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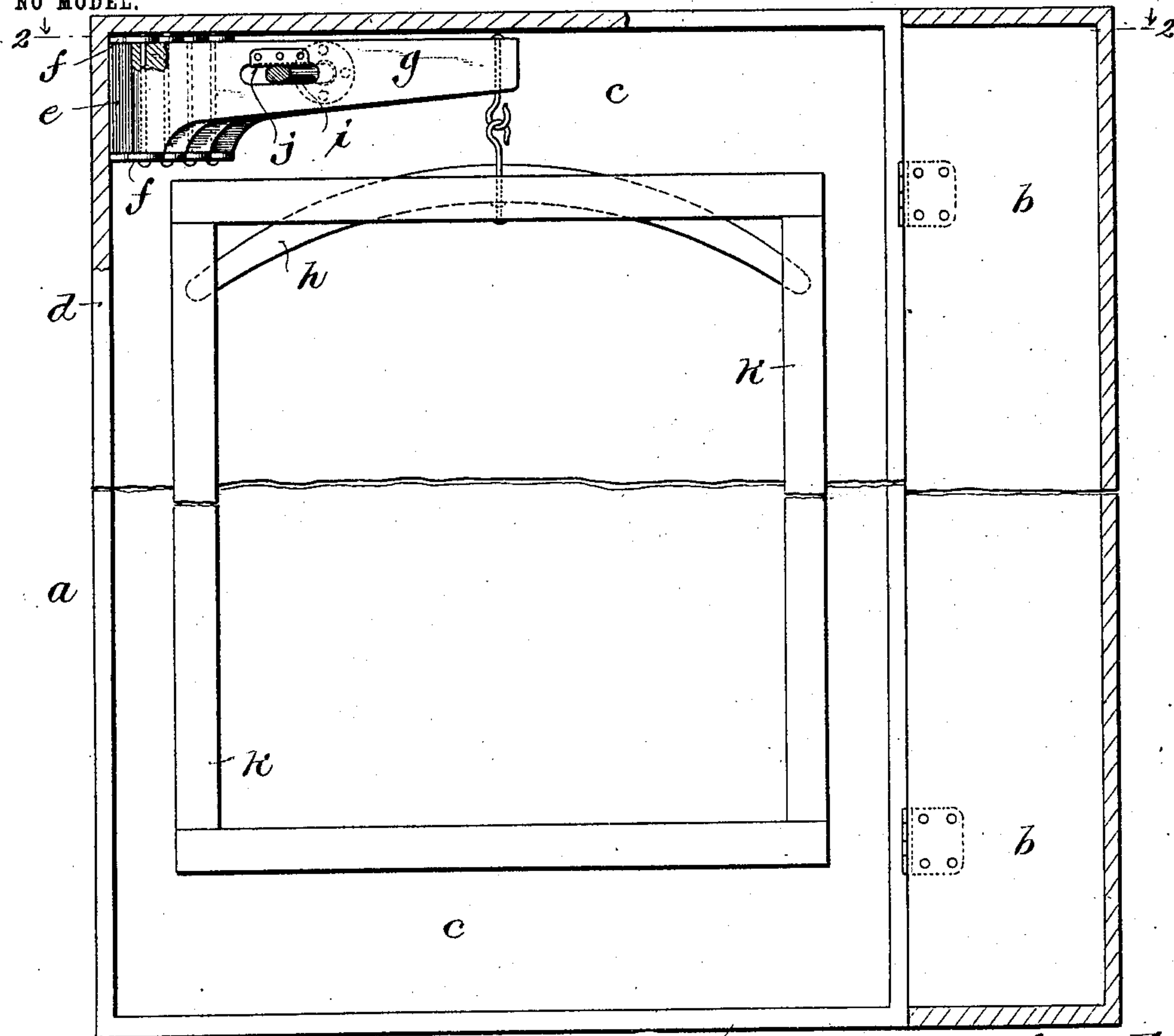


Fig. 1.

