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FOLDING-WARDROBE.

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Fig. 1.

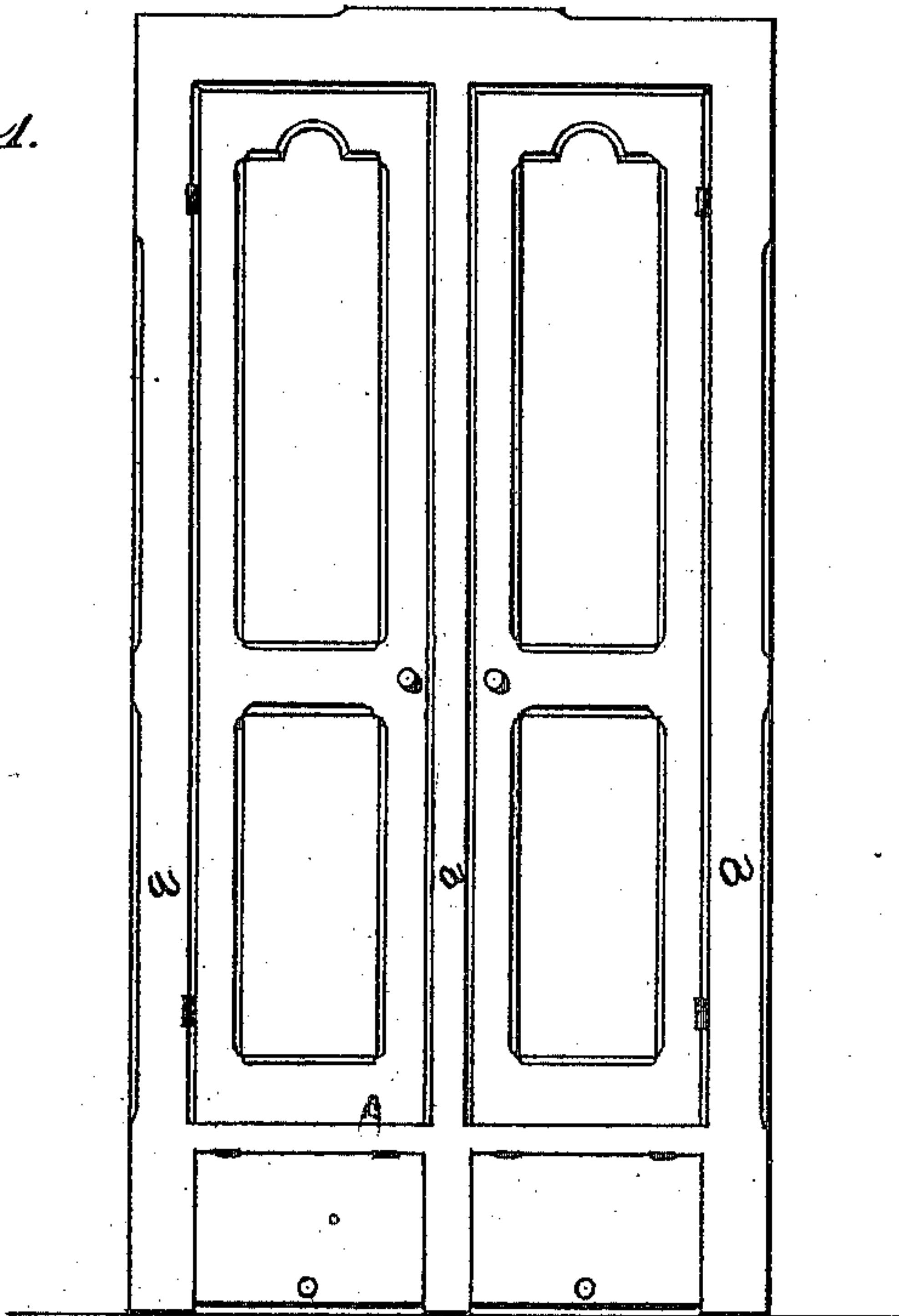


Fig. 2.

