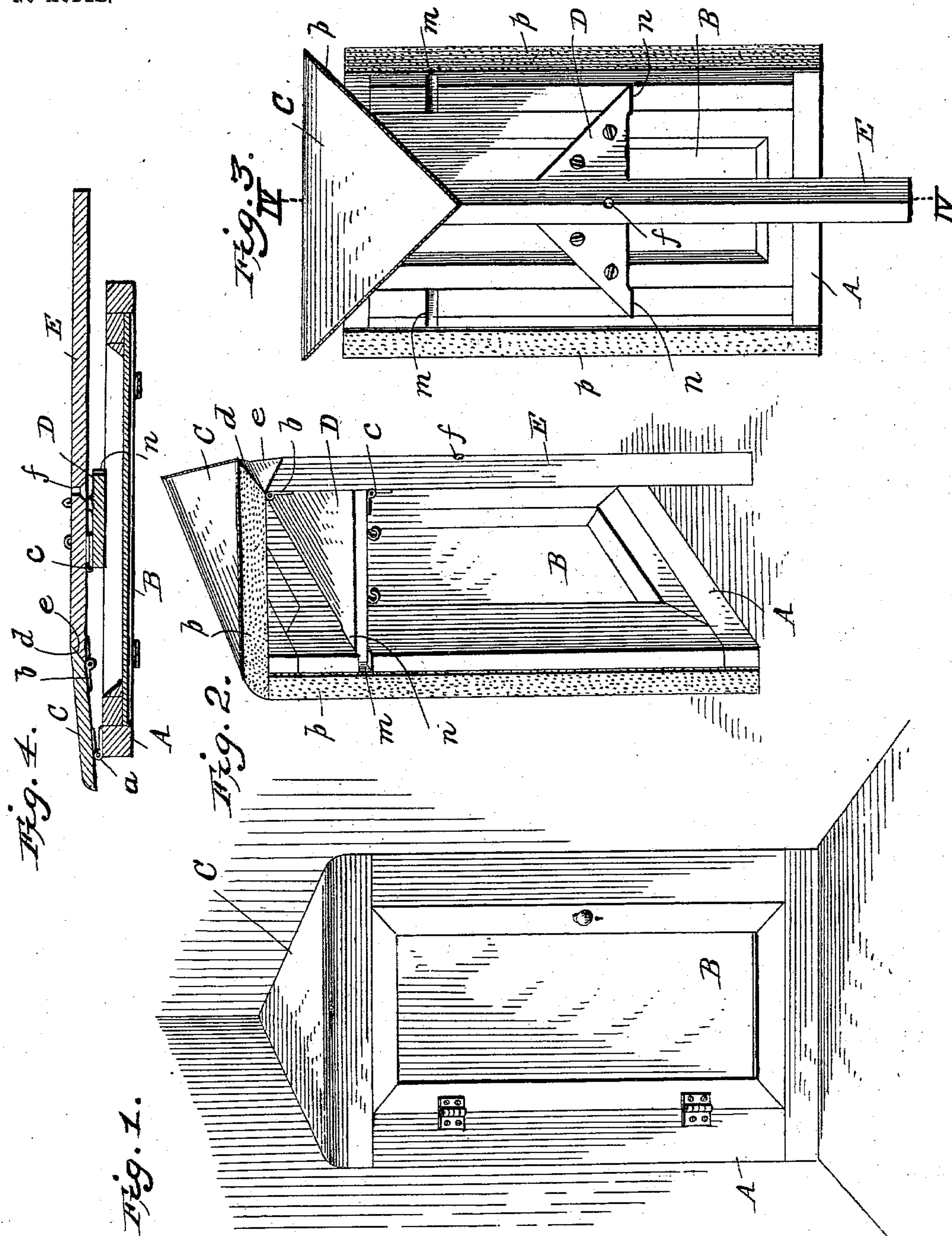


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. HAYES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico, State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Wardrobes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device set up in a corner of a room; Fig. 2, a similar view of the device set up but removed from the corner of the room; Fig. 3, an elevation from the inner side, showing the device folded; and Fig. 4, a longitudinal sectional view on the line IV IV of Fig. 3.

