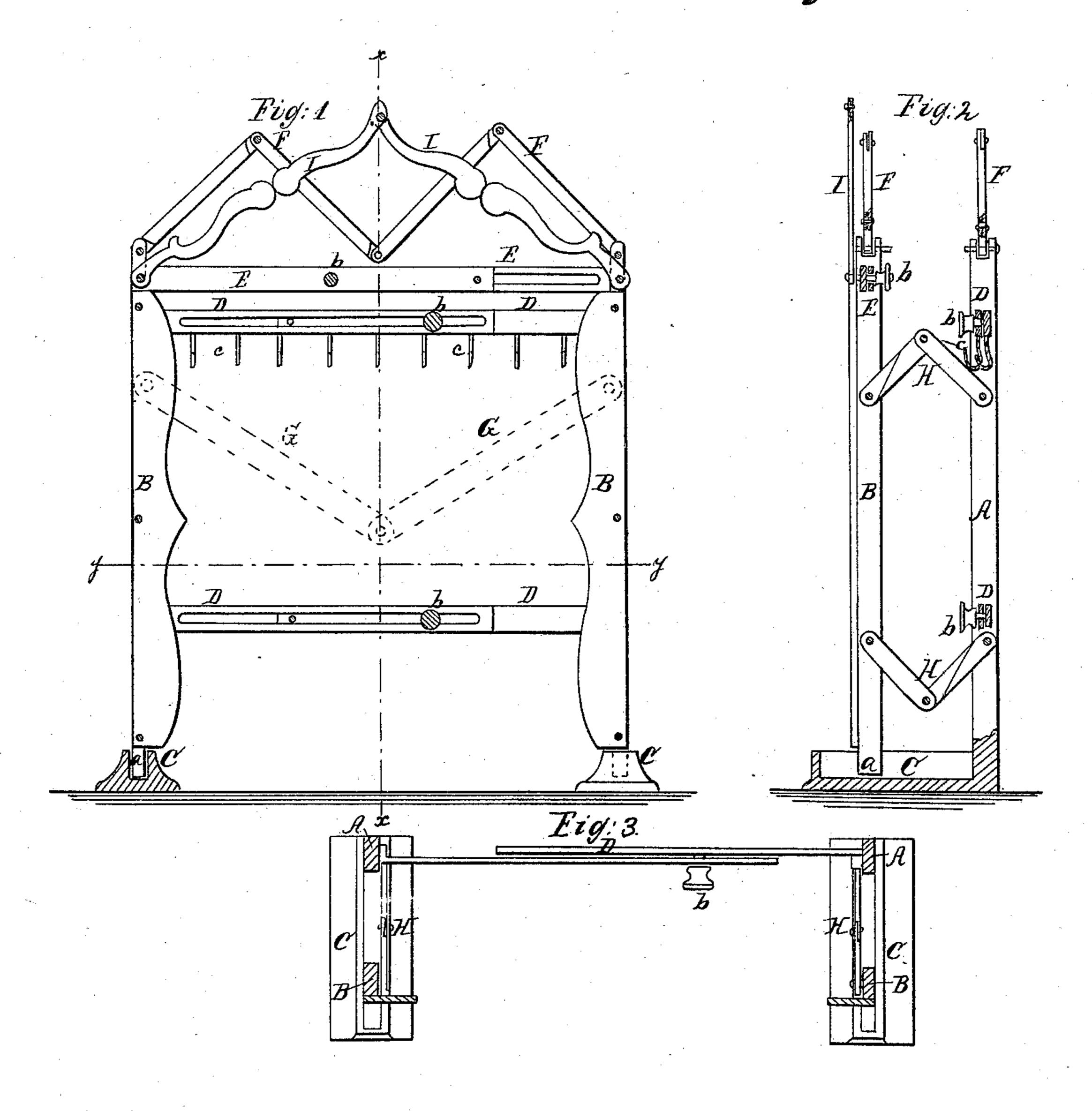
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## IMPROVED EXTENSION-WARDROBE FRAME.

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

## TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ELIAS GILL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Extension-Wardrobe Frame; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation, partly in section, of my improved extension-wardrobe frame.

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same, taken on the plane of the line x x, fig. 1.

Figure 3 is a horizontal section of the same, taken on the plane of the line y y, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to construct a frame for a portable wardrobe, in such manner that the same can be freely and readily extended and contracted, as to length and width, according to the room which it is intended it should occupy.

The invention consists in connecting the four posts of the frame, which fit with their lower ends into slotted bars or beds, longitudinally as well as transversely, with toggle-levers or slotted extension-bars, or both, so that they can longitudinally as well as transversely be moved any desired distance apart, to produce a wardrobe of suitable size.

A A, in the drawing, are the two rear posts, B B the front posts of my improved skeleton-wardrobe frame. The rear posts are secured with their lower ends to the respective rear ends of two horizontal bars C C, which are grooved on top. The front posts have tenons, a, on their lower ends, that fit into the grooves of the bars C, so as to be backward and forward adjustable therein.

The two rear posts are connected with each other by means of extension-bars, D D, of which one has a slot, and the other a pin, b, fitting through the said slot, a nut being on the pin for clamping the bars in a desired position. In like manner may the two front posts be connected with each other by means of extension-bars E E. These extension-bars allow the posts to be longitudinally adjusted any distance apart, so as to obtain a frame of the desired length.

The ends of the bars may be so arranged that they will slide beyond the opposite posts, so that the bars C C may be brought close together, when it is desired to fold the frame together into a small compass.

Instead of the extension-bars, toggle-levers or jointed bars, G G, may be used, as indicated by dotted lines in fig. 1, or jointed levers F F, shown in fig. 1.

Each front post is connected with the post A, in rear of it, by means of a series of jointed bars H H, shown in fig. 2, or by their equivalents, such as sliding extension-bars or others.

Thereby the width of the frame is made adjustable, the front posts, during such adjustment, sliding in the grooved bars C.

An ornamental frontispiece, I, may be produced by means of two carved jointed bars, as shown in fig. 1. Clothes-hooks, ee, may be suspended from the extension-bars D D, as shown, and suitable shelving can be introduced in suitable manner after the frame has been adjusted to the desired dimensions.

When the size of the frame has been ascertained, it may be covered and surrounded by oil-cloth, wood, or other suitable fabric, flexible or rigid material.

The frame can be folded together into a very small compass for transporting.

The front part of the frame should have its jointed or extension-levers as much as possible near the top, to give ample room for access to the interior of the wardrobe, while in rear they may be distributed in any suitable manner.

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

- 1. An extension-skeleton frame, for portable wardrobes, constructed and operating substantially as described, so that it can be longitudinally and laterally extended and contracted and folded together, as set forth.
- 2. The posts A A, B B, when connected and combined with the grooved bars C C, and with the extension-bars D D, E E, and with the jointed levers H H, or their respective equivalents, all made and operating substantially as herein shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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