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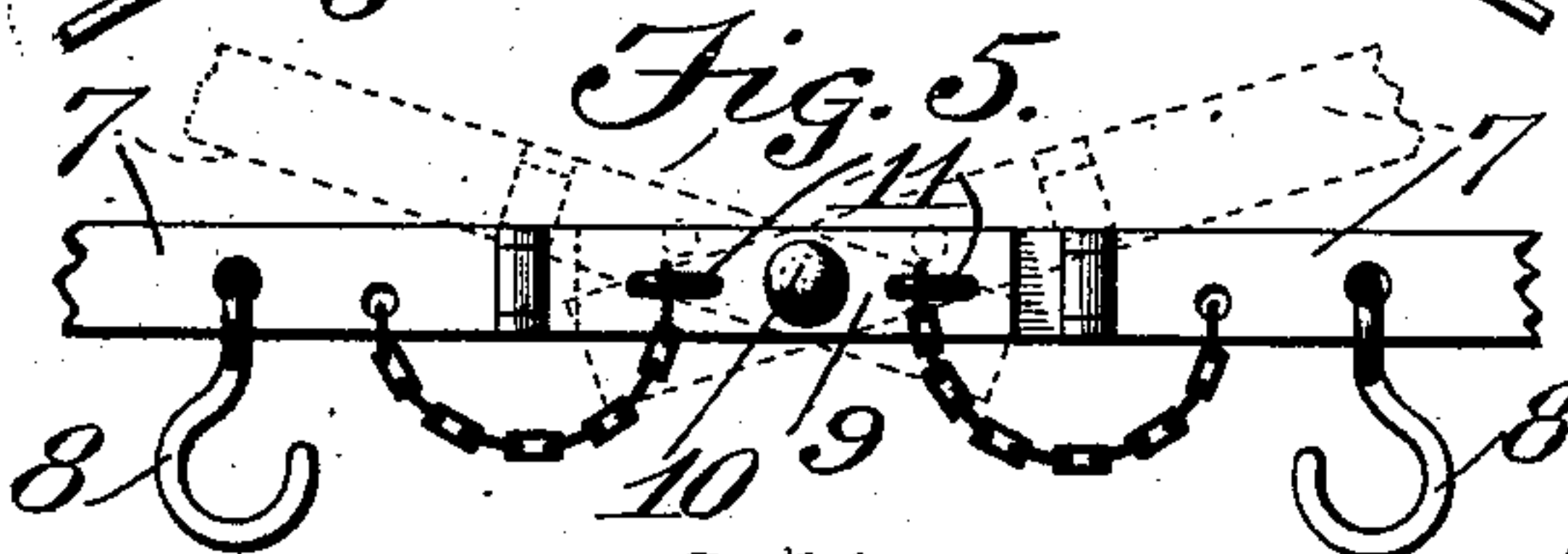
