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Fig. 1.

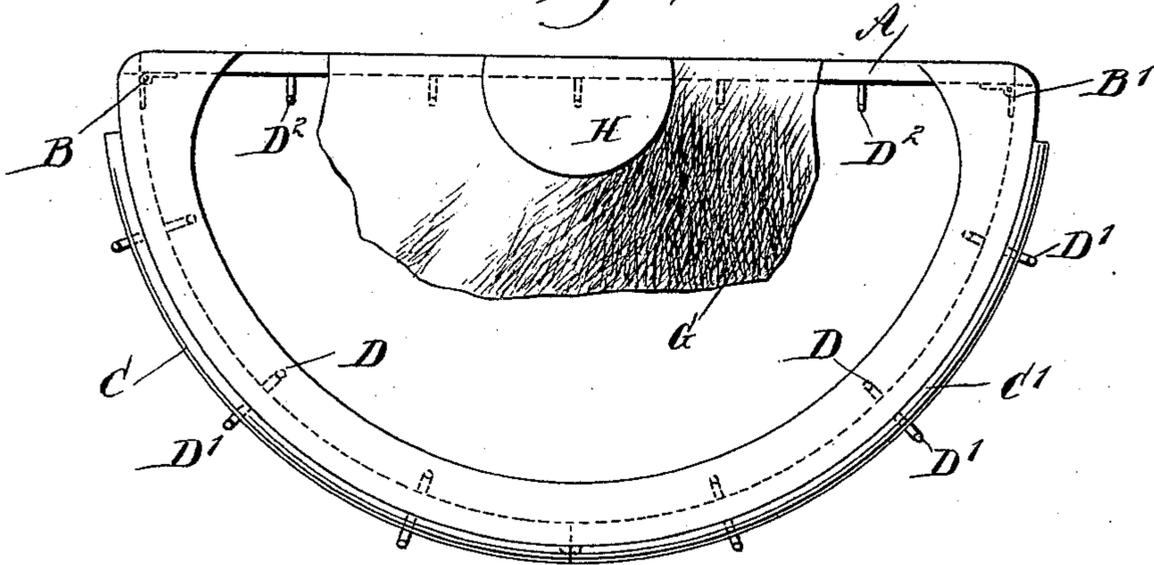


Fig. 2.

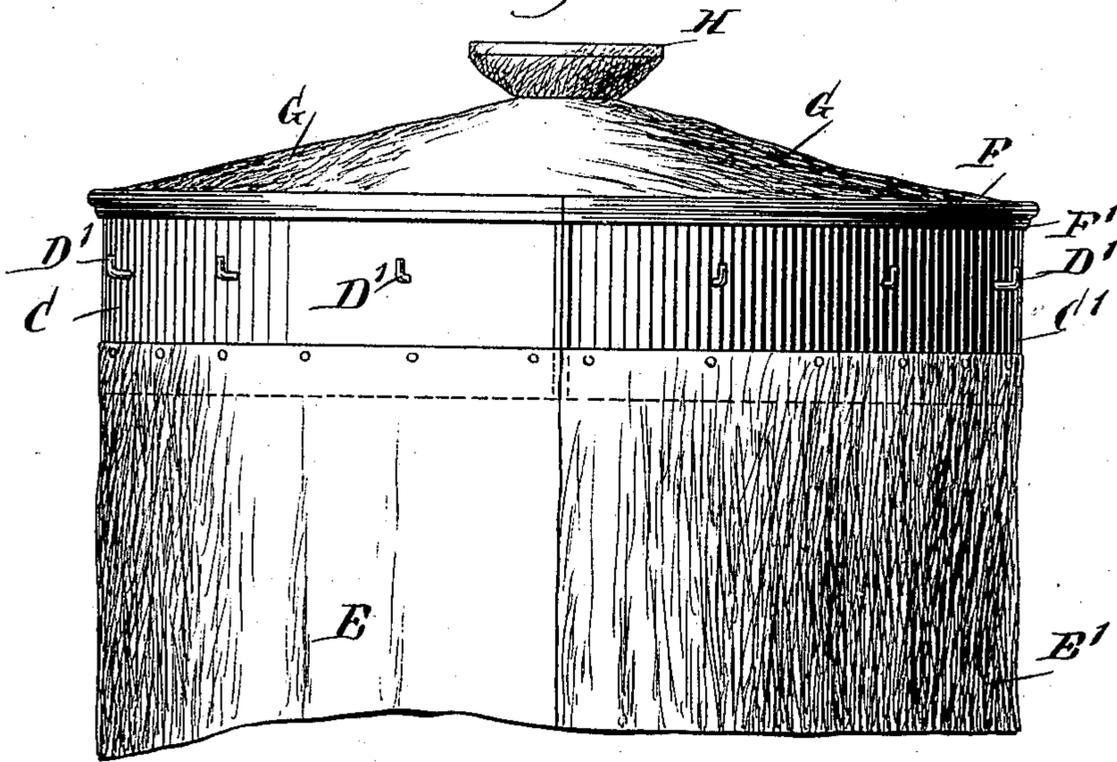
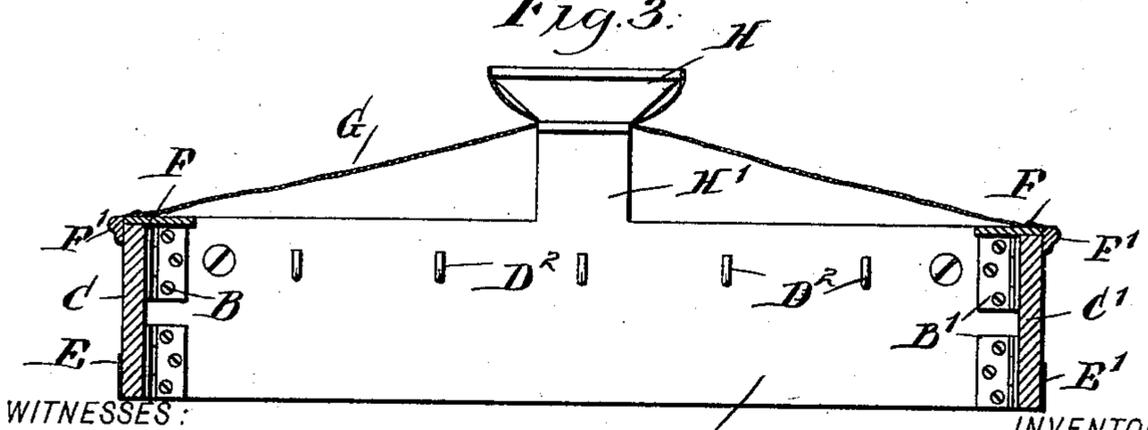


