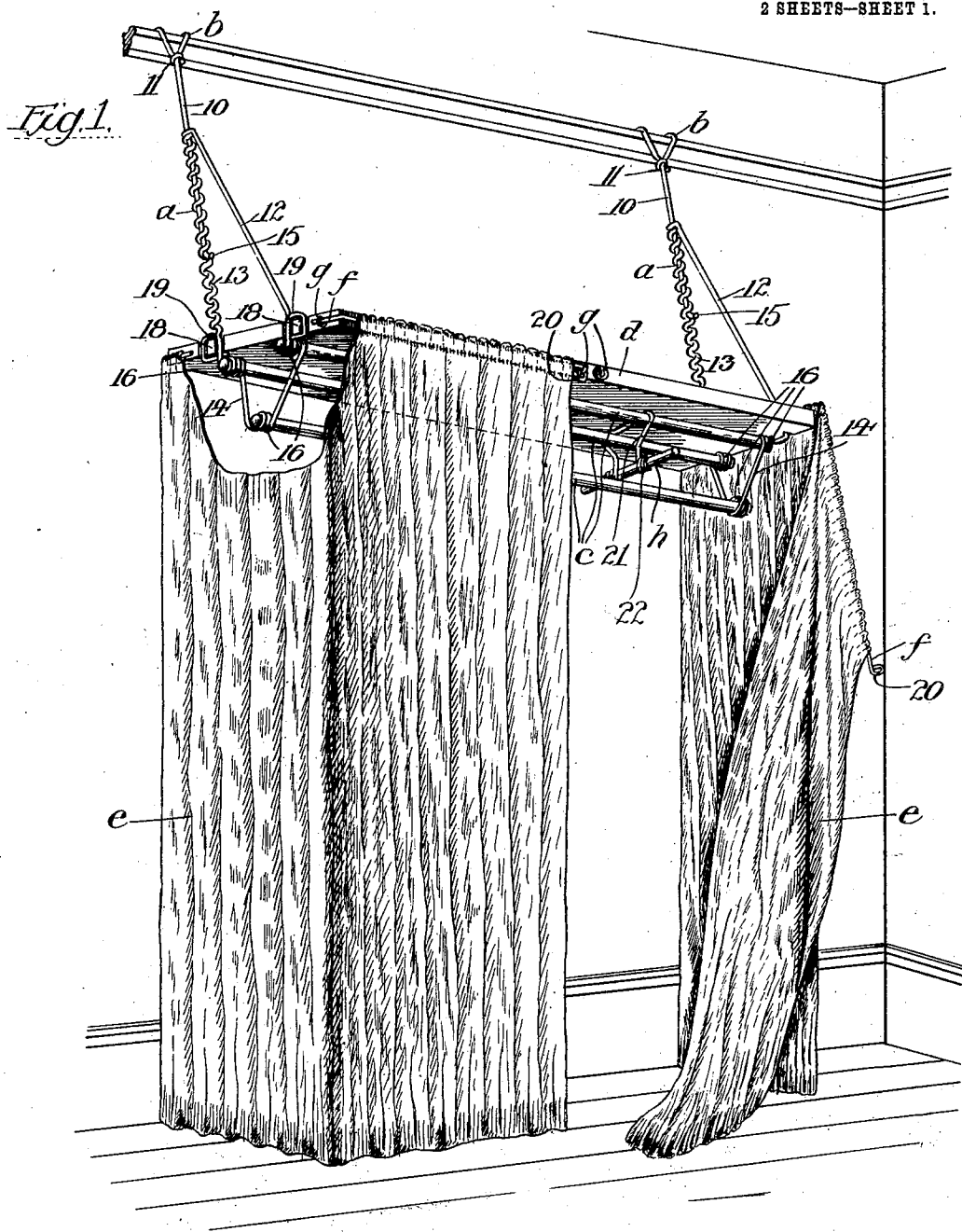


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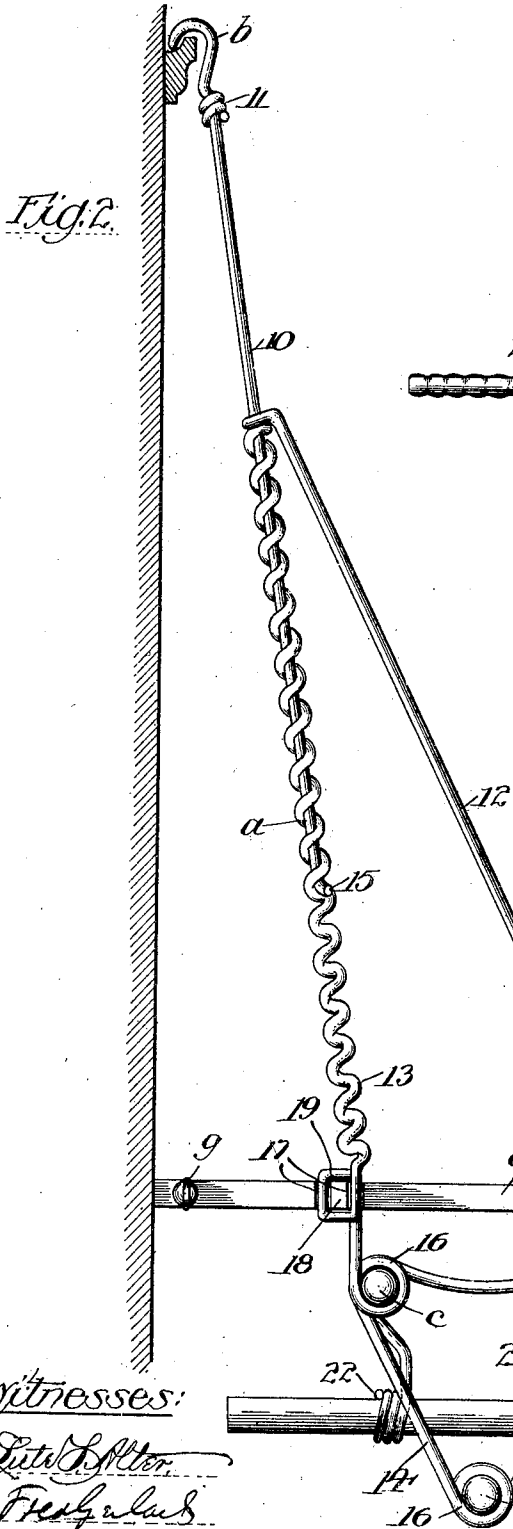


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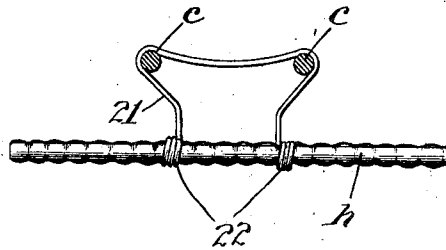
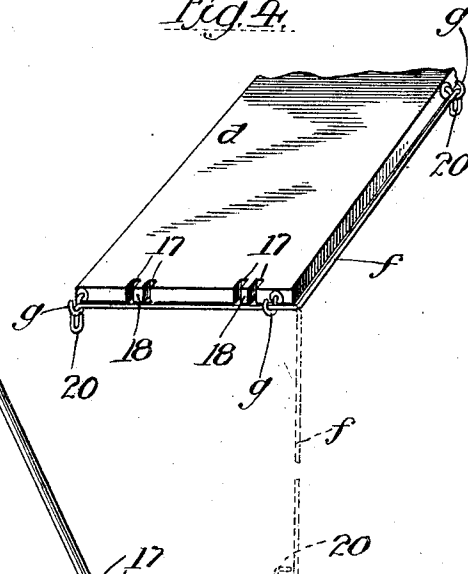


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. RUSSEGUE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Wardrobes, of which the following is declared to be a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to portable wardrobes, and seeks to provide a simple and inexpensive arrangement which may be conveniently supported upon the side wall of the room.

A further object of the invention is to provide a convenient knockdown construction of a portable wardrobe so that it may be packed or shipped in compact shape and in which the parts may be quickly and securely assembled.

The invention consists in the features of construction, combinations, and arrangements of parts hereinafter set forth, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved wardrobe shown in position upon the wall of a room. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail end view thereof with the inclosing curtain removed. Fig. 3 is a detail view of one of the transverse hanger-rods and means for supporting the same. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the top shelf and curtain-rod.