The main object of this invention is to provide an inexpensive article of furniture which may be temporarily erected in a corner of a room in such a manner as to utilize the adjoining walls of the room as two of the walls of the wardrobe and which when detached from the walls is adapted to be folded into a small compass for convenience in packing and transportation; and it consists of a novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims appended.

Referring to the various parts by letters, A designates the vertical front frame, which consists of the two side pieces connected at their lower ends by the bottom strip. Within this frame is secured by suitable hinges the door B. To the top of the vertical side pieces of the front frame is hinged the triangular top piece C, this piece being so shaped as to fit snugly in a corner of a room, its front vertical edge being flush with the outer face of the front frame. The vertical edges of the front frame are inwardly beveled to adapt them to fit snugly against the side walls of the room, and these edges, together with the vertical side edges of the top piece, are provided with a packing-strip *p* of felt in order that the joint between these pieces and the walls may be dust-proof, and, further, that the walls will not be injured or marred where these pieces bear against them. The top C extends over the upper edge of the front frame A, hinges *a* being secured to the inner face of the front

frame and the adjoining under side of the top piece, as shown clearly in Fig. 4, so that the top piece may be folded down on the inner side of the front frame.

The top C at its extreme inner corner is beveled downward and outward, as shown clearly in Fig. 2, and hinged thereto by a hinge *b* at the lower edge of this beveled part is a vertical inner supporting post or strip E. This post is triangular in cross-section and is designed to fit snugly in a corner of a room. The upper end of this corner-post is beveled inward and downward, as shown at *e* in Fig. 2, in order that when the top piece C is folded against the inner side of the front frame the corner-post may be swung into position to be substantially in line with the top piece C, as shown clearly in Fig. 4, and lie close to the inner side of the front frame. This post is provided with an aperture *f* substantially midway its ends, through which a suitable fastening-screw may be passed to detachably secure the corner-post in position.

Secured to the outer face of the corner-post a suitable distance below its upper end is a shelf D, said shelf being secured thereto by means of a hinge *c* and being adapted to be swung downward and to lie close to the outer face of said post, as shown clearly in Fig. 4. This shelf is provided at its outer edge with the outward-extending enlargements *n*, which are adapted to enter horizontal grooves *m* formed in the inner face of the front frame in such a position that when the enlargements *n* are inserted therein the shelf D will be horizontal.

If desired, the lower end of the front frame may be detachably secured to the floor of the room by hooks or in any other suitable manner, and it will of course be understood that any suitable means may be employed for detachably securing the wardrobe in position. To the under side of the shelf D suitable hooks may be secured, and it will also be understood that supporting devices may be connected on the corner-post E, if desired.

From the foregoing it will be readily seen that I provide a folding wardrobe which is extremely simple in construction and which may be readily erected and secured in position.

When taken down, it may be easily and quickly folded to a small and convenient package for transportation or storage.

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

1. A folding wardrobe comprising, a front frame provided with a door, a triangular top piece adapted to fit snugly in a corner of a room, hinges connected to said top piece and to the inner face of the front frame to permit the top to be folded down on the inner side of the front frame, the inner corner of the top piece being inwardly and downwardly beveled, an inner corner-post hinged to the top piece at the lower edge of the bevel, said corner-post being inwardly and downwardly beveled at its upper end, whereby the top and the corner-post may be folded against the inner face of the front frame.

2. A folding wardrobe comprising, a front frame provided with a door, a triangular top piece adapted to fit snugly in a corner of a room, hinges connected to said top piece and

to the inner face of the front frame to permit the top to be folded down on the inner side of the front frame, the inner corner of the top piece being inwardly and downwardly beveled, an inner corner-post hinged to the top piece at the lower edge of the bevel, said corner-post being inwardly and downwardly beveled at its upper end, whereby the top and the corner-post may be folded against the inner face of the front frame, a shelf hinged to the outer face of the corner-post, a groove in the inner face of the front frame to receive the forward edge of said shelf, said shelf being adapted to be folded down against the outer face of the corner-post when its outer edge is released from the groove in the front frame.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 10th day of October, 1903.

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