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Folding-Wardrobe.

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Fig. 1.

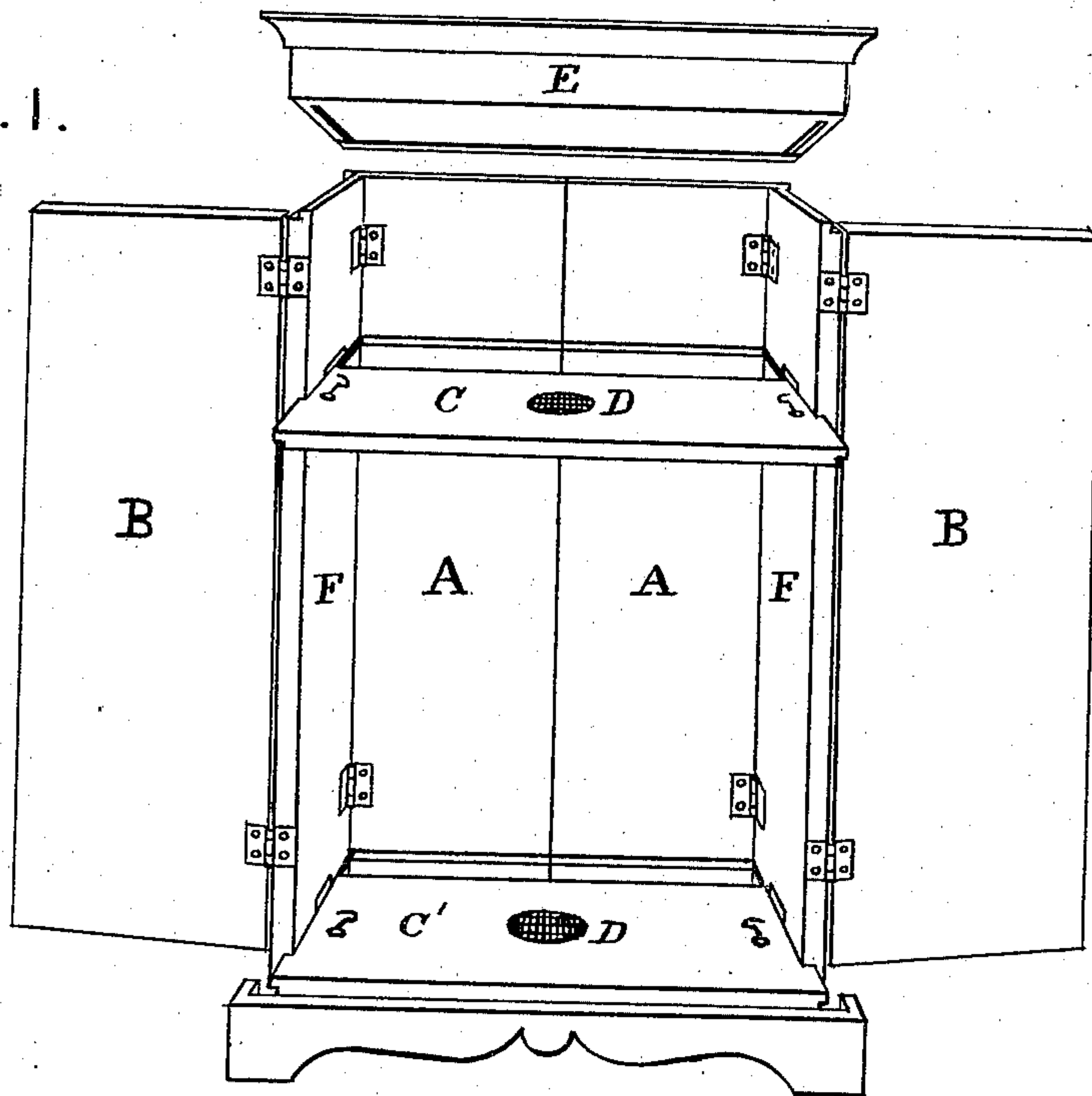
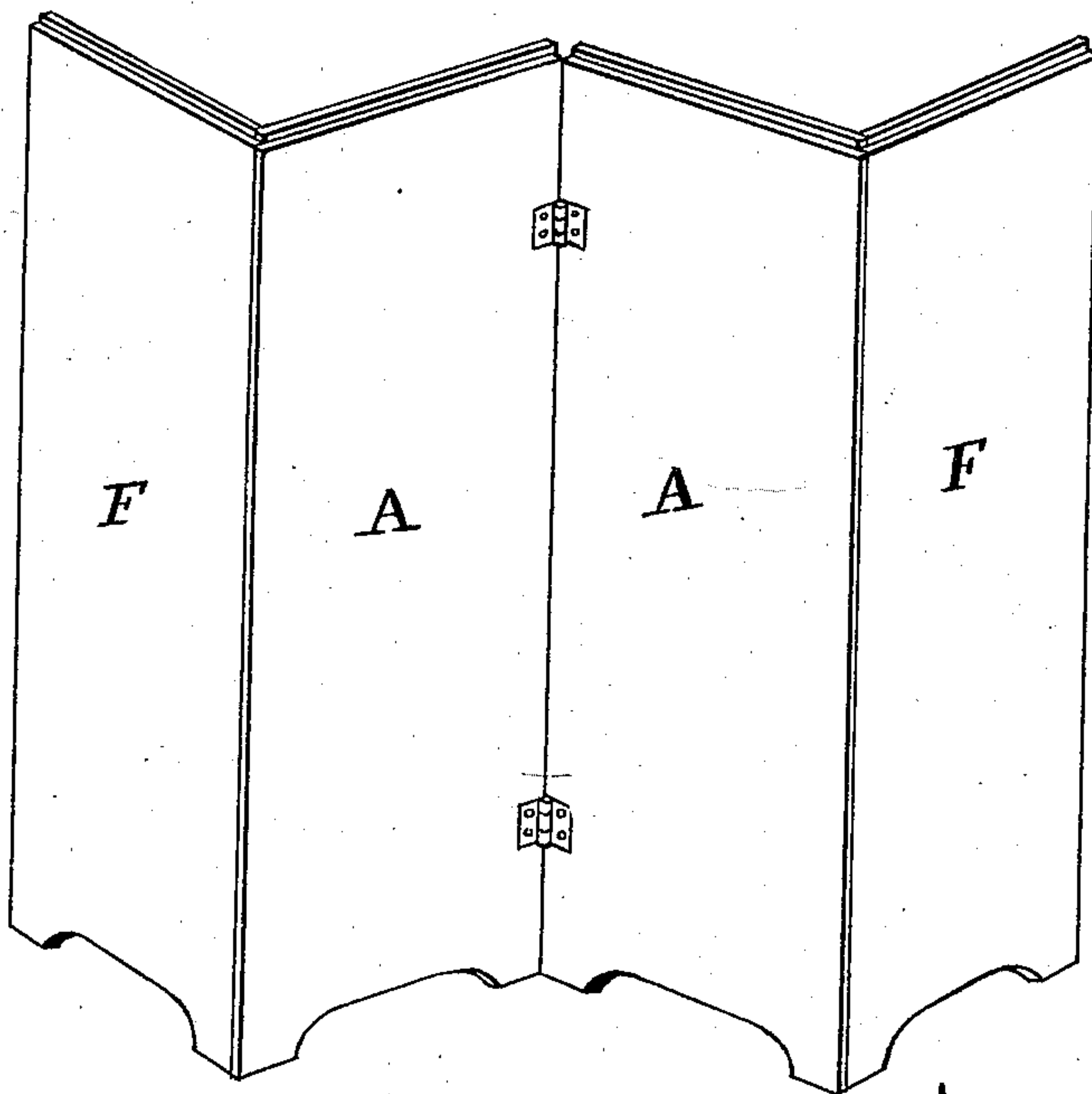


