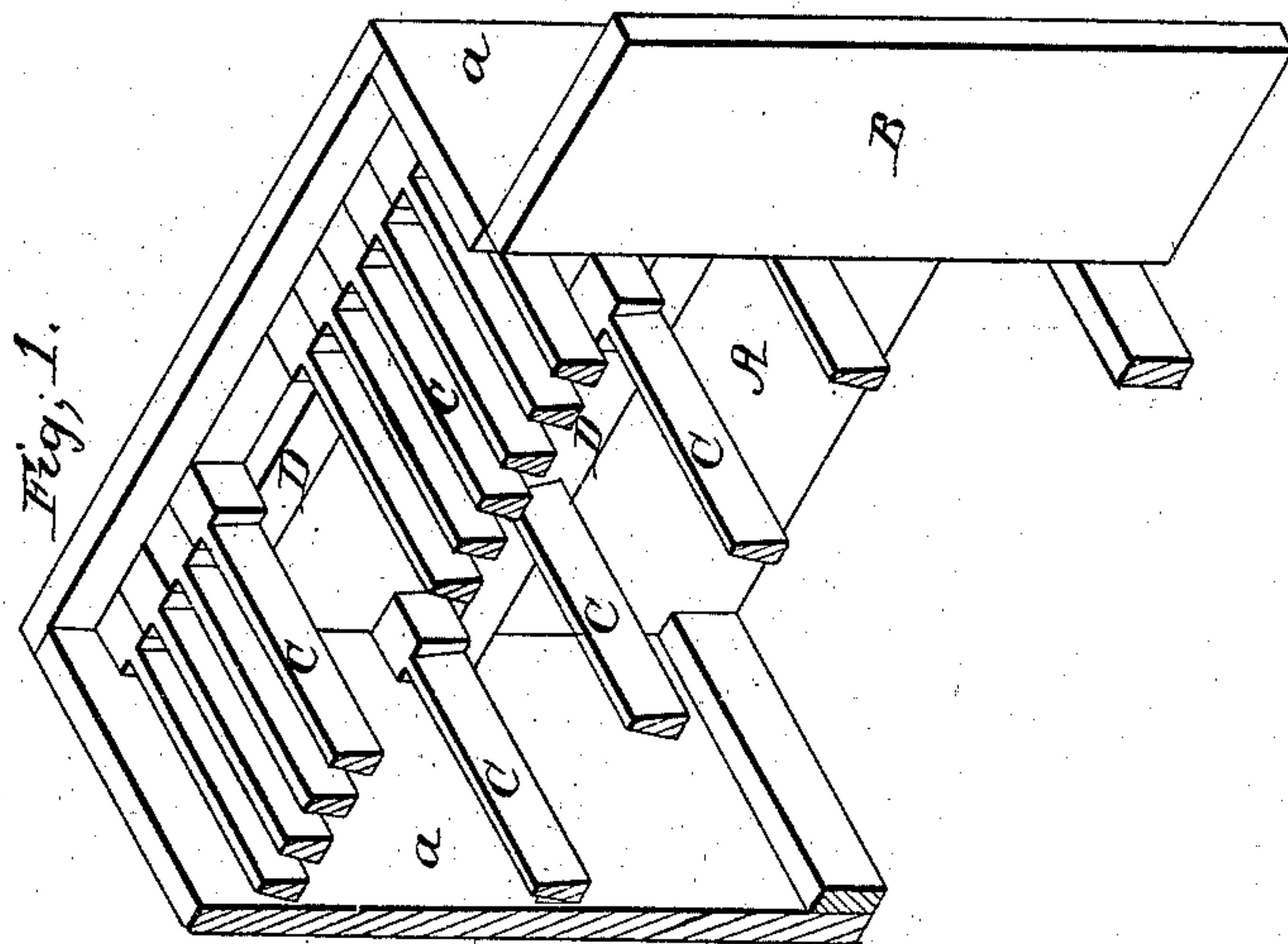
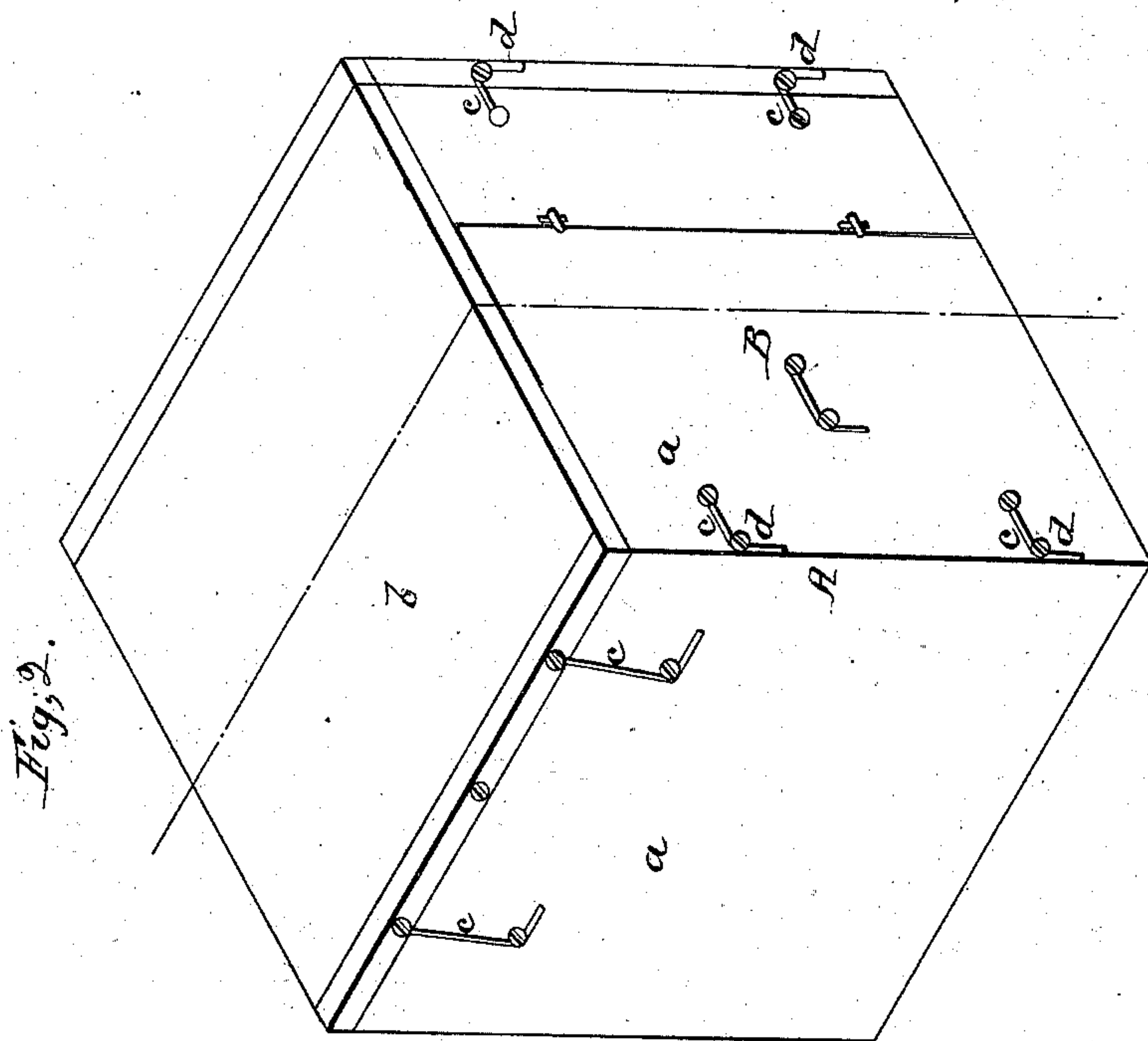


