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Combined Dressing-Bureaus and Wardrobes.

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Fig: 1.

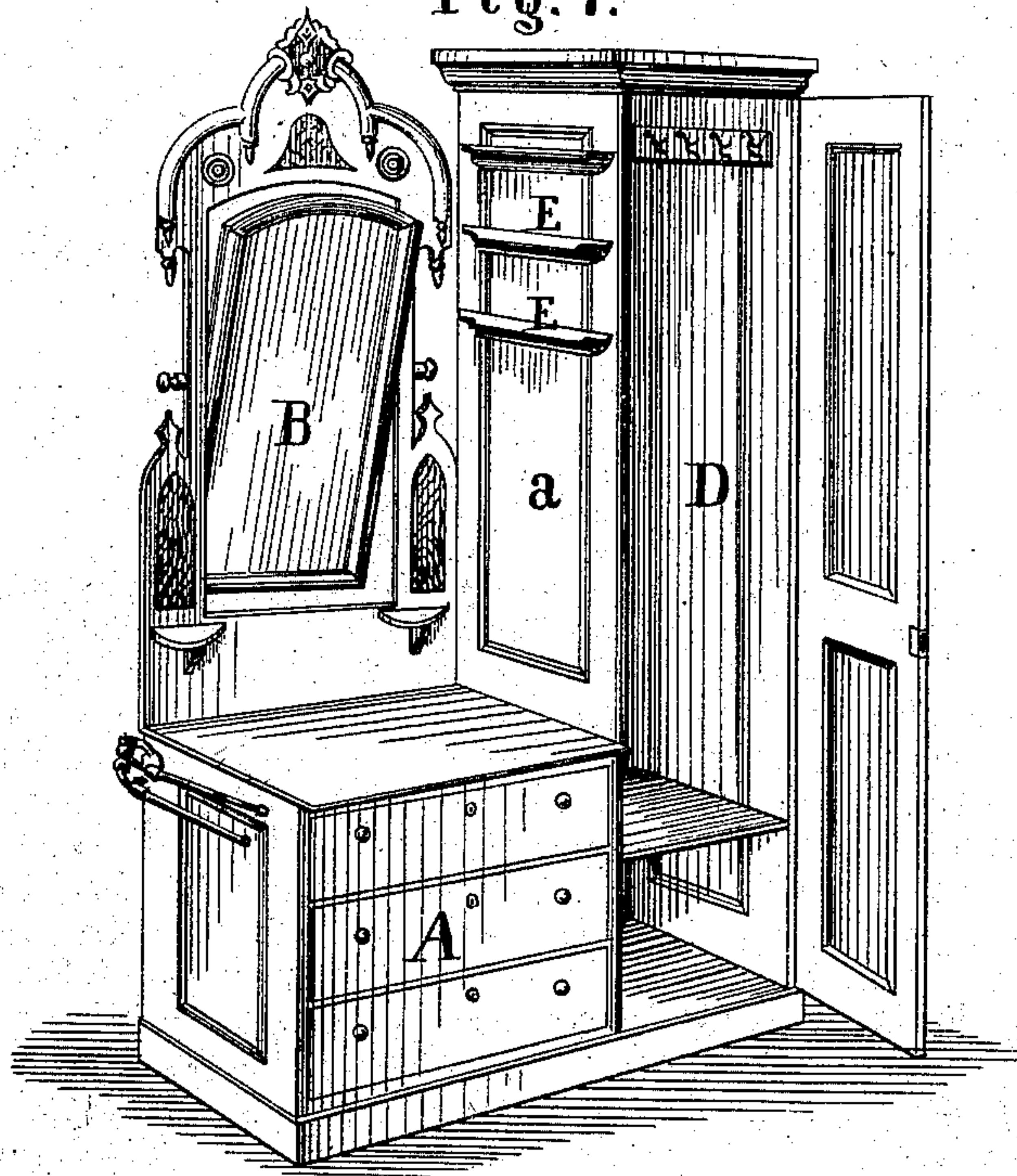
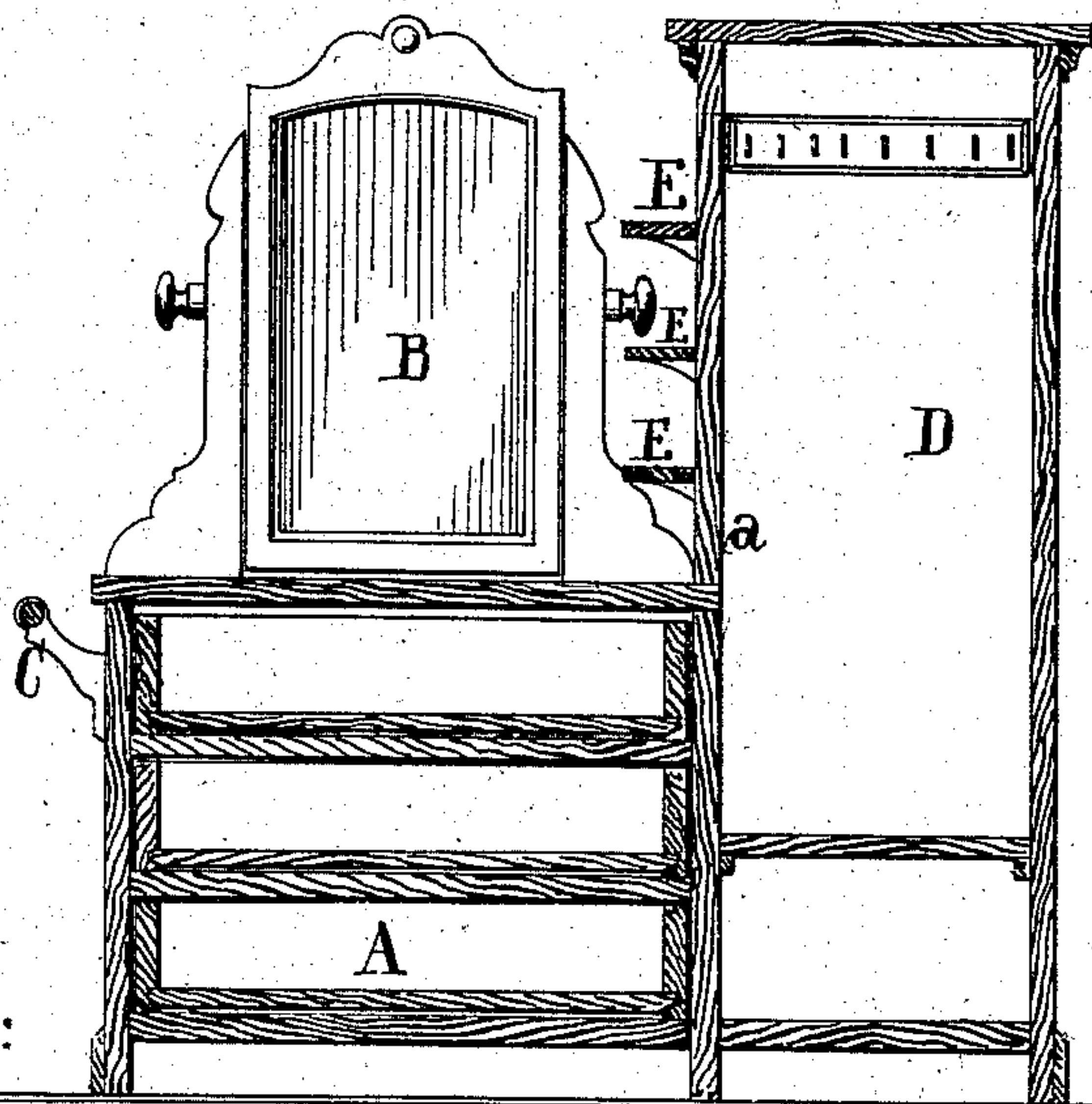


