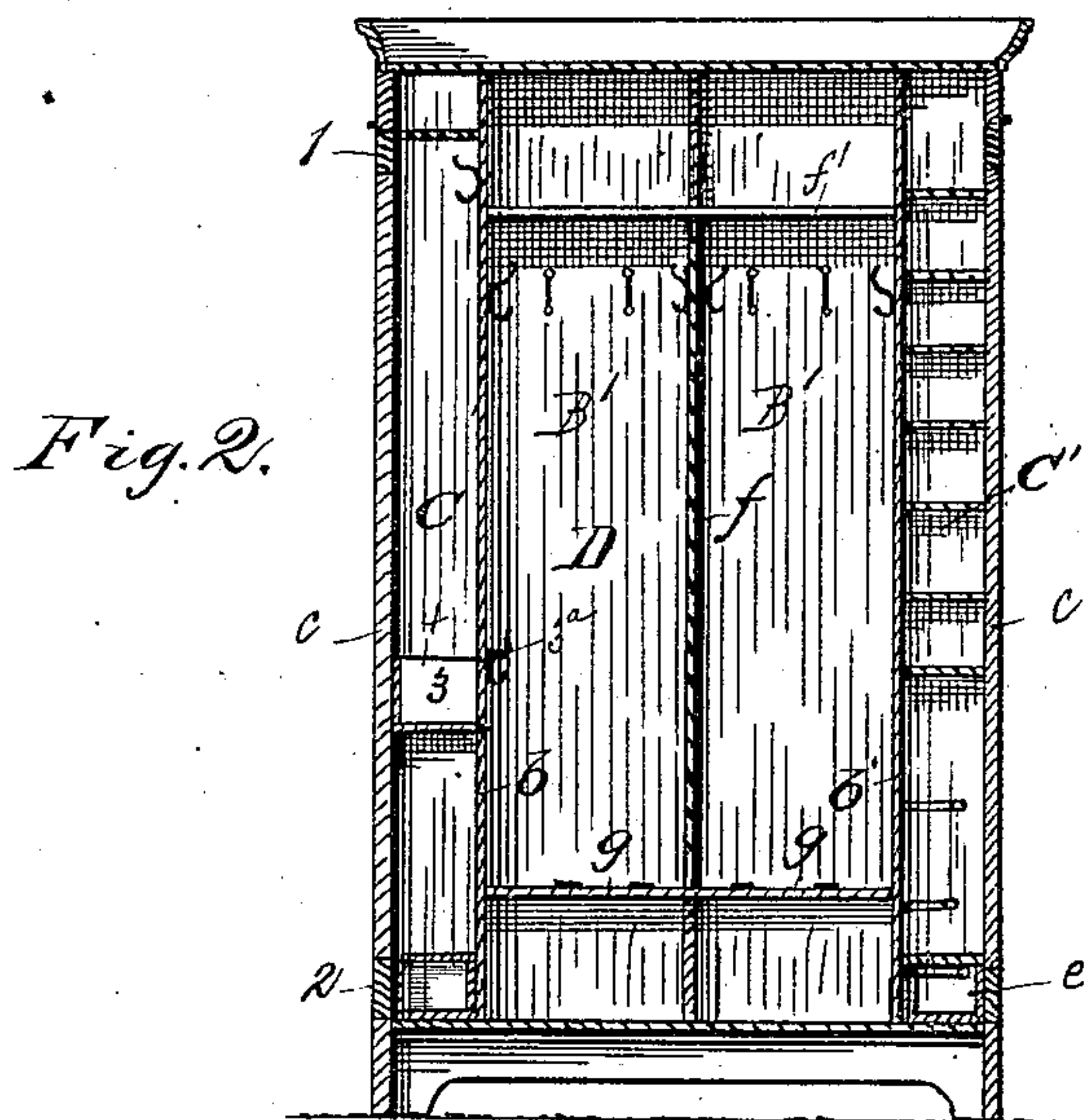