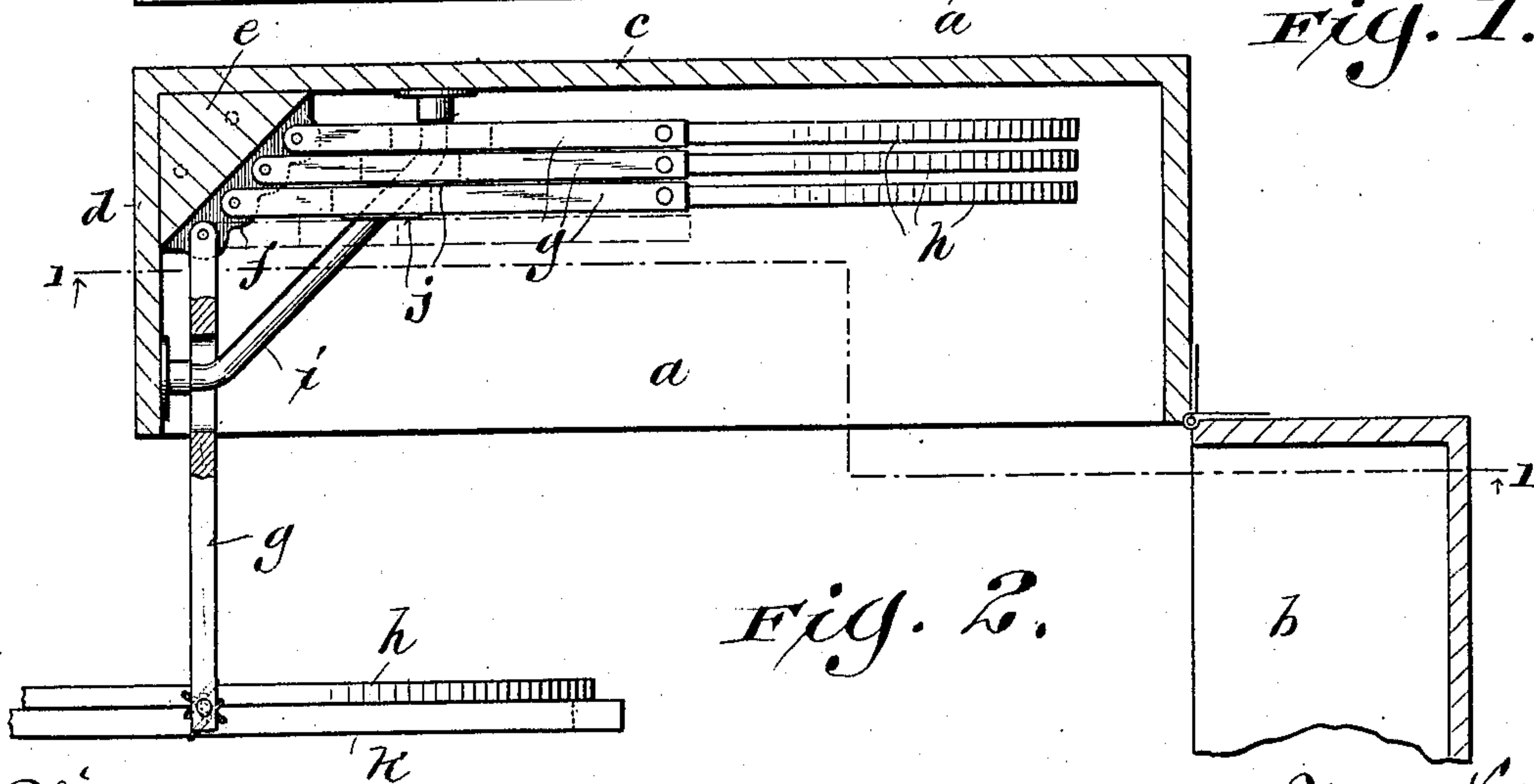


Fig. 2.

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WARDROBE-TRUNK.

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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 particularly to trunks which are designed to hold clothing in compact form for traveling or storage and to afford ready access thereto when needed.

The main objects of the invention are to facilitate access to and the removal of any part of the contents of the trunk without disarranging the rest of its contents and generally to simplify and improve the construction and operation of trunks of this class.

It consists, essentially, 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 both figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation and vertical section on the line 1 1, Fig. 2, of a trunk to which my invention is applied, the trunk being represented as open and set on end; and Fig. 2 is a horizontal section on the line 2 2, Fig. 1.