A pair of hangers *a* for supporting the opposite ends of the wardrobe are provided on their upper ends with suitable means whereby they may be secured to the wall of the room. In the form shown this means preferably comprises hooks *b*, adapted to engage the picture-molding usually provided upon the wall adjacent the ceiling. The hangers are preferably triangular in outline, as shown, and are arranged to be supported in planes at right angles to the wall, the base of the triangle or the greatest width of the hangers being at their lower ends, while the side bars thereof extend downwardly and outwardly from their upper supported ends. Each hanger is preferably constructed of stout wire and in separate sections adjustably connected together. The upper wire-section 10 is suitably bent at its upper end to form the hook *b* or other suitable means whereby the hanger may be removably secured to the wall, and the extreme end of the wire is

coiled securely about the main body thereof, as at 11.

The lower hanger-section is preferably formed of a single length of stout wire bent to the general triangular shape shown and comprises the outer and inner side bars 12 and 13 and the connecting base portion 14. The inner side bar 13 of each lower hanger-section is spirally coiled and the upper hanger-section 10 extends longitudinally through and snugly fits this spirally-coiled portion, as shown. The lower end of the upper section 10 is provided with a bent or offset portion 15, which engages the spiral coils of the side bar 13. By turning the upper section 10 it will be screwed into and out of the coiled side bar 13 to shorten or lengthen the hanger. By this means the hangers may be properly adjusted to support the wardrobe at the desired height in any location.

Suitable horizontal supports are arranged between the lower ends of the hangers, and such supports preferably comprise one or more hanger-rods *c*. In the form shown there are three of such rods, two upper and one intermediate lower rod. These rods are preferably formed of wood and are detachably secured to the lower ends of the hangers. The lower portion 14 of each wire hanger is preferably spirally coiled at proper intervals to form loops 16, adapted to receive and securely engage the ends of the round rods *c*. These loops 16 are slightly smaller in diameter than the round wooden rods; but as the wire of the hanger is somewhat resilient the loops will yield as the rods are forced into them, but when the rods are placed in position they will be firmly gripped by the spirally-coiled loops 16, so that the parts will be securely yet detachably held together. Preferably, also, the loops 16 in the separate hangers are coiled in opposite directions (see Fig. 1) so as to form, in effect, right and left hand screw-threads, and by twisting the rods in one direction as they are placed in position they will be screwed, as it were, into the oppositely-coiled loops of the separate hangers, and thereby firmly held in position. By twisting the rods in the opposite direction they may be readily removed from place to knock down the parts of the portable wardrobe. If desired, the ends of the rods may be screw-threaded to enter the spirally-coiled loops 16; but with wooden rods this will not be found necessary.

The hanger-rods *c* form supports upon

which hangers for coats and other garments may be conveniently hung. Suitable means are connected to the hangers for holding the lower ends thereof and the hanger-rods *c* away from the wall. In the form shown this means preferably comprises a shelf *d*, which also forms the top of the wardrobe. The top shelf *d* is detachably secured to the lower ends of the hangers *a* and is supported there-
 10 by in horizontal position above the hanger-rods *c*. The ends of the top shelf are provided with slots 17, adapted to engage the side bars 12 and 13 of the hangers, and preferably these slots are arranged in pairs, (see Fig. 4,) with an intermediate lug 18 between
 15 each pair of slots, and the side bars 12 and 13 are bent at proper points to form loops 19, which set within the slots 17 and about the lugs 18. The hanger-rods *c* extend along adjacent and beneath the top shelf *d*, and the ends of the rods are firmly gripped, as described, by the spirally-coiled loops 16, so that the lower ends of the hangers cannot spread apart and so that the top shelf *d* is securely held in place. The rear edge of the top shelf *d* engages the wall and properly spaces the lower ends of the hangers *a* and the hanger-rods *c* away from the walls, so that there will be ample room to hang the clothes
 25 upon the rods *c*.

