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PORTABLE WARDROBE.

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Fig. 1.

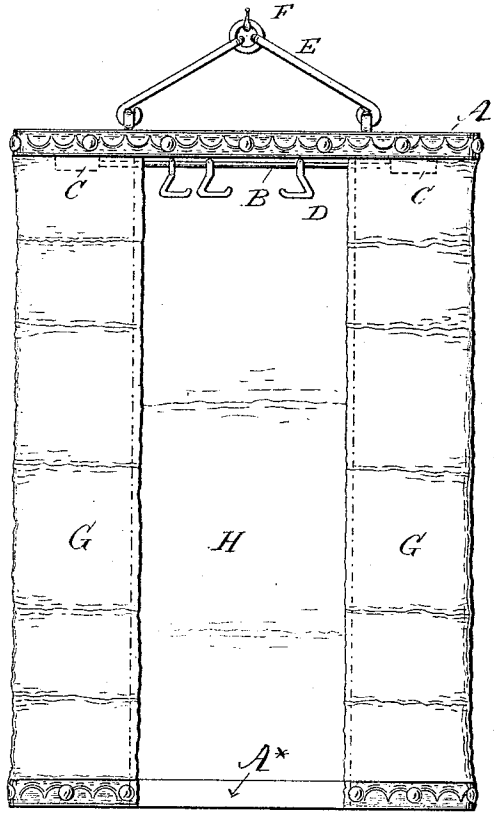
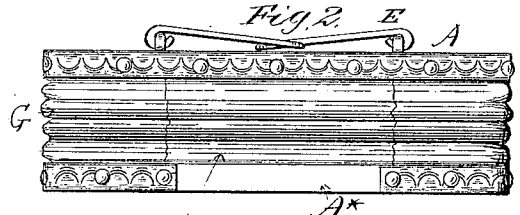
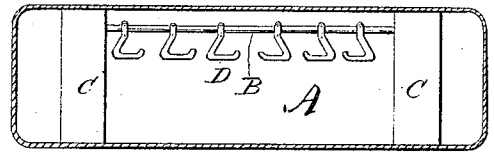


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. BANKS, of Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Wardrobes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention relates to wardrobes; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangements of parts hereinafter set forth and described.

The object of my invention is to provide a wardrobe that can be folded up and stored away and again unfolded with the least inconvenience. I accomplish this by the means of the wardrobe illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention unfolded. Fig. 2 is a similar view of my invention folded. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view looking up.

A is the top piece of the wardrobe, formed of a piece or pieces of wood or other suitable material to form a solid top, and A* is the bottom piece, similar to piece A. To the top piece, A, is attached rod B, hung between the cross-pieces C C, and having appended the hooks D, these hooks being to hang clothing upon. To the top A are attached the suspenders E, carrying the hook-rings F, and raking back, so as to allow of hanging the wardrobe up, as would have to be done to allow the bottom to fall and straighten out the sides of the wardrobe.

The bottom is made, preferably, of wood, and the same shape and size as the top, it, in connection with said top, giving shape to the wardrobe.

The top and bottom are connected by the canvas covering G. This extends nearly all around the edge of the top and bottom, leaving a space in front for a door, this being closed by a loose flap, H. (Shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1.) The flap H is secured to the top piece, A, by furniture nails or analogous means, such as are employed to fasten the body G to said part, as shown in the drawings. Around the edges of the top and bottom, where they connect with the cloth, is a fancy strip of cloth or leather to give a finish to the wardrobe.

I am aware that wardrobes have been formed of flexible material having rigid supports at bottom and top, and that the same have been made of oblong form in cross-section, and I do not claim such, broadly; but

What I do claim is—

The herein-described wardrobe, consisting of the rigid bottom and top pieces and the flexible sides or body G, rigidly secured to the said top and bottom entirely over three sides and partially over the fourth, so as to leave an open space or doorway, and a loose closing flap or door, H, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I append my signature.

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