

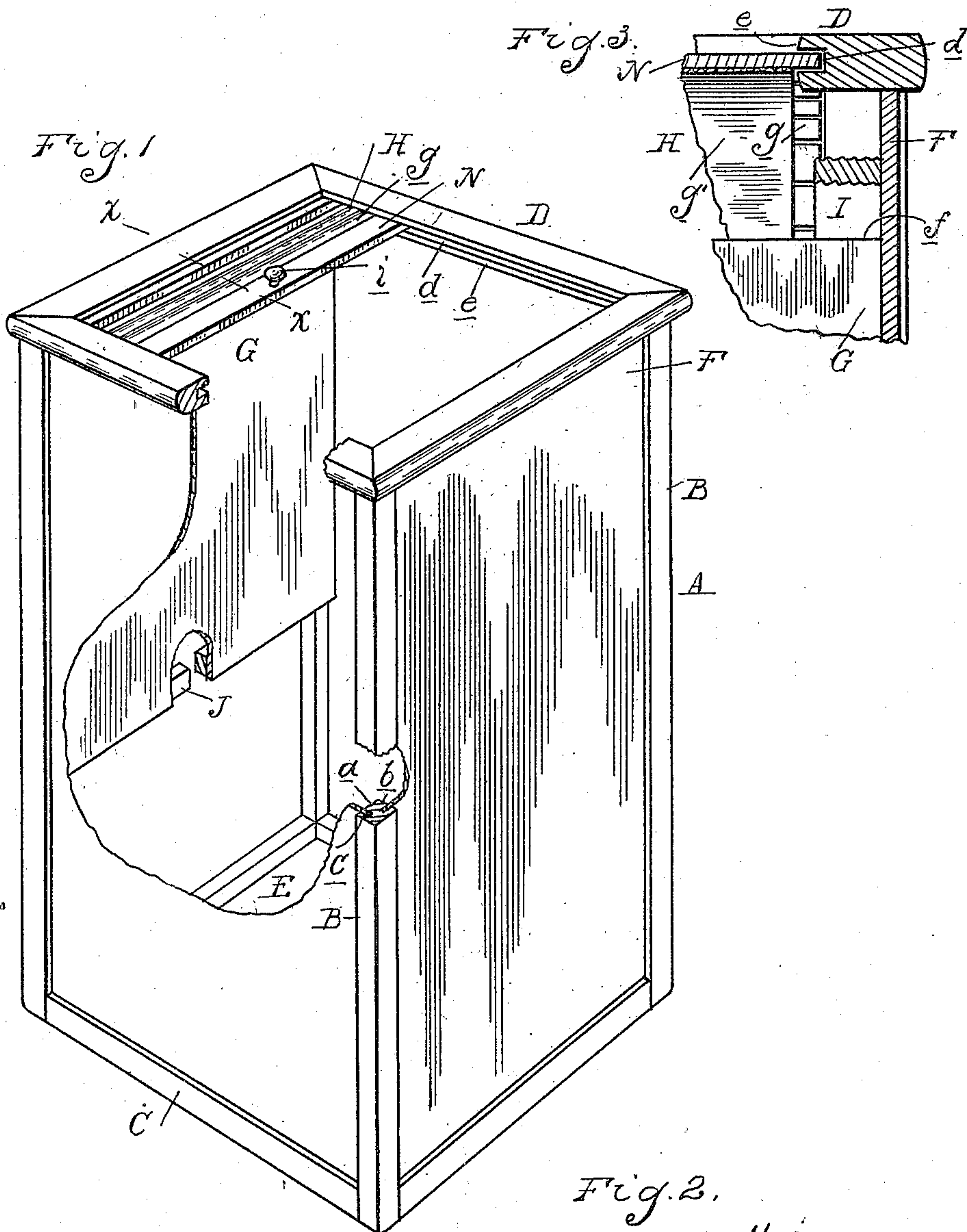
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. DAVIDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Big Rapids, in the county of Mecosta and State

5 of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hampers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 The invention has particular reference to clothes-hampers; and it consists in the novel construction thereof and the peculiar arrangement and combination of the various parts, as will be hereinafter set forth, and

15 shown in the drawings.
Figure 1 is a sectional perspective view of my improved hamper. Fig. 2 is a section taken on line *xx* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a section on line *yy* of Fig. 2.

20 In the construction of the hamper I employ an upright skeleton framework A, composed of four uprights B, each of which in the faces *a b* is provided with a groove, such as *c*, for the purpose herein described. The uprights

25 are connected at their lower ends by cross-rails C. Mounted upon the upper ends of the uprights is a rectangular frame D, constituting the hamper-top, having grooves or slots *d* formed in the inner faces *e* of two of its

30 opposite sides, as plainly shown.
E designates a bottom member for the hamper, secured to the cross-rails C, and F are the side sections of the hamper, engaging the slots in the uprights, as plainly shown in Fig. 1.

35 Secured to the inner faces of two of the uprights intermediate of the grooved members of the hamper-top is a plate or panel G, which extends to near the top of the hamper and to a point below the middle of the latter.

40 This plate forms in connection with the adjoining side section of the hamper a vertical pocket at one of the hamper sides intermediate of the ways formed in the hamper-top, which is adapted to receive a flexible roll-

45 cover H.
I designates guides for the cover in the form of blocks convex in form. These blocks, as shown in Fig. 2, are interposed between the upper edge *f* of the panel and the lower

50 faces of the grooved members of the rectangular frame, the blocks being two in number and arranged at each side of the panel, as indicated. The blocks are preferably wedged in their respective positions and have a bearing at their lower ends against the skeleton

55 framework. Suitable means are thus provided whereby the cover may be moved from its pocket across the opening in the top of the hamper, and the blocks are rigidly secured to the hamper in the manner set forth. Furthermore, the guide-blocks, together with the panel, in addition to performing their ordinary functions, serve as a shield, preventing the hamper contents from contacting with the cover and allowing the latter to be readily

60 closed when desired.
The cover referred to is of the usual construction, consisting of a series of independent strips *g*, having a suitable backing *g'*, the extreme outer strip N being provided with a

70 suitable knob, such as *i*. To prevent the knob from striking against the hamper-top upon the opening of the hamper, I have provided a stop J, limiting the inward movement of the cover. This stop is in the form of a

75 horizontal bar interposed between the lower portion of the panel and the adjoining side section of the hamper, as plainly indicated in Fig. 1.

80 From the foregoing description of my invention it will be observed that a hamper of simple and durable construction is provided which may be cheaply and conveniently manufactured.

85 What I claim as my invention is—
A clothes-hamper, comprising an upright skeleton frame consisting of uprights, each provided with grooves *a* and *b*, and cross-bars connecting the lower ends of the uprights, a bottom member secured to the cross-rails and

90 side members engaging the grooves within the uprights, a rectangular frame forming the hamper-top mounted upon the upper ends of said uprights and having the grooves or ways *c* formed in the inner faces of two of its

95 opposite sides, a single plate or panel secured upon the inner faces of two of the uprights forming in connection with the adjoining side section a vertical pocket at one of the hamper sides intermediate of the ways in the top,

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convex guide-blocks at each side of the panel
interposed between the upper edge of the lat-
ter and the grooved members of the rectan-
gular frame, a flexible roll-cover within the
5 pocket extending over the guide-blocks and
adapted to travel within the ways in the
hamper-top, and a horizontal bar interposed
between the lower portion of the panel and

the adjoining side section, adapted to limit
the inward movement of the cover. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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