

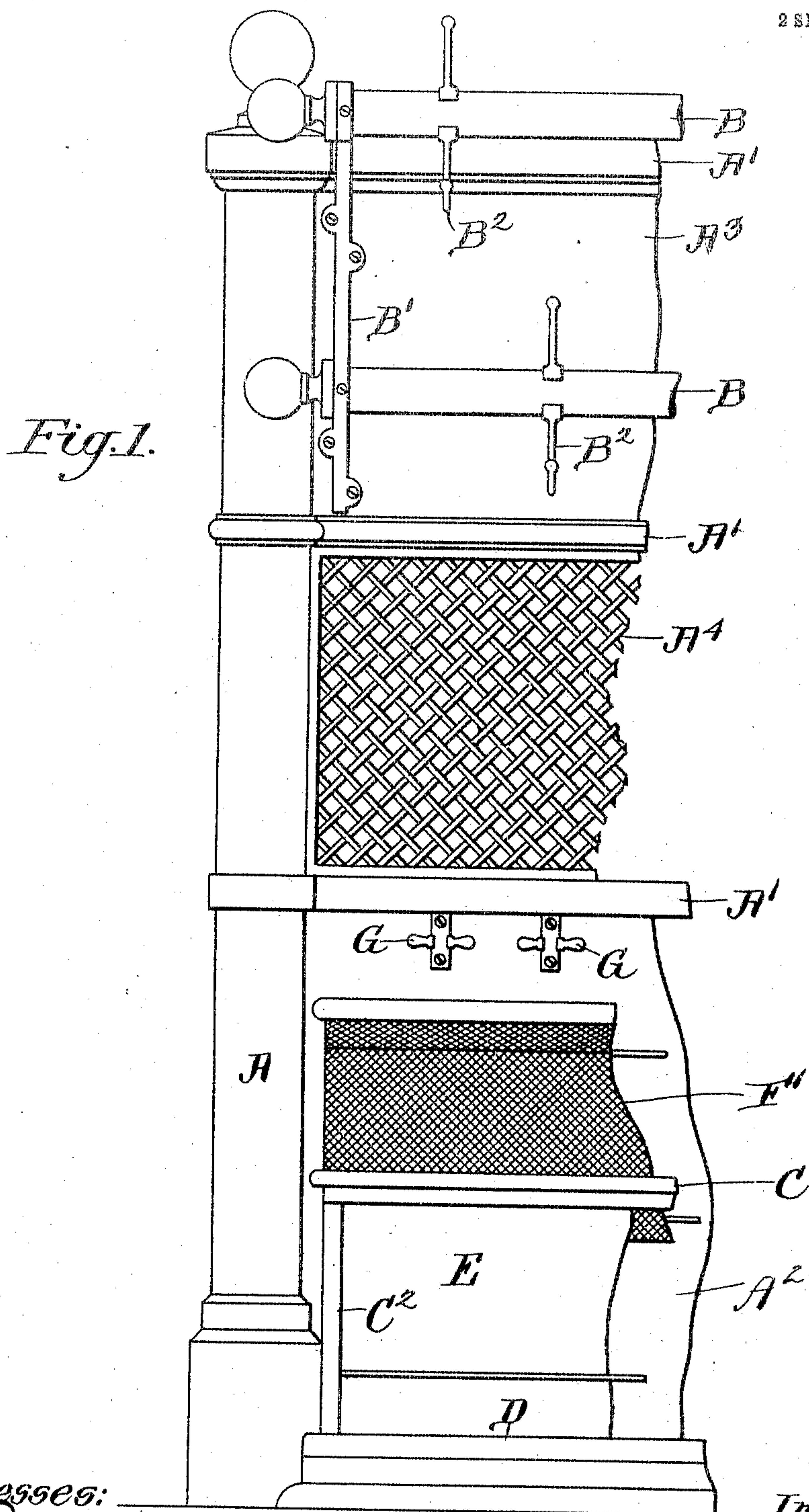
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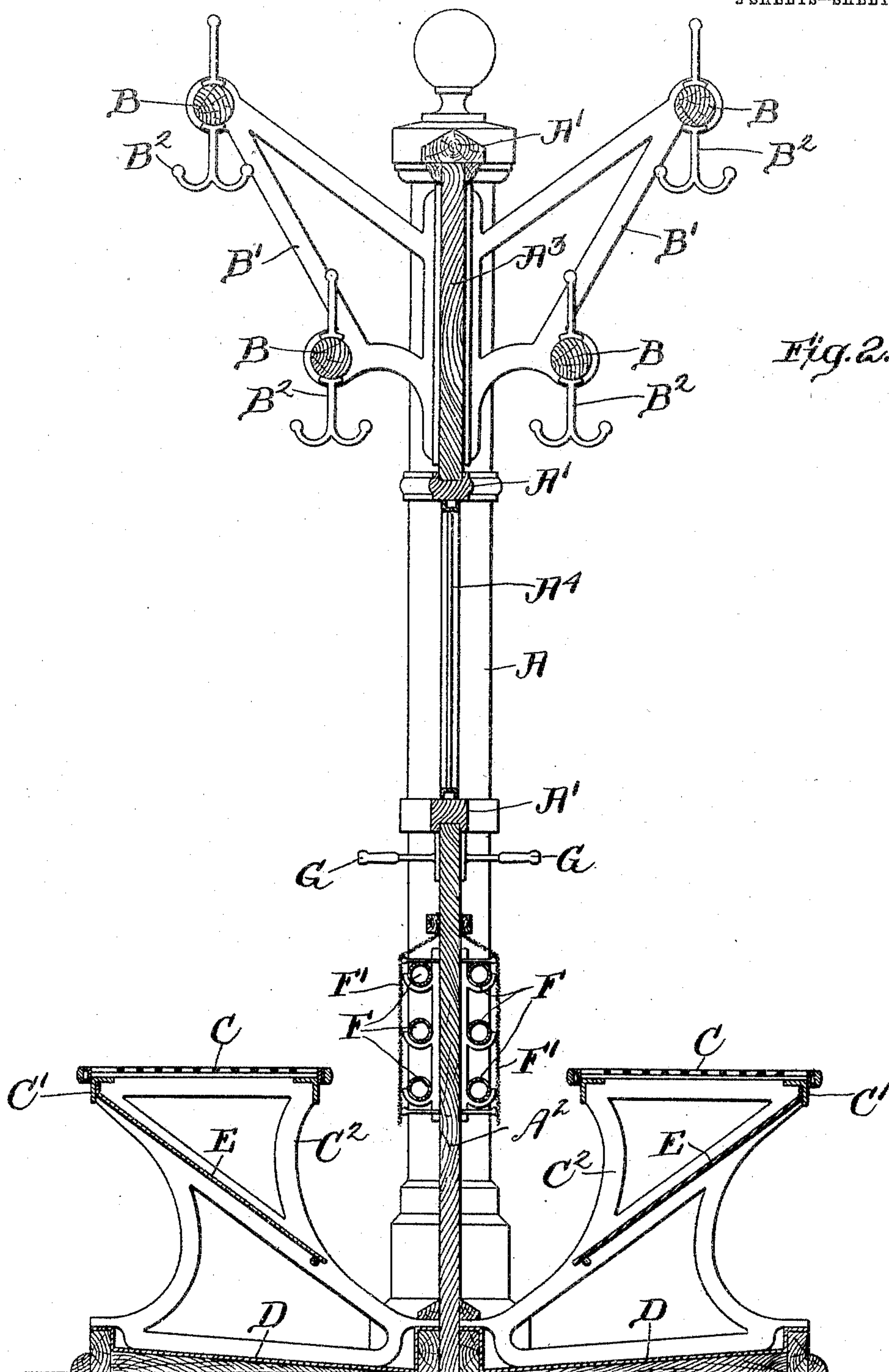
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD P. WHITMAN, of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Wardrobes, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to wardrobes; and its object is to provide a wardrobe for public schools and other buildings which will meet  
10 the sanitary requirements of such places, will occupy as little space as is practicable, and will enable the rapid and convenient removal of the outer garments and overshoes and facilitate their drying and protection in inclem-  
15 ent weather.