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING WARDROBES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIN A. COLBERT, of the city and county of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Wardrobes or Clothes-Presses; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front interior view of the invention, showing the top turned up and the removable shelf and removable bottom partially withdrawn; and Fig. 2 is a view of the same converted into a clothes-horse, the top, shelves, and doors having been first removed.

This invention relates to an improvement in folding wardrobes or clothes-presses; and consists of a wardrobe in which the end pieces are permanently hinged to a back composed of two pieces permanently hinged together, so as to fold outwardly from the interior of the wardrobe, said back and end pieces being tongued on their upper edges, and said end pieces being grooved near their upper and lower ends, in combination with a removable top and bottom, a removable shelf, and two removable doors, the objects of the invention being to produce a wardrobe or clothes-press which may be readily taken to pieces to cause it to occupy less space while in storage or under transportation, and also, when desired, to convert it into a clothes-horse for exposing its contents to the atmosphere, as will hereinafter more fully appear.

In the description of the accompanying drawing similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the invention.

The back pieces A A are hinged together upon the outside, as shown in Fig. 2. The end pieces F F are hinged to the back pieces A A upon the inside, as shown in Fig. 1, and

the upper edges of the pieces A A and F F are tongued, as shown in Fig. 2. The top E is provided with a groove made to fit on the tongue on the upper edges of the pieces A A and F F, when the latter are in the position shown in Fig. 1—that is to say, when the pieces A A are in a straight line and the pieces F F are at right angles to said straight line. The doors B B are shorter than the pieces F F, and are removably hinged thereto. The shelf C and bottom C' slide in grooves in the inside of the end pieces F F, and are secured thereto by hooks, or in any other suitable manner which will permit them to retain their places, and also permit them to be removed when their fastenings are disconnected. The top E, owing to the tongue-and-groove joint, is removable; and the top, bottom C', and shelf C may be each provided with a ventilator, D, composed of meshes of wire or other suitable material that will admit air to the wardrobe, and at the same time exclude the dust therefrom.

Fig. 2 shows the wardrobe ready for use as a clothes-horse, the top, bottom, doors, and shelf C having been removed.

It will be readily perceived that, when taken to pieces, the wardrobe can be packed in a comparatively small space for storage or transportation.

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

A wardrobe composed of the back pieces A A, end pieces F F, top E, bottom C', shelf C, and doors B B, all constructed, arranged, and operating substantially as described, for the purposes set forth.

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