and drapery combined, constructed, as hereinafter set forth, to adapt it to be suspended against the wall of a room, and be readily removable from one apartment to another, and inexpensive, but capable of being rendered ornamental at moderate cost. It is designed to supply the deficiency of inadequate closet-room by furnishing the convenience of a closet and wardrobe combined.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a front elevation, representing the cornice with drapery attached, one portion being drawn aside to show the interior. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same and a portion of the wall to which it is attached. Fig. 3 is an interior view of the upper part, representing the device for attaching the drapery to the cornice.

My improved wardrobe consists essentially of a frame which forms the top, with drapery connected therewith, and extending to the floor, to form the front and ends, the wall of the room serving as a back. This frame may consist of a piece of board or plank, A, of suitable size, say twelve inches wide by four feet long. Underneath, and attached to this by end pieces, I suspend one or more shelves, B, at a suitable distance below the top A, to receive small articles, to the under side of which are affixed, in any ordinary manner, hooks *b b*, on which garments are hung. A hinged or sliding door may be used, if desired, to close the front of the shelf-space. Near the outer edge of the top board A, at suitable intervals apart, I insert two screw-eyes, *e e*, and through them I pass two wire rods, *d d*, of such respective lengths as to lap by each other at their centers, the ends being bent into eyes *f f* and connected with the suspending hooks *e e* so as to prevent their becoming displaced. At each end similar wires *d' d'* are placed, having eyes *i i* at their inner ends, which are slipped

over the ends of the front wires and by them supported. This arrangement (shown most clearly in Fig. 3) constitutes the means by which the curtains D D are attached by means of rings which slide freely on the wire rods, and being divided centrally enables either side to be drawn open at will. On the edges of the top A (except at the back) a molding, C, of a width sufficient to conceal the board A, and descend far enough below to hide the means of connecting the curtain, is attached. On the back edge notches are made in the board A and shelf B, and screw-eyes *a a* are inserted. To affix it to the wall it is only necessary to drive or screw into the studs of the wall hooks corresponding in position with the eyes *a a*, and at a suitable height, and hang the top A thereto. The drapery D should descend to the floor, and may be attached to a light strip of wood, *g*, by the same arrangement of wire fastenings as that described for the canopy, by which the drapery is kept tight and dust excluded, and the means of fastening concealed from outward observation. The front wires *d d* extend through to the inner surface of the molding G, and thereby hold the eyes of the end rods from slipping off. The molding may be made as ornamental as desired, and the drapery of any material preferred.

Thus constructed it possesses the advantages of the highest degree of portability, being removable by simply lifting from the hooks in the wall, of packing into very small space, of lightness in transporting, and of the greatest economy of cost; while for use it possesses most of the advantages of the costly cabinet article.

I claim—

The shelf or shelves B, provided with the hooks *b b* arranged within the part A, with the wires *d d* and *d' d'*, the latter connected with the former by means of the eyes *i i*, and affixed to the part A by screw-rings or hooks *e e*, with the curtains D D, the whole combined substantially as herein shown and described.

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