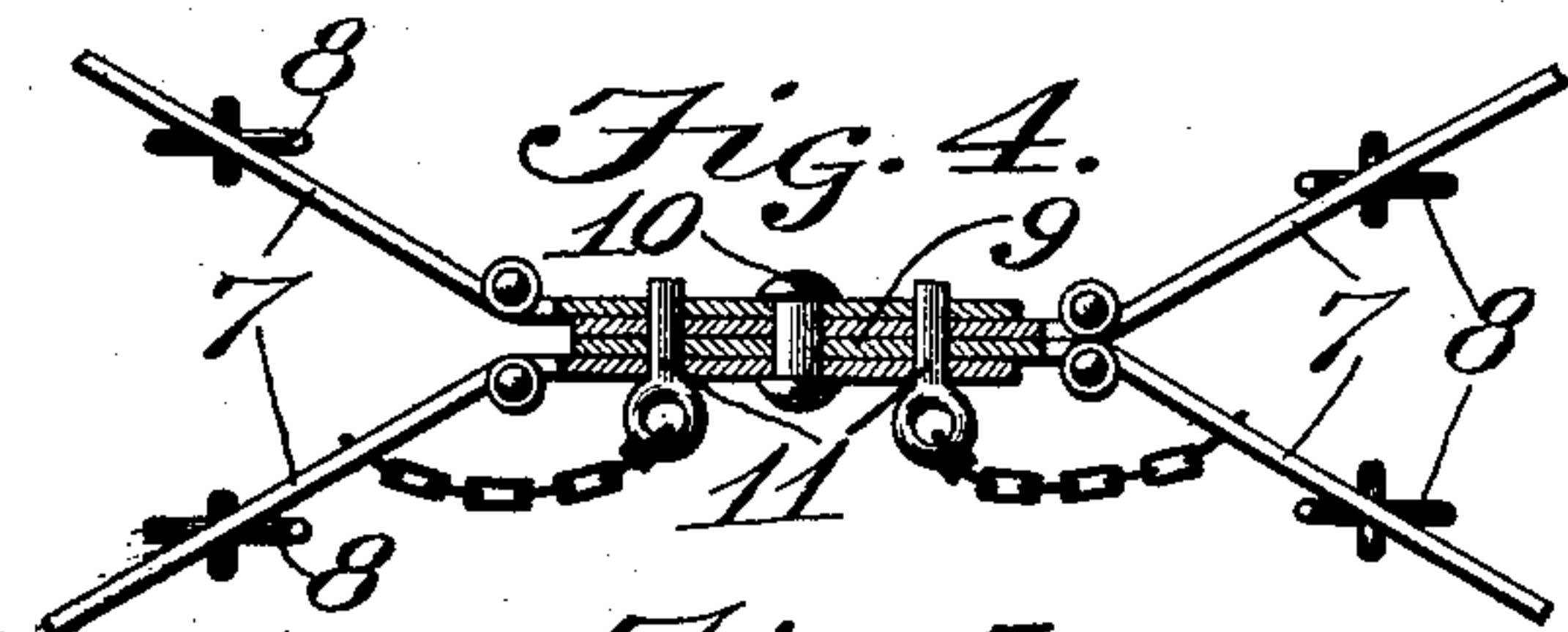