Fig. 3.



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## COMBINED CLOTHES RACK AND CLOSET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENE CHRISTEN, of Decatur, in the county of Adams and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved  
5 Combined Clothes Rack and Closet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to knockdown or folding furniture; and its object is to provide a  
10 new and improved combined clothes rack and closet which is simple and durable in construction, adapted to be readily set up and extended for supporting a large number of suits, dresses, and other garments, and arranged to conveniently fold into a comparatively small space for carrying the device in a trunk or the like.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as  
20 will be fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improvement with parts broken out. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the improvement, and Fig. 3 is a sectional side elevation of the same.

30 The improved piece of knockdown furniture is provided with a back A, adapted to be fastened to a wall or other support by screws or like devices, and on the ends of said back A are arranged hinges B B', connected with doors C C', respectively, made segmental in shape, their free ends being adapted to abut against one another, as plainly indicated in the drawings, to form a  
40 semicircular inclosure, as will be readily understood by reference to said drawings.

The doors C C' are provided on the inside with clothes-hooks D, and similar clothes-hooks D' are arranged on the outside thereof, and clothes-hooks D<sup>2</sup> are on the front face of  
45 the back A, so that garments can be suspended within the device as well as on the outside thereof. A mantle of fabric material is attached to the doors C C', the mantle being made of pieces of fabric material E E',  
50 attached at their upper ends at the lower

ends of said doors, so as to assume the shape thereof and to form a complete inclosure when the doors are closed to protect the clothes within the closet from dust or the like.

In order to hold the doors C C' in a closed  
55 position, a suitable lock is provided. On the top of the doors and the back A rests a top F, in the form of a half-ring, having its outer edge abutting against moldings F', secured to the upper edges of the doors. Access is  
60 had to the inside of the closet by spreading the mantle-pieces E E' apart. A flexible cover G extends from the ring-shaped top F in an upward and inward direction to fasten  
65 upon a shelf H, carried by an extension H', attached to or forming part of the back A, as plainly indicated in Fig. 1. This top G completes the closet and prevents dust or other impurities from passing into the closet from  
70 above. The cover G folds into a comparatively small space when the device is not in use and is folded up for storing or other purposes.

It will be seen that by the arrangement described the device can be readily set up for  
75 conveniently storing garments of all descriptions on the inside as well as on the outside thereof, and at the same time the piece of furniture is ornamental in appearance and permits of supporting various articles on the  
80 top of the shelf.

It will be seen that this device will readily take the place of the large and cumbersome wardrobes now in use, can be placed in any  
85 desired position in a room, is easily adjusted, and occupies very little room-space.

As the mantle does not extend to the floor, it permits of conveniently sweeping the floor to allow of keeping the room clean and without an accumulation of dust, as is so frequently the case where wardrobes of ordinary  
90 construction are used.

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

95 1. A combined clothes rack and closet, comprising a back, segmental doors hinged to the back, and adapted to abut against each other at their free ends, a mantle carried by the doors and a removable top for the said doors,  
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said top being half-ring shaped and resting upon the upper edges of the doors, and back, substantially as shown and described.

2. A combined clothes rack and closet, comprising a back, segmental doors hinged to the back, and adapted to abut against each other at their free ends, a mantle carried by the doors a removable top for the said doors, said top being half-ring shaped and resting upon the upper edges of the doors, and back, a shelf carried by the back, and a cover of a fabric material connecting the said shelf with the said top, substantially as shown and described.

3. A combined clothes rack and closet, comprising a back having an extension at about its middle, a segmental front, a mantle formed of two pieces of fabric and secured to the segmental front, a semicircular ring resting upon the upper edges of the back and front, and a cover of fabric secured to the ring and to the extension of the back, substantially as described.

4. A combined clothes rack and closet, comprising a back provided with an extension having a shelf at its end, segmental doors hinged to the back and adapted to abut against each other, and a cover formed of a semicircular ring resting upon the upper edges of the doors and back, and a piece of fabric secured to the

ring and to the shelf carried by the extension of the back, substantially as described.

5. A combined clothes rack and closet, comprising a back provided with an extension having a shelf at its end, segmental doors hinged to the back and provided with a molding at their upper edges, a mantle formed of two pieces of fabric, one secured to the lower edge of each door, a semicircular ring resting upon the upper edges of the doors and back and abutting against the moldings of the doors, and a piece of fabric secured to the ring and to the shelf of the extension of the back, substantially as herein shown and described.

6. A combined clothes rack and closet, comprising a back adapted to be fastened to a support and provided with hooks, a shelf supported from said back above the same, segmental doors hinged to the ends of the back and adapted to abut against each other at their free ends, a top for the said doors, a cover of a flexible material connecting said shelf with said top, and a mantle made of two pieces of fabric material attached to said doors, substantially as shown and described.

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