

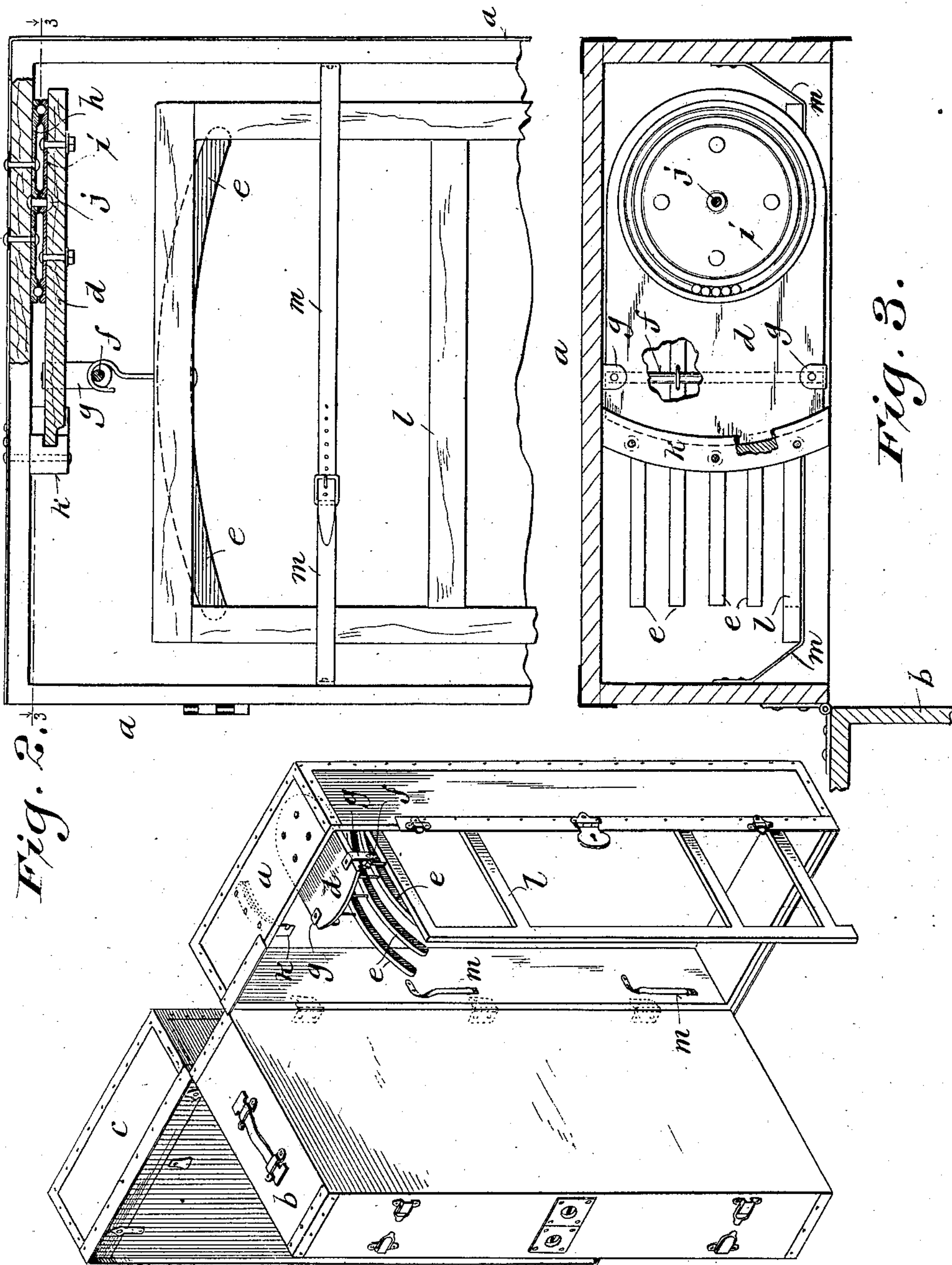
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Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALONZO D. SEAMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Trunks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

This invention relates to that class of trunks which are convertible into or adapted for use as wardrobes. Its main objects are to increase the convenience and to simplify and improve the construction and operation of trunks of this class.

It consists in certain novel features of construction and in the peculiar arrangement and combinations of parts hereinafter particularly described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings like letters designate the same parts in the several figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation, on an enlarged scale, of a part of the trunk and a section of the hanger-support, taken in a plane parallel with the bottom of the trunk; and Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3, Fig. 2, in a plane at right angles to the section of Fig. 2.