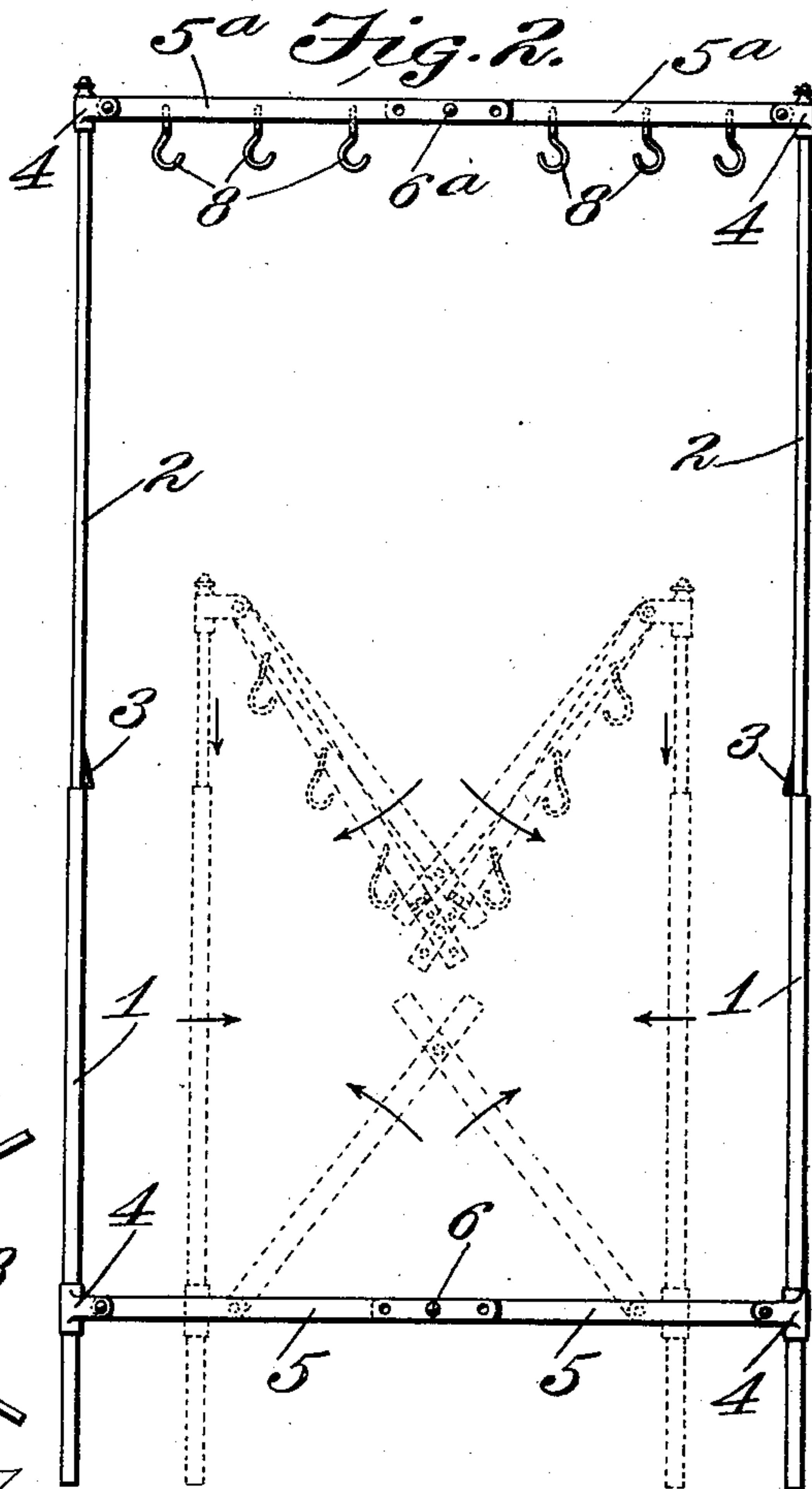
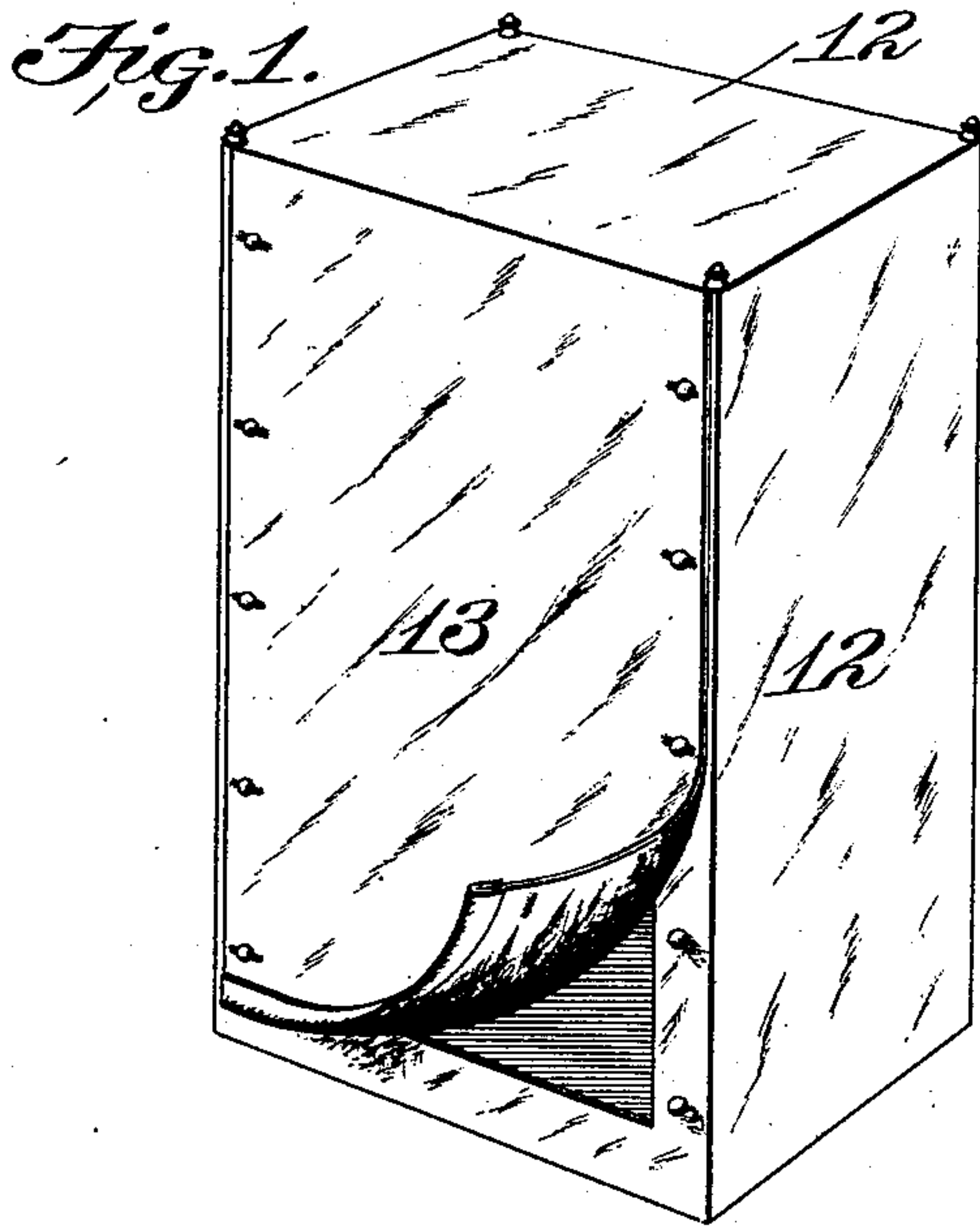