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## IMPROVED CLOTHES-DRYER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, HARVEY BROWN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Mode of Drying Clothes; and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

This invention has for its object the facilitating of the drying of clothes, and to this end I provide a portable or adjustable closet, box, or compartment, constructed in such a manner that it may be readily put up for use and also taken down with facility, the clothes being suspended on suitable bars within the compartment or box alluded to, and the air within heated by any suitable means, so as to evaporate the moisture from the clothes and rapidly dry the same. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one-half of my invention with the top removed.

Figure 2, a perspective view of the whole device.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A represents a closet, box, or compartment, the sides *a* and top *b* of which may be constructed of thin, light boards, connected by hooks *c* and pins *d* or other suitable fastenings. In constructing this compartment the main thing to be considered is lightness and the ready securing of the sides and top together, and the disconnecting of the same with facility. The compartment should be provided with a door, B, at one or more sides, and may be about seven feet square. This would be a good size for general use. It may, however, be of any desirable size and shape. In the compartment there is placed a series of bars, C. These bars rest on cleats D, and they are made separate, and are adjustable separately, as will be understood by referring to fig. 1, and consequently the whole or any portion of them may be used as desired, and placed at different elevations within the compartment as circumstances may require. The compartment may be heated by a small furnace for burning either wood or coal, and in cases where houses are heated by steam or hot-air pipes, the latter may be arranged so as to have one or more pass through the compartment A.

I do not confine myself to any particular heating apparatus, as the most available means for that purpose will adjust itself to suit locality or the particular circumstances under which the apparatus or device is used.

In heating the portable compartment, its door B should be closed, and the moisture contained in the clothes will soon be evaporated, the vapor passing through suitable vents made in the top of the compartment, or escaping through the joints of the panels or sides of the same, as these will most generally be sufficiently open to admit of that result.

The advantage of this invention consists in the ease and readiness with which a compartment can be formed to receive and dry a large amount of clothes at a small expense and in a very short period of time, and when not required for use it may be taken down and stowed away in a small space.

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

The combination of the compartment A, removable bars C, and cleats D, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

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