An inclosing curtain or preferably a pair of curtains *e*, as shown, are arranged in front of and around the ends of the hanger-rods, and these curtains are supported at their upper edges along the end and front edges of the top shelf *d*. Separate detachable curtain-rods *f* are preferably provided, to which the upper edges of the curtains are secured. These curtain-rods are pivotally supported
 35 at their outer ends and detachably secured in place at their inner ends, so that the curtain may be swung back out of place, as indicated in Fig. 1.

Preferably the curtain-rods *f* are bent, as shown, to extend around the end and front edges of the shelf *d*, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 4. Three hooks *g* are arranged to support each of the curtain-rods *f*, two of these hooks being fastened to the end edge of the top shelf and the other to the front edge thereof at the center. The curtain-rod sets within the hooks, as indicated in Fig. 4, and is provided with loops 20, which set over the hooks at the ends of the rods and securely,
 45 yet detachably, hold the curtain-rod in place.

When the wardrobe is in use, the ends of the curtain-rods at the front central portion thereof may be readily detached from the adjacent hooks, and the curtain-rod will then swing about its end section as a pivot, so that the curtain is carried away to one side and fully exposes the interior of the wardrobe for ready access thereto. The front end of the curtain-rod, together with the curtain,
 50 may be then readily swung back and again

fastened in place to inclose the contents of the wardrobe. It will be understood that the end section of the curtain-rod is free to turn in the hooks *g* at the ends of the top shelf, as indicated in full and dotted lines in Fig. 4.

Besides the hanger-rods *c* other means may be provided within the wardrobe for supporting clothes or the like. For example, transverse rods, such as *h*, may be held in place below the upper longitudinal rods *c* by a wire support 21, bent to extend over the upper rods *c* and having spirally-coiled portions 22 at its ends, through which the transverse hanger-rod *h* extends. The loops 22 are coiled in the same direction, as shown, so that the transverse rod may be inserted therein by twisting or screwing it into position. Spiral loops 22 are somewhat resilient and firmly grip the rod to hold it in place. The rod *h* and support 21 therefor are free to slide upon the hanger-rods *c*. If desired, the rod *h* may be corrugated, as shown in Fig. 3, so that clothes-hangers will not readily slip therefrom.

It will be understood that hooks or other supporting devices for clothes or the like may be arranged within the wardrobe, if desired.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A knockdown portable wardrobe, comprising a pair of hangers having means at their upper ends whereby they may be secured to the wall, a top portion extending between and detachably connected to the lower ends of said hangers, the lower ends of said hangers extending below said top portion, a hanger-rod detachably connected to the lower portions of said hangers beneath said top portion and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said top portion, substantially as described.

2. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers having means at their upper ends whereby they may be secured to the wall, a hanger-rod rigidly and detachably connected to the lower ends of said hangers, a top portion rigidly and detachably connected to the lower ends of said hangers above said rod and arranged to engage the wall and hold the lower ends of said hangers and said hanger-rod above therefrom and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said top portion, substantially as described.

3. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers formed of wire and having means at their upper ends whereby they may be secured to the wall and having coiled portions forming expansible loops at their lower ends, a round wooden hanger-rod having its ends removably inserted in the coiled loop portions of said hangers, a top portion rigidly

and detachably connected to said hangers above said rod and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said top portion, substantially as described.

4. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of rigid triangular hangers having means at their upper ends whereby they may be secured to the wall, a horizontal hanger rod or rods extending between and detachably connected to the lower ends of said hangers, a top portion extending between and detachably connected to the lower ends of said hangers above said rods and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said top portion, substantially as described.

5. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of rigid triangular hangers formed of resilient wire having means at their upper ends whereby they may be secured to the wall and having coiled loop portions at their lower ends, round wooden hanger-rods extending longitudinally between said hangers and having their ends removably inserted in the coiled loop portions thereof, a top portion extending between the lower ends of said hangers and detachably secured thereto and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said top portion, substantially as described.

6. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers formed of resilient wire having means at their upper ends whereby they may be secured to the wall, a longitudinally-extending wooden hanger-rod, said hangers having oppositely-coiled portions at their lower ends forming loops slightly smaller in diameter than said hanger-rod but arranged to yield and receive the ends of said rod and hold the same securely but removably in position, a top portion extending between said hangers above said rod and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said top portion, substantially as described.

7. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers having hooks at their upper ends for detachably engaging the picture-molding of the wall, each of said hangers comprising separate rigid sections adjustably connected together, a longitudinal hanger rod or rods extending between and removably engaging the lower ends of said hangers, and an inclosing curtain supported in front of and around the ends of said rods, substantially as described.

8. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers formed of wire and each comprising a lower rigid triangular section and an upper section adjustably connected thereto and having a hook at its upper end for detachably engaging the picture-molding of the wall, a hanger rod or rods detachably connected to the lower ends of said hangers, a

top portion extending between and detachably connected to the lower ends of said hangers above said rod or rods, and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said top portion, substantially as described.

9. In a portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers formed of separate wire sections, one of said sections having a spirally-coiled portion, the other of said sections extending adjustably therethrough and having an offset portion engaging the spiral coils, and a hanger rod or rods extending between the lower ends of said hangers.

10. In a portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers formed of separate wire sections, the upper section of said hanger having means at its upper end whereby it may be secured to the picture-molding, one of the sections of each hanger having a spirally-coiled portion and the other section extending adjustably through said spiral coil and having an offset end engaging the same, a hanger rod or rods extending between and removably secured to the lower ends of said hangers and inclosing curtains arranged in front of and about the ends of said rods.

11. In a portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers formed of wire and each comprising a lower triangular section having one of its upright members spirally coiled and an upper section extending adjustably through said spiral coil and having an offset to engage the same and a hanger rod or rods extending between the lower ends of said hangers.

12. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of rigid triangular hangers having means at their upper ends whereby they may be secured to the wall, a rigid shelf extending between and detachably and rigidly connected to the lower ends of said hangers and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said shelf, substantially as described.

13. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers having hooks at their upper ends for detachably engaging the picture-molding on the wall, each of said hangers comprising separate sections adjustably and rigidly connected together, a shelf extending between and rigidly and detachably connected to the lower ends of said hangers and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and side edges of said shelf, substantially as described.

14. In a portable wardrobe, a pair of triangular hangers formed of wire having means at their upper ends whereby they may be removably secured to the wall, a shelf arranged to detachably engage the lower portions of said hangers, a rod extending between the lower ends of said hangers beneath said shelf and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and side edges of said shelf.

15. In a portable wardrobe, a pair of triangular hangers formed of wire having means at their upper ends whereby they may be removably secured to the wall, a shelf having 5 notches in its ends arranged to detachably engage the lower portions of said hangers, a hanger-rod extending beneath said shelf, said hangers having expansible coiled loops in their lower ends arranged to removably en- 10 gage and securely grip the ends of said rod and an inclosing curtain supported at its upper edge about the front and end edges of said shelf.

16. In a portable wardrobe, a pair of hang- 15 ers, a top portion for the wardrobe supported thereby, a pair of inclosing curtains and angular supporting-rods therefor extending about the front and end edges of said top portion, the horizontal end portions of said 20 rods being pivotally supported on said top portion and the front portions thereof being detachably supported on the top portion and arranged to swing downwardly from their normal horizontal position, substantially as 25 described.

17. In a knockdown portable wardrobe, a pair of hangers having means at their upper ends whereby they may be secured to the wall, a rigid shelf extending between and detach- 30 ably secured to the lower ends of said hangers,

a pair of inclosing curtains, a pair of angular supporting-rods for said curtains and hooks in the front and end edges of said shelf with which said rods are detachably engaged, said 35 rods having loops in their ends setting over said hooks and the front portions of said rods being arranged, when detached, to swing downwardly around the end portions thereof, substantially as described.

18. In knockdown portable wardrobes, the 40 combination with a pair of hangers having hooks at their upper ends for engaging the picture-molding of a wall, each of said hangers comprising separate sections adjustably and rigidly connected together, of hanger- 45 rods extending between and detachably and rigidly connected to the lower ends of said hangers, a rigid shelf extending between and detachably and rigidly connected to the 50 lower ends of said hangers above said rods, a pair of inclosing curtains arranged to extend in front of and around the ends of said rods, a pair of angular hanger-rods for said curtains and hooks in the front and end edges of 55 said shelf with which said curtain-rods detachably engage, substantially as described.

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