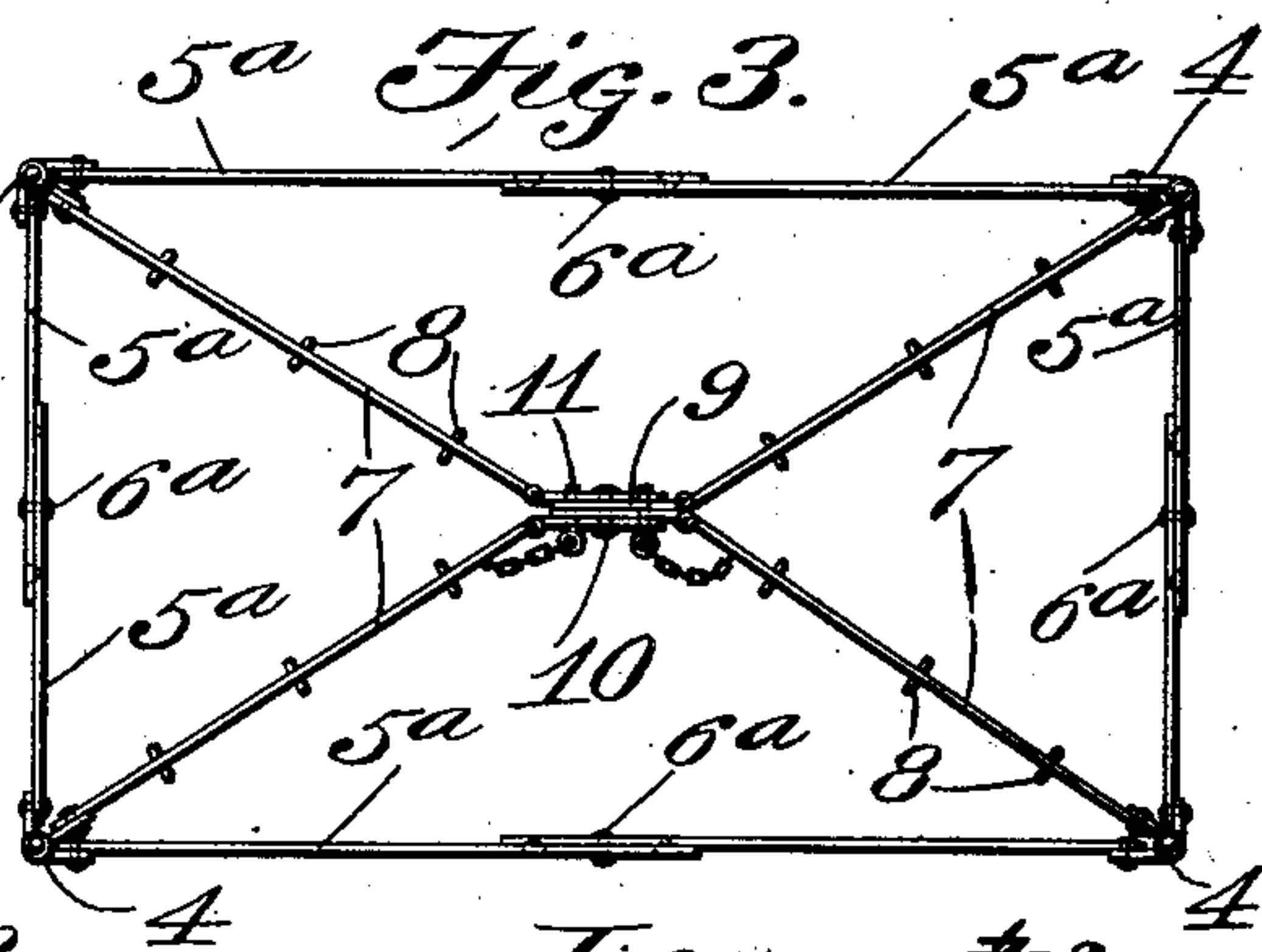
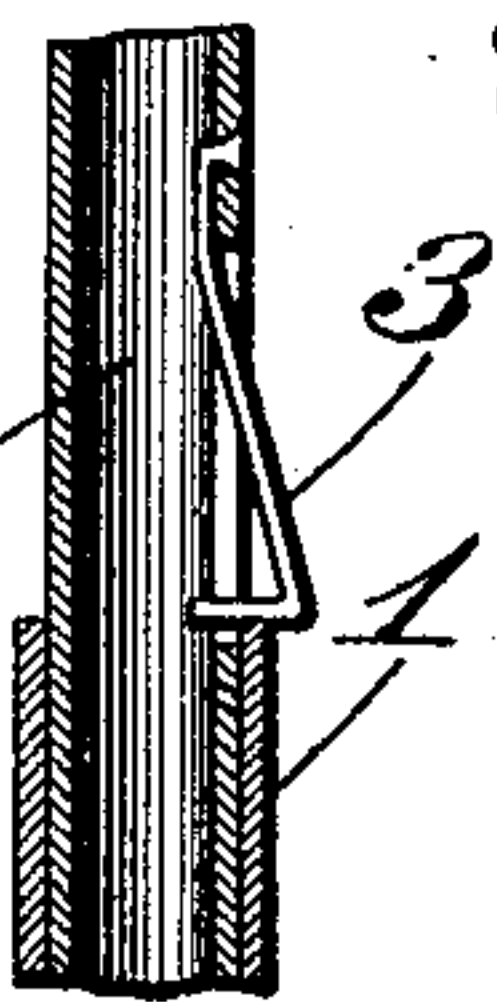


