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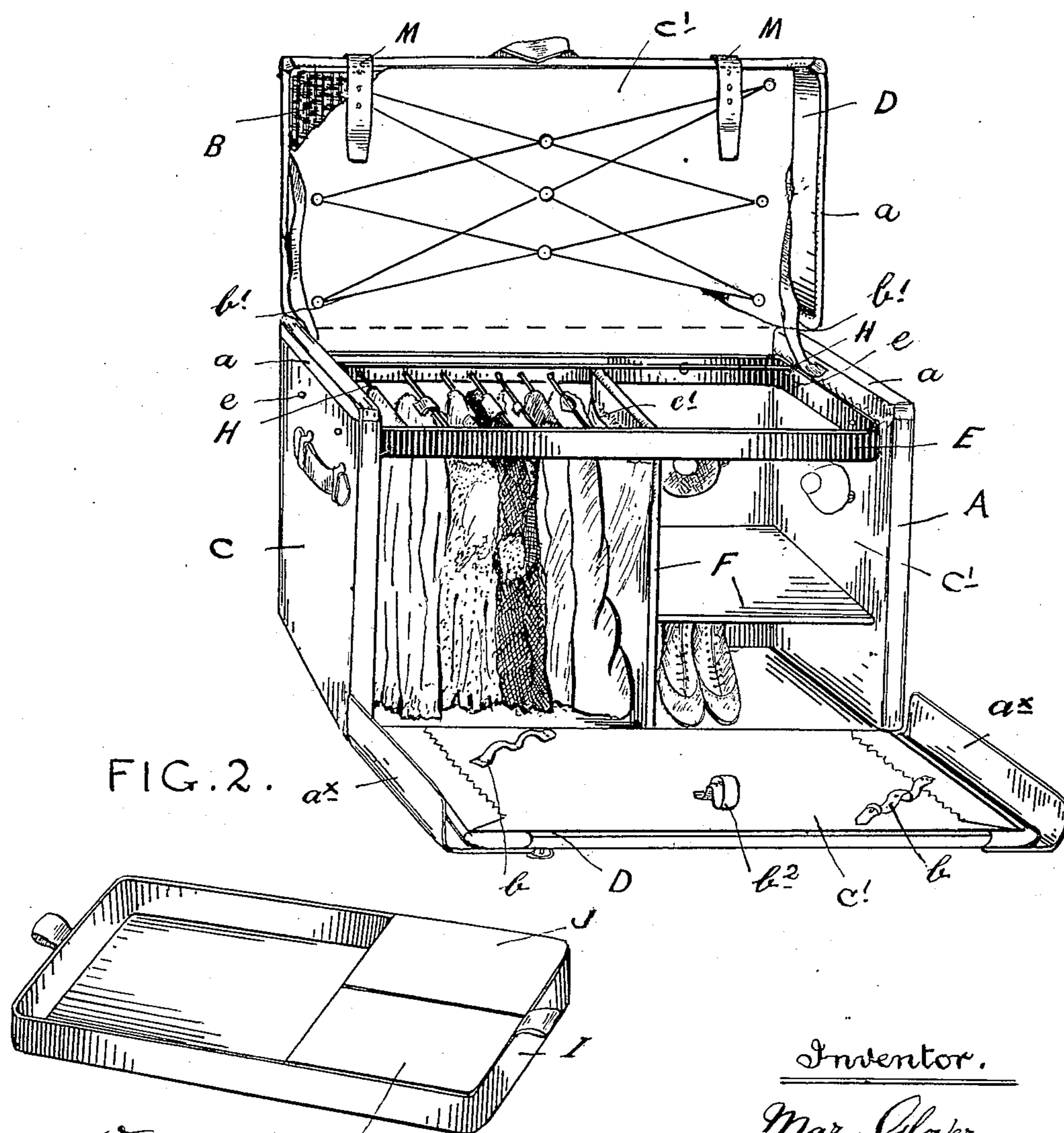
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FIG. 1.



Witnesses.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY GLOVER, a subject of Her British Majesty Queen Victoria, residing at No. 29 Lower Charles street, Leicester, in the county of Leicester, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks or Cases for Carrying or Exhibiting Ladies' Wearing-Apparel or other Articles; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in trunks or cases constructed and designed with a view of forming a traveling wardrobe for the reception of dresses, blouses, hats, bonnets, boots, slippers, clean and soiled linen, toilet requisites, umbrellas, parasols, and other articles which it is the habit of persons carrying, especially so when the trunk or case is required to be used, such as by artists, several times in one night, or for customs examination, without packing or unpacking the articles.

Drawings accompany this specification, which fully show the entire arrangement, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the trunk open, and Fig. 2 a movable tray fitting on the strengthening-frame and fits flush with the top of the ends of the trunk.

The front of the trunk opens, and fitted to the sides are metal flanges  $a^x$ , which grip the ends of the trunk when closed and keep them from bursting out. Said trunk or case A is constructed and arranged in the following manner: The body B is made of wicker-work or of a material known as "compressed" cane covered on the outside with leather  $c$  and canvas and on the inside with a suitable lining material  $c'$ . In the case of wicker both sides are covered with millboard  $o$  to present an even appearance thereto. The flanges or angles  $a^x$  are also covered with leather and leather strips  $a$  are sewed over the edges. The inside of the drop-down front carries the straps  $b$  for holding umbrellas, sticks, or the like, and tapes or cords  $b'$  are fitted to the lining of the lid. The strap  $b^2$  to the lining

$c'$  of the front is fastened around the front of the strengthening-frame E. The ends and back of the trunk or case are riveted at  $e$  to the strengthening and carrying frame E, in which are firmly or removably fixed longitudinal and transverse rods H. Within this frame are the partition-wall F and floor, forming compartments for hats and boots or the like. Ordinary hanging devices are placed on the rods, adapted to hold and suspend the blouses, dresses, or other garments, as shown in Fig. 1. Soiled linen can be carried in the pocket  $e'$  on side of wall F. The clean linen, gloves, and handkerchiefs are placed in the compartments in the movable tray I and the latter in the boxes J. Said tray is of the size and fits on the frame E. The lid covers the drop-down front and is fastened thereto by the ordinary straps M and lock.

Among the advantages in the trunk that can specially be observed is that all the various garments are carried in regular order and any one of them can be removed without interfering with or disturbing the others.

I would have it well understood that I make no claim to a fall-down front, for in trunks they are well known, or for a skirt-case with doors which when open disclose a sliding hanging frame and that hanging devices have been secured to an open lid. These I disclaim; but

What I desire to secure by Letters Patent and claim is—

A wardrobe-trunk having a folding lid and front, the latter provided with flanges, the body formed of wicker-work covered on both sides with millboard and on the outside with leather and canvas, and on the inside with a suitable lining material, the back and ends riveted to a strengthening and carrying frame, and suspending devices fitted thereto, a removable tray fitting thereon, partition-wall and floor forming compartments; fastening-straps, substantially as described.

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

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