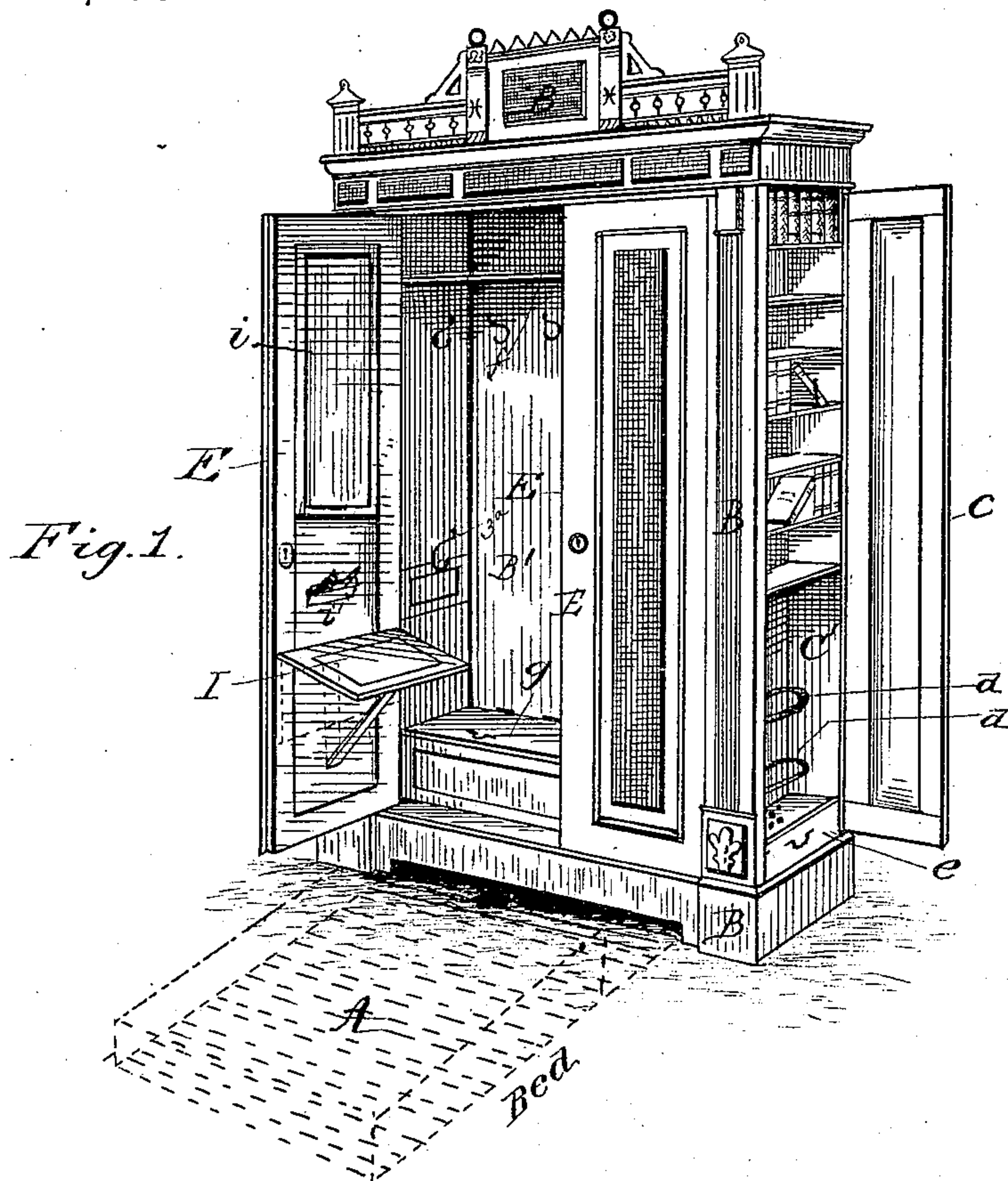