Fig. 8.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. SCHUSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Folding Wardrobes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a detailed view of my improved folding wardrobe, showing the same distended. Fig. 2 is an elevational view of the frame, showing the same in its collapsed condition by dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the frame. Fig. 4 is a sectional view through the joint of the upper distending members. Fig. 5 is a side elevational view of said joint. Fig. 6 is a detailed view of the lower distending members. Fig. 7 is an elevational view thereof, and Fig. 8 is a detailed view of the joint between the telescoping standards.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in folding wardrobes, the object being to construct a device of the character described in a simple and cheap manner, whereby the parts are not liable to get out of order and when desired the frame can be distended for use or collapsed by being folded when not in use, so as to occupy but little space.

In the drawings, 1 indicates the standards, which are vertically disposed, they being located at the four corners of the frame. These standards are telescoping, the upper sections being preferably received in the lower tubular sections, said upper sections, which are designated by the numeral 2, being held supported in their elevated position by a spring-catch 3.

4 indicates castings arranged on the telescoping sections near their upper and lower extremities, said castings being provided with lugs for the attachment of the lateral distending members. To the lower castings are pivoted links 5, whose ends overlap and are pivotally connected together by a rivet 6. The overlapping ends of these arms are formed

with registering embossments which tend to hold the arms in their distended position. There are four sets of these arms upon the four sides of the wardrobe, as shown clearly in Fig. 3. When it is desired to fold the frame, the arms 5 are folded upwardly, so as to lie close to the standards, as is well understood. At the upper ends of the standards similar arms 5^a are provided, which are riveted together at 6^a, and the operation of these arms 5^a is the same as that described with reference to arms 5, they being held in their distended position by similar embossments.

