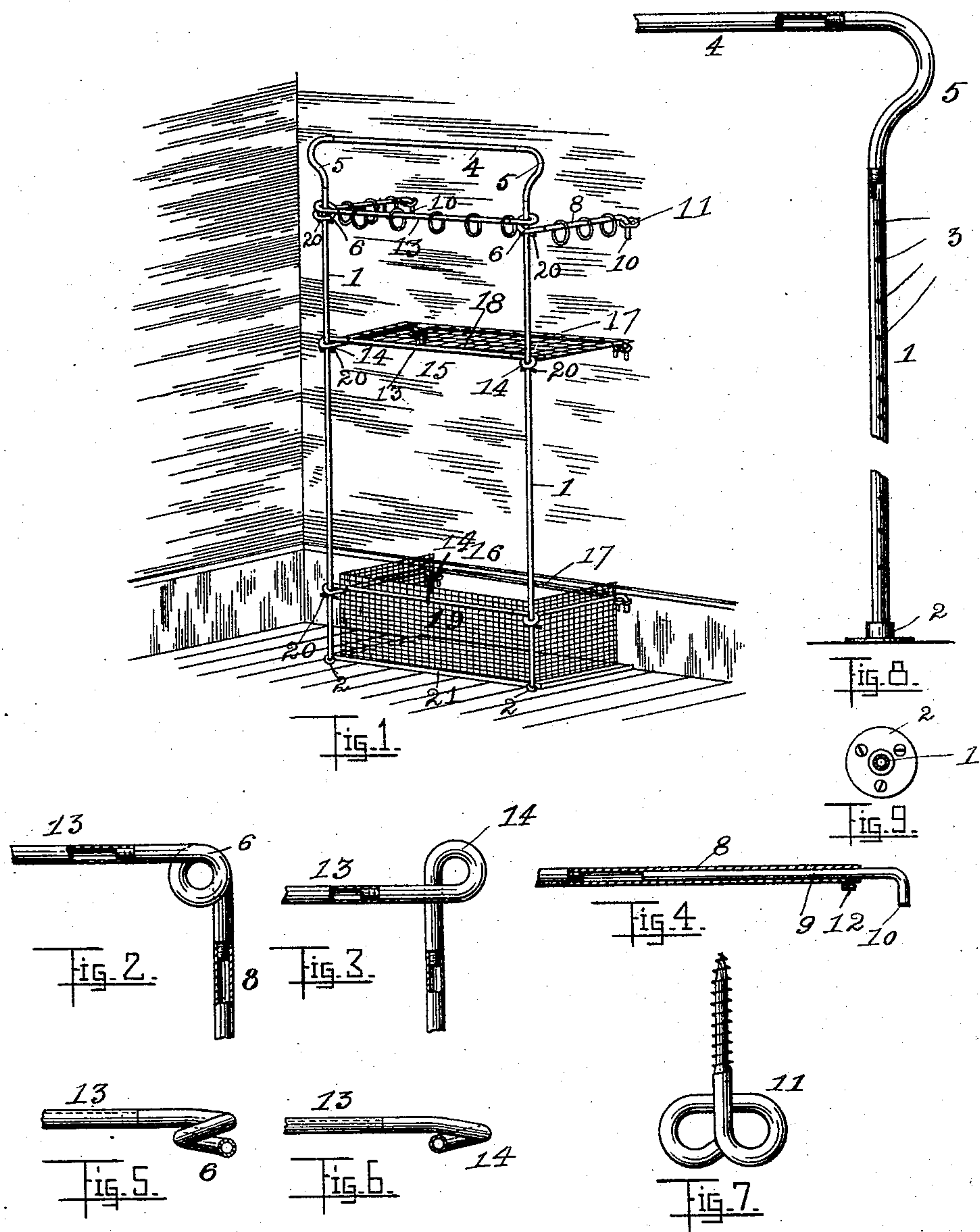


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. REDDING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Wardrobes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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 figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to wardrobes, the object being to make them easily adjustable within a considerable limit of size, and also to make a device of this class which may be easily taken apart and packed within a small compass for shipment.

The details of construction whereby these ends are accomplished are hereinafter fully described, and the preferable form of construction is shown in the drawings accompanying.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the parts as they appear when fully assembled and in place, the curtains, however, being omitted for sake of clearness. Fig. 2 is a detail of the corner-piece of the top bar or curtain-bar, showing by means of section the manner of attaching the side pieces thereto. Fig. 3 is a detail of the two remaining corner-pieces, differing somewhat in form of bend from the one shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail in section of the side rods and manner of adjusting same to bring the front of the wardrobe farther from the wall. Figs. 5 and 6 are details in side elevation of the corners shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Fig. 7 is a view of the double-headed screw-eye. Fig. 8 is a detail in side elevation of the front rods and their corner-pieces, also showing the pedestal by which they are secured to the floor. Fig. 9 is a plan of the lower portion of Fig. 8, showing the rod in section.