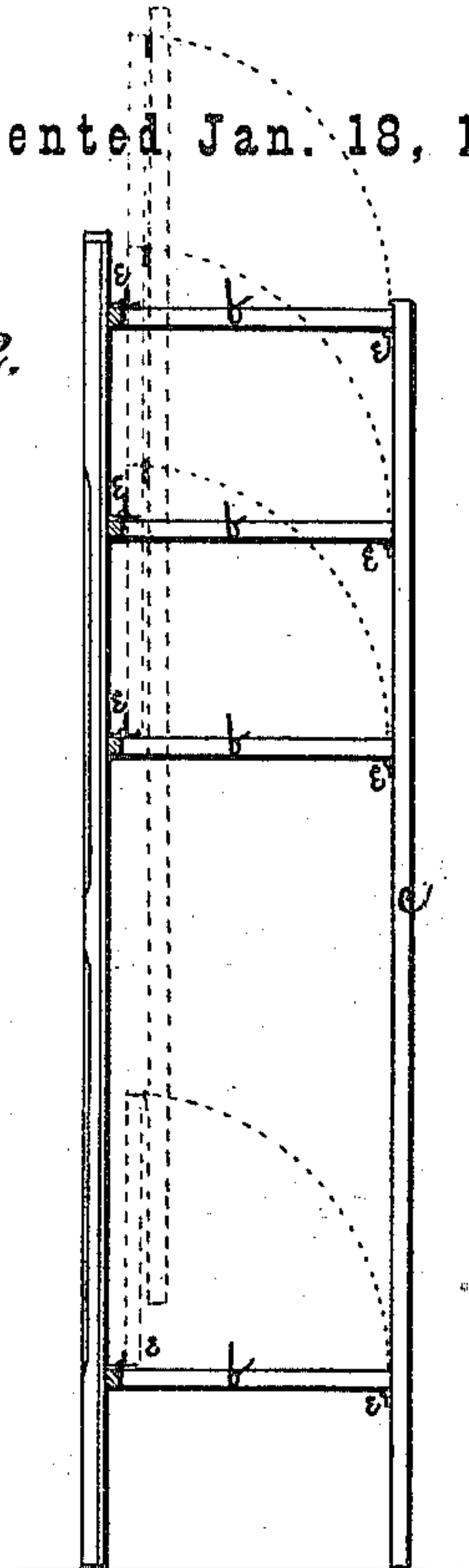


Fig. 3.