7 indicates arms extending inwardly from the castings, which are pivotally arranged upon the upper extremities of the telescoping sections 2. These arms 7 carry the hooks 8, and all of said arms converge toward the center, where they are hinged to the extremities of plates 9, said plates being pivoted together by a centrally-arranged rivet 10. All of these plates 9 are provided with openings adapted to register, so that when the arms 7 are in their distended position pins 11, preferably chained to the arms 7 for the purpose of preventing misplacement, may be inserted through the openings to hold the plates properly.

From the position of the parts shown in Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 if it is desired to collapse the frame the pins 11 are removed, when the arms 7 may be swung vertically, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 5, said arms at the same time by reason of their hinged connection to the plates 9 swinging horizontally. In this manner the upper ends of the standards are permitted to be moved so as to lie close to each other when the frame is in its collapsed condition.

The entire frame hereinbefore described is preferably covered with a flexible material, (indicated at 12 in Fig. 1,) said covering being arranged over the top, bottom, back, and side walls, while the opening to the interior is closed by an appropriate flap 13, having means for securing the same in position. This flexible covering and flap permit the joints connecting the arms 5, 5^a, and 7 to be broken and the frame to be folded when not in use.

When the wardrobe or cabinet is to be used, the arms 5, 5^a, and 7 are moved to a horizontal position, pins 11 inserted, and the telescoping sections 2 raised until their spring-catches
5 3 support them above the lower sections of the standards.

I am aware that minor changes in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of my wardrobe may be
10 made and substituted for those herein shown and described without in the least departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

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

1. In a device of the character described, the combination with vertical supporting-standards, of arms pivoted thereto at one end
20 and converging toward each other, each of said arms being connected at its other end by a hinge-joint, to a perforated plate, a pivot for connecting said plates together, and movable pins designed to pass through the perforations in said plates for locking them together, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with vertical standards, of arms 7 pivotally connected thereto and having
30 hooks 8 depending therefrom, said arms converging toward each other, plates 9 to which said arms are connected by a hinge-joint, a pivot 10 connecting said plates, and pins 11 designed to pass through registering

openings in the plates to lock them together; 35 substantially as described.

3. In a wardrobe, the combination with telescoping standards, of arms pivotally connected to the lower ends thereof and arranged in
40 pairs, each pair being pivotally connected together and provided with means for holding them in a horizontal position, arms 7 pivotally connected to the upper ends of the standards and converging together, plates 9 pivotally connected to each other and to which
45 said arms are connected by hinge-joints, means for locking said plates together, a flexible covering 12 arranged upon the frame, and a flexible flap for closing access to the interior; substantially as described. 50

4. In a device of the class described, the combination with vertical standards of folding side and end arms pivotally connected to the standards and to each other, separate brace-arms connected to the standards and converging
55 toward each other, plates to which said arms are connected by hinge-joint, a pivot passing through and connecting said plates one to the other, and means for locking the brace-arms rigid with relation to the pivoted plates, substantially as described. 60

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 1st day of October, 1903.

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