Fig: 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED DRESSING-BUREAUS AND WARDROBES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AMBROSE E. BARNES, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and Improved Combined Dressing-Bureau and Wardrobe, of which the following is a specification:

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved combined dressing-bureau and wardrobe. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has for its object to produce a new and improved article of furniture, namely, a combined dressing-bureau and wardrobe, the same being constructed in the usual manner, with the exception that, in the present invention, the material or side employed for forming one end of the bureau is extended above the top of the same, which extension, together with that portion which forms one side of the bureau, also forms one side of the wardrobe, the parts being so constructed and intimately connected together during their construction as to be incapable of detachment for separate use unless a reorganization of each article composing my combination be made; the prime object being to furnish the market with an exceedingly compact, convenient and cheap article of furniture, which is of particular advantage for the poorer classes of the population that are compelled to live in crowded dwelling-houses.

In the drawing, the letter A represents a bureau, which may be of any desired or approved construction, on the top of which is a looking-glass, A, while to its side may be attached a towel-rack, C, so that said bureau can be used conveniently for washing and dressing. One side, *a*, of this bureau extends

above its top, and by such extension forms one side of a wardrobe, D, so that dresses, coats, and other articles of wearing apparel can be hung up in the wardrobe, while shirts, stockings, and other articles are stowed away in the drawers of the bureau, and at the same time all the articles required for wear are kept close together, so that they can be reached with convenience. On that face of the side *a* of the wardrobe which faces toward the bureau may be secured a series of shelves, E, for the reception of books; and by these means I have produced a single piece of furniture which serves various different purposes, which takes up comparatively little room, and which can be constructed at a low price; or, if desired, it can be made more or less ornamental, to suit the taste of the public.

It will thus be seen that, during the process of constructing the bureau and the wardrobe, the same are, in fact, permanently connected together, since the material which forms one side of the bureau, by being extended above the top of the same, is also utilized for forming one side of the wardrobe, by which peculiar arrangement a saving of material and less expense in construction is secured, an ornamental and novel article produced, and at the same time less space occupied by the article, whether in an apartment or in transportation.

What I claim is—

An improved article of furniture, viz., a combined dressing-bureau and wardrobe, constructed as described—that is to say, with the material or side piece *a*, which forms one side of the bureau and one side of the wardrobe—substantially as herein shown and described.

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