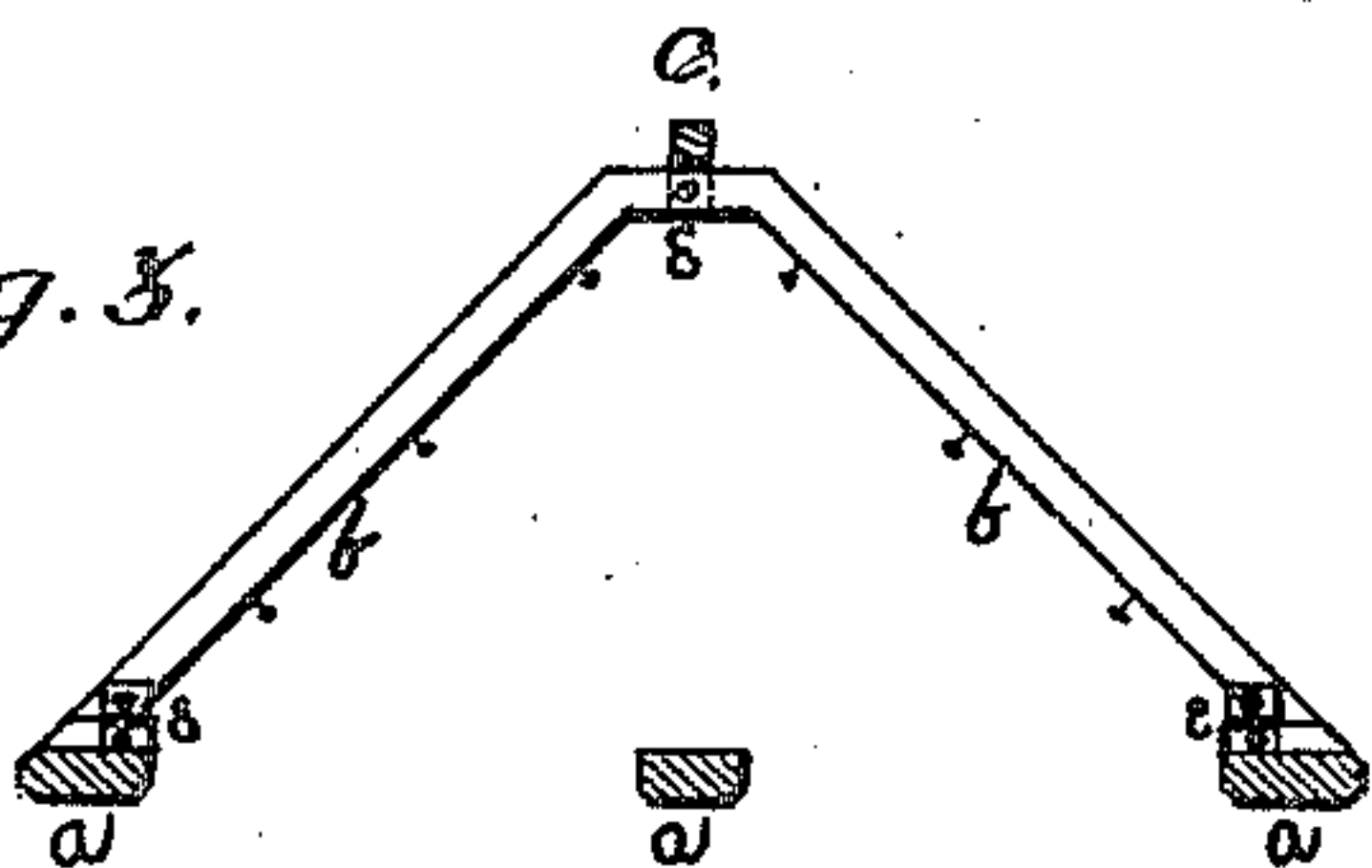
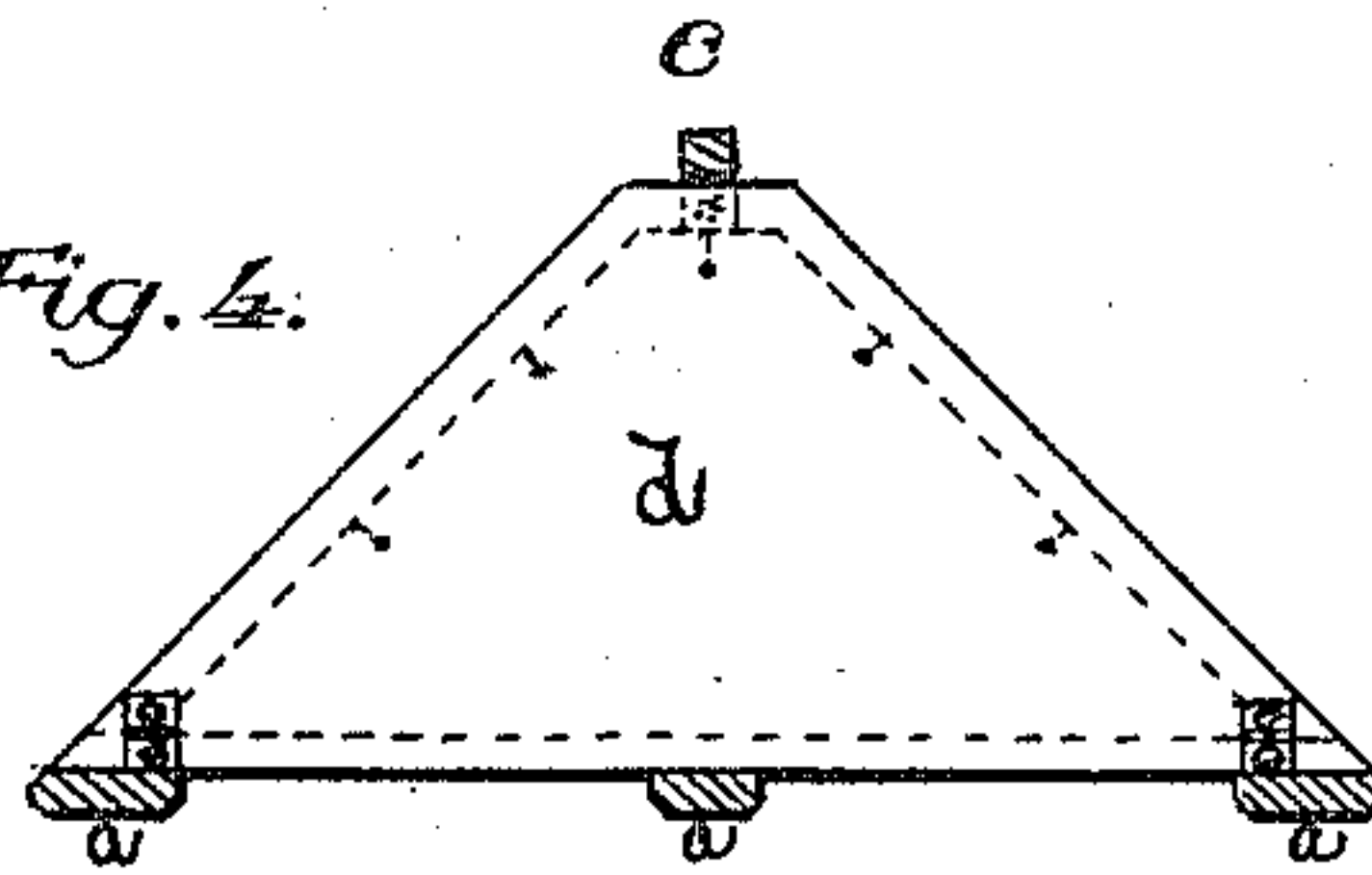