For the purpose of illustration I have shown my improved hanging device applied to an ordinary trunk consisting of a rectangular body and a cover hinged thereto; but it is applicable to trunks of other kinds having two or more compartments or sections.

Referring to the drawings, *a* designates the body of a trunk, *b* the lid or cover hinged thereto in the ordinary manner. In one corner of the trunk next to the bottom *c* and preferably next to the front side *d* a pivot-block *e*, having an oblique inner face and overhanging perforated plates or ears *f*, is attached. Between these plates or ears are pivoted on pins passing therethrough in a line parallel with the oblique face of the block *e* a number of hanger-arms *g* of different lengths, such that

when they are swung or folded together into the trunk, as shown in the drawings, their free ends will be even or in a line perpendicular to the bottom of the trunk and when swung out their free ends will be in an oblique line corresponding with the oblique face of the pivot-block *e*, thereby permitting the hangers which are suspended from the ends of said arms to arrange themselves one behind another crosswise of said arms, as illustrated by the outer arm and hanger on Fig. 2. From the free ends of the arms *g* hangers *h* are suspended of any convenient form and suitable construction to accommodate the style and kinds of garments the trunk is to contain. The hangers may be suspended from the pivoted arms by means of hooks, as shown, or by any other suitable flexible or jointed connections which will permit the hangers to adjust themselves laterally according to the thickness or bulk of the clothing suspended thereon. To firmly support the arms *g* and to relieve their pivot connections with the trunk of the strain due to the loads suspended from their free ends, an oblique rod *i* is attached at its ends to the bottom *c* and side *d* of the trunk and passes through longitudinal slots in said arms at a distance from their pivots and approximately parallel with the oblique line in which they are arranged. When the hanger-arms are made of wood, as shown, the upper sides of the slots therein which bear on the rod *i* are preferably provided with metal wearing-plates *j*. To hold the clothing suspended from the hangers in place in the trunk, particularly when the trunk is not filled, a follower consisting of a light frame *k* is suspended from the outer arm *g* and may be bound or secured in place over the clothing by straps attached to the trunk or other fastenings, which are not shown.

Various modifications in the minor details of construction and arrangement of parts may be made without 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, an arm pivoted at one end within and to the trunk at or near one

end thereof and adapted to be swung horizontally out of and into the trunk when it is stood on end and to occupy a position approximately parallel with the bottom of the trunk when
5 closed, and a hanger loosely suspended from the free end of said arm, substantially as described.

2. In a wardrobe-trunk, a longitudinally-slotted arm pivoted at one end within the trunk
10 near one end thereof and adapted to be swung horizontally out of and into the trunk when it is stood on end, an oblique rod attached at the ends to adjoining walls of the trunk and passing through the slot in said arm, and a hanger
15 suspended from the free end of said arm, substantially as described.

3. In a wardrobe-trunk a number of hanger-arms separately pivoted at one end within and to the trunk and adapted to be swung horizontally out of and into the trunk when it is
20 stood on end, and to occupy positions approximately parallel with the bottom of the trunk when swung in, and approximately perpendicular thereto when swung out, and hangers
25 suspended from the free ends of said arms, substantially as described.

4. In a wardrobe-trunk, a number of longitudinally-slotted hanger-arms pivoted within and to the trunk and adapted to swing horizontally out of and into the trunk when it is

stood on end, and an oblique rod attached at its ends to adjoining walls of the trunk and passing loosely through the slots in said arms substantially as described.

5. In a wardrobe-trunk, a number of hanger-arms of different lengths pivoted at one end to the trunk in a line oblique to the bottom of the trunk and adapted to be swung horizontally out of and into the trunk when it is stood
40 on end, and hangers suspended from the free ends of said arms, substantially as described.

6. In a wardrobe-trunk, a number of longitudinally-slotted hanger-arms of different lengths pivoted within and to the trunk in a line oblique to the bottom of the trunk and
45 adapted to be swung horizontally out of and into the trunk when it is stood upon end, an oblique supporting-brace attached to adjoining walls of the trunk and passing through the slots in said arms, and hangers suspended from
50 the free ends of said arms and adapted to occupy positions parallel with each other and transverse to said arms when they are swung out of the trunk, substantially as described.

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

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