In the figures like numerals of reference are employed in the designation of corresponding parts in all the several views.

The front piece of the wardrobe is composed of several elements—namely, the two uprights

1, which are secured to the floor in a suitably-rigid manner by the use of the collars or pedestals 2, into which they are screwed, said pedestals being screwed firmly to the floor. These side pieces are provided with a series of holes 3 passing through them, the object of which will be presently understood, and are secured together and held relatively stationary at their tops by means of the horizontal rod 4, which is screwed into the inner ends of the curved corner-pieces 5, as best seen in Fig. 8. The said corner-pieces 5 are of solid metal of the desired size, and the uprights 1 and the horizontally-disposed piece 4 are of pipe, the ends of the said corner-pieces 5 being screw-threaded and the parts 1 and 4 being interiorly screw-threaded on their ends to receive said parts 5. If desired, the part 4 may have cast or otherwise affixed thereon a fanciful design of suitable nature, or a second curtain may be draped therefrom of a suitable fabric to add beauty to the structure. The curtain-rod is composed of the corners 6, bent so as to form a ring, so that when placed in position the ring will be inside of the general line of the rod, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, and having rings 7 strung thereon for engagement with the pin-hooks commonly used in draping portière or lace curtains. The corners 6 are bent, as described, in order to form a limit for the rings along the side and front portions, so that a pull on the front part of the curtain will not disarrange the side portions thereof; also in order that there may be no projection of the curved portion beyond the line of the sides, which would cause the curtain to drape badly around said corners. The side pieces 8 are of pipe and are connected with the corners 6 by means of the hereinbefore-mentioned screw construction, and hooked slides 9 are introduced within said pipes 8 and slide freely therein, being provided with hooks 10 on their free ends for engagement with the screw-eyes 11, and the part 8 being provided with a set-screw 12, of suitable construction, to be easily turned through said pipe 8 and engage the parts 9 and hold them firmly within the said pieces 8 in any position at which they are set. This construction obviously permits any reasonable adjustment to and from the wall as

requirements demand. Front rods 13 are employed between these corners 6, as well as between the corners 14, which will presently be described. The end pin-hook on each of the curtains will be hooked into the eye of the tip screw-eye not in use, as will be seen on reference to the upper right-hand corner of Fig. 1. The shelf and basket supports 15 and 16, respectively, are substantially like the curtain-rod in construction, excepting the corner-pieces 14, in which are formed rings, which, when the rods are in position, will be outside of the rods, as seen in Figs. 3 and 6, the side and front pieces of said supports being inside the uprights 1. By having the curtain-rod outside and the shelf and bracket supporting rods inside of the uprights the curtains will hang from their supports clear of the lower rods, and thereby present a neater appearance than if they hung against them. The rod 17, having downwardly-bent hooks on its ends, is hooked into the free eyes of the screw-eyes 11 at a point slightly above the vertical center of the wardrobe, and to this rod are secured small hooks for hanging up garments therein. Hooks may also be caught into the wire fabric composing the shelf 18, which shelf rests on the top of the support 15 and said rod 17, and by reason of this perforation dust will not gather thereon when not in use. The basket 19 is composed of a strip of wire-cloth bent into rectangular form and set within the support 16. Pins 20 are inserted in the holes 3 at any desired height, and on these pins rest the corner-pieces of the curtain, the shelf, and the basket-supports. If desired, a supplementary floor 21 may be placed on the floor of the room in order that dust may not be swept into the basket.

The rods 4 and 14 may be made of any length and the width of the wardrobe is gov-

erned thereby, wardrobes being sold by stated dimensions.

This device is obviously adapted to use for many purposes; but the uses to which a wardrobe is dedicated are the principal points of advantage.

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

1. In an adjustable wardrobe, the uprights seated at their lower ends in sockets, the rod connecting the upper ends of the uprights, the curtain-support consisting of the corners 6, having rings formed therein, the rods connecting the inner ends of the corners, the rods connecting the corners with the wall, the rings in the corners being inside of the line of the rods, the supports consisting of the corners 14, having rings formed therein, the rods connecting the inner ends of the corners, the rods connecting the corners with the wall, the rings in the said corners 14 being outside of the line of the rods, and the curtain attached to the curtain-support, substantially as described.

2. An adjustable wardrobe consisting of the corner-posts 1, secured to the floor near the wall and held relatively stationary at their top ends, means for draping curtains from said wall around said uprights, a shelf-support consisting of a rod 15, bent as specified, and adapted to engage with the screw-eyes, and the rod 17, connecting said screw-eyes and a shelf 18 thereon, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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