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING WARDROBES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HIRAM SMITH, of Jamestown, county of Chautauqua, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wardrobes, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents an elevation of the front of the wardrobe. Fig. 2 represents the side elevation. Fig. 3 represents a plan of a rib or frame for holding the wardrobe-hooks. Fig. 4 shows a plan of a shelf, the frame or rib of which also holds hooks to hang clothing upon.

The letters *a a a* represent the face-casings of Fig. 1. *b b b b* represent the ribs of the frame in Fig. 2. *c* represents the upright standard, as shown in Fig. 2. *d* represents the shelf, as shown in Fig. 4. *e e e* represent the butts or hinges, as shown in Fig. 3. The dotted lines *f*, as represented in Fig. 2, show the position of the wardrobe when folded. The ribs of the frame *b*, as shown in Fig. 2, are secured to the back of the face-casing *a* by suitable hinges *e*, these hinges being on the top of the rib or bar. These ribs are secured at the other end to the upright standard *c* by hinges *e*, which are placed on the

lower side of ribs *b*. This, when desired, allows the whole frame, which is represented by Fig. 2, to fold upward closely against the front elevation shown in Fig. 1 by the dotted lines.

The accompanying drawing represents a wardrobe for the corner of a room; but the principle is intended to apply to a square wardrobe for the side of a room, also.

The distinguishing feature of my invention is the construction of a skeleton-frame for a wardrobe, so that it may be folded closely together, in order that it may take up very little room in transportation.

Moreover, its peculiar construction requires but comparatively a small amount of lumber, making it light and cheap. These wardrobes may be varied in material or design.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The folding wardrobe consisting of the face-casing *a*, standard *c*, and ribs *b*, connected together by hinges *e*, all constructed substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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