For the purpose of illustration I have shown my invention as applied to a trunk consisting of three parts or sections hinged together so that when the trunk is spread open and stood on end and the hanger is swung out, as shown in Fig. 1, an extended base will be afforded to firmly and steadily support the trunk and the clothing suspended therein from the hangers. My improved hanging device is, however, applicable to trunks having two or more parts or sections or to ordinary trunks having the usual body and lid, although for the purpose of steadily supporting the hangers and the clothing suspended therefrom when they are swung out of the trunk to afford access thereto it is desirable that the trunk should have three or more parts or sections to provide a sufficiently-extended base for it to stand on.

Referring to Fig. 1, *a*, *b*, and *c* designate the parts or sections of the trunk, which are hinged together so that they may be spread, as shown, to afford access to the several parts or sections and to the contents thereof and to provide an extended base when the trunk is stood on end and used as a wardrobe. One or more of the parts or sections may be provided with my improved hanging device, which consists of a hanger-support *d*, pivoted to the end of the trunk, on the inner side thereof and preferably near the front or side of the trunk opposite the hinges, and of suitable hangers *e e*, suspended from said support so as to be swung horizontally therewith out of and into the trunk when it is stood on end. The hanger-support *d* is preferably made nearly as wide as that part of the trunk to which it is applied is deep to accommodate as many suits or garments as will fill that part of the trunk. It is provided at its free end with a cross-rod *f*, which is attached thereto at the ends and held at a distance therefrom by ears or brackets *g*. Upon this rod are loosely suspended the hangers *e e*, which may be of any suitable form and construction for hanging different articles of clothing. These hangers slide freely upon and endwise of said rod and readily adjust themselves according to the thickness of the clothing suspended thereon. To firmly hold the hanger-support in place and to facilitate its operation in swinging it out of and into the trunk, it is preferably connected with the trunk by two metallic plates *h* and *i*, one of which is bolted to the trunk and the other to the support *d*. These plates are centrally connected with each other by a pivot-bolt *j* and are formed in their adjacent faces with corresponding circular ball-races concentric with the pivot-bolt *j*, these races being provided with balls, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, to enable the hanger-support to be easily turned when considerable weight is suspended therefrom. The free end of the support is preferably formed with a curved lip concentric with the pivot-bolt *j* to engage a groove in a curved keeper *k*, which is attached to the end of the trunk and serves to hold said hanger-

support securely in place when it is swung into the trunk, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

7 is a follower consisting of a frame which is suspended like the hangers from the rod *f*, and serves to hold the clothing suspended from the hangers in place when the trunk is closed and is not filled. This follower is bound in place upon the clothing by straps *m*, which are attached to the front and back sides of the trunk, or by other suitable adjustable fastenings. These straps are attached to the trunk, as shown in Fig. 3, at a sufficient distance from the top or opening of the compartment furnished with the hanging device to admit of variation in the thickness of the contents and at the same time provide for binding the follower snugly upon such contents when the compartment is but partially filled.

Various changes in minor details of construction and arrangement of parts may be made without materially affecting the operation of the hanging device and without departing from the principle and intended scope of the invention.

I claim—

1. In a wardrobe-trunk, a hanger-support pivoted within the trunk to one end thereof and provided with a transverse rod, which occupies a position approximately perpendicular to the bottom of the trunk when closed, and hangers suspended from said rod, substantially as described.

2. In a wardrobe-trunk, a pivot-plate attached to the end of the trunk inside and formed with a ball-race, a hanger-support provided with a corresponding plate which is pivotally secured to the plate in the trunk and balls interposed between said plates, substantially as described.

3. In a wardrobe-trunk, a hanger-support pivoted to the trunk on the inside of one end and adapted to be swung horizontally out of the trunk when it is stood on its opposite end, and

a keeper attached to the end of the trunk and adapted to engage the free end of the hanger-support and to hold the same securely in place when the trunk is closed, substantially as described.

4. In a wardrobe-trunk, a hanger-support pivoted at one end within the trunk to one end thereof and provided with a transverse rod, which occupies a position approximately perpendicular to the bottom of the trunk when closed, hangers suspended from said rod, a flat follower also suspended from said rod outside of the hangers, and fastenings for holding said follower in place over the clothing hung on the hangers when the trunk is closed, substantially as described.

5. In a wardrobe-trunk composed of three or more sections hinged together on one side and affording an extended base when the trunk is opened and stood on end, and one or more hanger-supports pivoted to the trunk inside thereof and adapted when it is stood on end and opened to be swung horizontally out of and into the same, and when closed to occupy a position approximately parallel with the bottom of the trunk, substantially as described.

6. In a wardrobe-trunk, a hanger-support pivoted to the inside of one end thereof and provided with a transverse suspending-rod near its free end which is curved concentrically with the pivot on which it swings, hangers suspended from and slidable on said rod and a curved keeper attached to the same end of the trunk and adapted to engage with the curved end of said support when it is swung into the trunk, substantially as described.

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

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