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARTHA A. WINTER, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

This invention relates to that class of devices in which several articles of bedroom-furniture are inclosed in a single case or frame.

The object of the invention is to effect an economy of space in an apartment and save trouble and expense in moving.

To this end the invention consists in certain novel features and combinations, which will be fully described in the ensuing specification, and particularly pointed out in the claims at the close thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved case, showing in dotted lines the mattress or bed withdrawn therefrom for use. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same.

The interior of the case B is constructed to represent a double wardrobe. At a suitable distance in front of the back boards of the case is fixed a partition, B', and between this partition and the back boards, near the top of the case, is secured a spring-roller, to which is attached one end of a web of canvas or other stout material, the other end of which is attached to the head end of a flexible bed or mattress, A. The springs of the roller should be of sufficient strength to lift the mattress A from the floor. The bottom of the case B should be sufficiently cut away at the front to admit of the passage of the mattress.

The wardrobe B is made of the same appearance as usual, but is provided with side partitions, b b', which form end compartments, C C', in each side thereof. These end compartments are provided with doors c, which may be partly glass or perfectly solid, so as when closed to resemble the sides of an ordinary wardrobe.

The end compartment, C', is provided with a series of removable shelves from about the

middle of its height to the top, which can be used to hold books or other articles. The door c may be provided with one or more glass panels, so that the books or other articles upon the shelves may be seen when the door is closed. That space in the compartment C' below the bottom shelf is provided at the bottom with a drawer, e, and the strip above it, which forms a slide for the drawer, is made with cup-like rests therein, as shown, and above this drawer, onto the partition b', are secured, by screws or otherwise, outwardly-turned bands d, which serve as an umbrella or cane rack. The compartment C at the other side of the case is provided near the top with a shelf, l, beneath which are secured hooks, upon which may be hung waterproofs, gossamers, or any mantle which may have been worn out in wet weather, this compartment being designed for that purpose, so that they will not have to be hung in the main compartment, where, usually, the best apparel is hung.

The compartment C is divided at about the center of its height by a metal partition, 4, designed to catch the drippings from the wet garments. Beneath this partition is a secret drawer, 3, which opens through the partition b. To the front of the drawer is secured a combined drawer-pull and locking-hook, 3<sup>a</sup>, (made to represent an ordinary wardrobe-hook,) provided with a projection which, when the hook is turned to a vertical position, engages a notch in the partition b and locks the drawer; but when turned to a horizontal position releases the drawer so that it can be opened. Another drawer, 2, is arranged at the bottom of the compartment C.

The main compartment D is divided in the center by a vertical partition, f, and a cross-partition, f', at the top, forming a shelf therein in each side. At the bottom of this main compartment thus divided, at each side of the partition f, I have provided a receptacle which is designed to hold soiled clothing, shoes, slippers, or such like, and instead of this being a drawer opening out from the wardrobe, as are those of usual construction, I form these receptacles with hinged lids g g, fastened to the back of the wardrobe. The particular object of so providing these receptacles is that the doors E of the divisions of the main compart-



ment will not have to be opened to a very great extent to allow access to the receptacles at the bottom, as described, as is the case with wardrobes heretofore used, in which, in the  
5 place of the receptacles opening and closing as explained, outwardly-opening drawers are used.

The door E of one of the divisions of the main compartment is provided on the inner  
10 side with a mirror or looking-glass, *i*, and immediately beneath this glass is provided a pocket, *i'*, for a brush and comb or other articles, and also on the door, at a sufficient height from the floor, is secured a writing-desk, I, which is  
15 designed to fold down against the door, so as not to interfere with the closing of the door.

The book-shelves in compartment C' may be removed and hooks be secured therein, thus  
20 adapting it to be used for the reception of garments.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

In a wardrobe having the main compartment D and side compartment C separated by a partition having an opening therein, the secret  
25 drawer arranged to slide through said opening, and having secured to its upper front edge a hook which serves as a handle for opening and closing the drawer, and also as a clothes-hook for articles which will conceal the drawer when  
30 the same is closed, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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