To these ends the invention consists in the features and constructions hereinafter described, and specified in the claims.

For the purpose of illustration I have shown  
20 a practical embodiment of my invention in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of one end of a wardrobe embodying all the features of the invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional  
25 view of the same.

In the drawings I have shown a double wardrobe provided with a central vertical standard consisting of end columns A, connected by bars A' and panels A<sup>2</sup> A<sup>3</sup> A<sup>4</sup>. The devices on  
30 each side the standard are duplicates of each other, and I will confine my description to the devices of one side only. The wardrobe is provided with horizontal rods B, supported in brackets B', projecting laterally from the upper panel A<sup>3</sup>, and these rods carry any suitable number of hooks B<sup>2</sup>, upon which garments may be hung.

At the bottom or base of the wardrobe is a bench arranged as near the standard as is convenient, so as to occupy the space beneath the rods and under the garments suspended therefrom. With this arrangement the bench occupies the waste space below the suspended garments and at the same time affords a convenient seat during the removal of the overshoes or other protective footwear. The bench is provided with a reticulated seat C, consisting of woven wire secured to rails C', which are supported upon frames C<sup>2</sup>. This form of  
45 seat allows any water which may drip from wet garments to pass through the seat, so that

there is no collection of moisture upon the seat to be taken up by the clothing of the persons who may seat themselves upon the bench. Beneath the bench is a pan or receptacle D, 55 in which the water which passes through the bench-seat C collects and is retained until it evaporates or is removed. The pan D also forms a convenient receptacle for holding the overshoes or rubbers, and in order to protect  
60 such articles from the water which may drip through the seat C a guard E is arranged between the seat and pan, which is inclined toward the rear side of the pan and directs the water to that side. 65

A series of steam-pipes F are arranged along the vertical standard, where they will supply heat for drying the garments on the hooks B<sup>2</sup>, and these pipes are covered with a protecting-guard of woven wire F'. A series of clips G 70 are also provided for holding umbrellas, so arranged that the water from the umbrellas will drip into the pan D.

While I have shown a double wardrobe, it will be understood that the features of invention may be embodied in a single wardrobe adapted to be located against the wall. The standard or frame may be of any suitable form and construction, or the wardrobe may be built into or form part of a wall or partition, in  
80 which case the wall may form a part or all of the vertical standard.

This construction and arrangement is particularly adapted for school-houses, where wardrobes should have a large capacity while  
85 occupying as little space as possible and where a large number of pupils should be able to prepare themselves for the school-room or street with convenience and despatch and where it is desirable that the articles of clothing which are temporarily removed should be arranged in orderly and systematic manner and kept in a sanitary condition. 90

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 95

1. A wardrobe comprising devices upon which wearing-apparel may be hung, a bench under said devices provided with a reticulated seat, a pan under said seat and an inclined guard for directing the water which passes  
100 through the seat to the side of the pan.

2. A wardrobe comprising devices upon

which wearing-apparel may be hung, a bench under said devices provided with a reticulated seat, a pan under said seat and a guard between the seat and pan.

5 3. A wardrobe comprising a vertical standard, brackets projecting laterally from the standard, horizontal rods carried by the brackets, hooks on the rods, a bench at the base of the standard having a reticulated seat, and a  
10 pan under the seat.

4. A wardrobe comprising devices upon

which wearing-apparel may be hung, a bench under said devices provided with a reticulated seat, a pan under the bench, and heating devices back of the bench. 15

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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