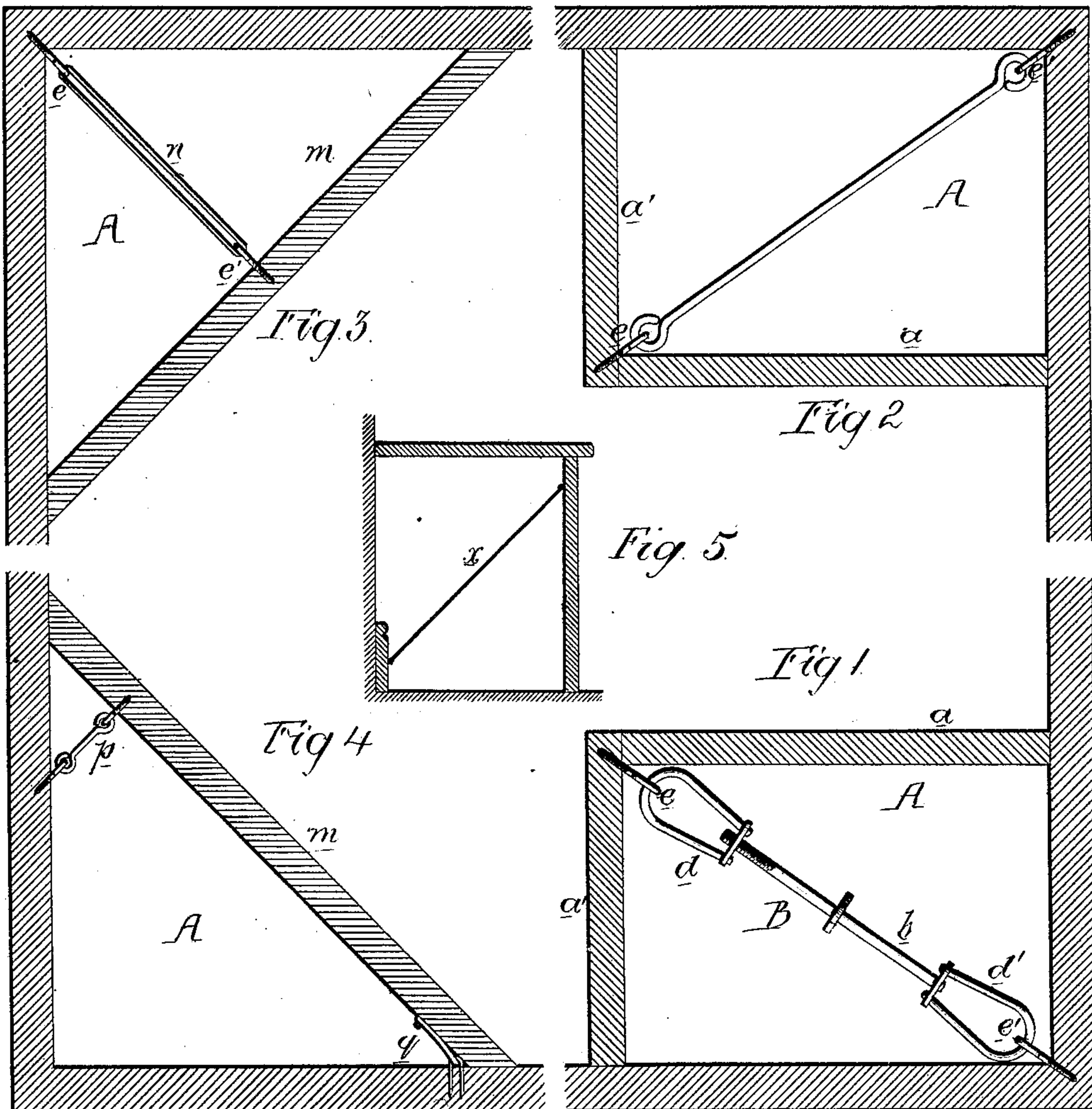


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IMPROVEMENT IN ADJUSTABLE CLOSETS FOR ROOMS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SYLVESTER N. STEWART, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Closets for Rooms, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to readily secure closets or cupboards to the corners of rooms and as readily detach the same; and this object I attain in the manner which I will now proceed to describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a sectional plan of the corner of a room with a closet secured according to my invention; Figs. 2, 3, and 4, similar corners with closets secured by different fastenings; and Fig. 5, a vertical section, illustrating a modification of my invention.

In Fig. 1 the quadrangular closet A consists of two sides, *a a'*, and a suitable top, either side being furnished with a suitable door. In this case the closet is secured by a screw-coupling, B, which, in the present instance, is composed of a rod, *b*, and two links, *d d'*, one end of the rod being so connected to the link *d'* as to turn freely therein, and the opposite threaded end of the rod being screwed into the link *d*, which is coupled to a hook, *e*, attached to the corner of the closet, the other link being coupled to a hook, *e'*, screwed or otherwise fastened to the corner of the room.

On turning the rod *b* in one direction the screw-coupling will be contracted and the outer ends of the two sides of the closet will be drawn tightly against the walls of the room; but on turning the rod *b* in the opposite direction the coupling will be expanded, and may be detached from the hooks, when the closet will be released from its bearings against the wall.

Different kinds of screw-couplings may be used in place of that shown in Fig. 1.

It should be understood that the screw-coupling should in most cases be near the top

of the closet, so as to be as much out of the way as possible; or there may be two couplings, one near the top of the closet, and the other near the floor.

The plan shown in the vertical section, Fig. 5, may be adopted. In this case the coupling-rod shown by the line *x* extends diagonally from the corner of the closet near the top of the same to the floor, or to the wash-board at the corner of the room.

On tightening the rod it will have the effect of forcing the closet both against the walls and downward against the floor of the room. The diagonal rod, however, will interfere to some extent with the free use of the interior of the closet, and may be objectionable for this reason.

In Fig. 2 the fastening consists of a rod with two hooks.

In Fig. 3 the closet is made by placing a single frame, *m*, against two walls, so as to inclose a triangular space, the securing medium in this case consisting of two hooks, *e e*, and a strong band, *n*, of rubber or elastic fabric. A twisted rope may be substituted for the latter.

In the plan shown in Fig. 4 the frame is secured by two fastenings—namely, a coupling-rod, *p*, and a hook, *q*, hinged to the frame and adapted to a staple in the wall.

I claim as my invention—

A detachable closet adapted to the corner of a room, in combination with a hook, eye, or staple secured to the wall, and a connection between the same and the frame of the closet, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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