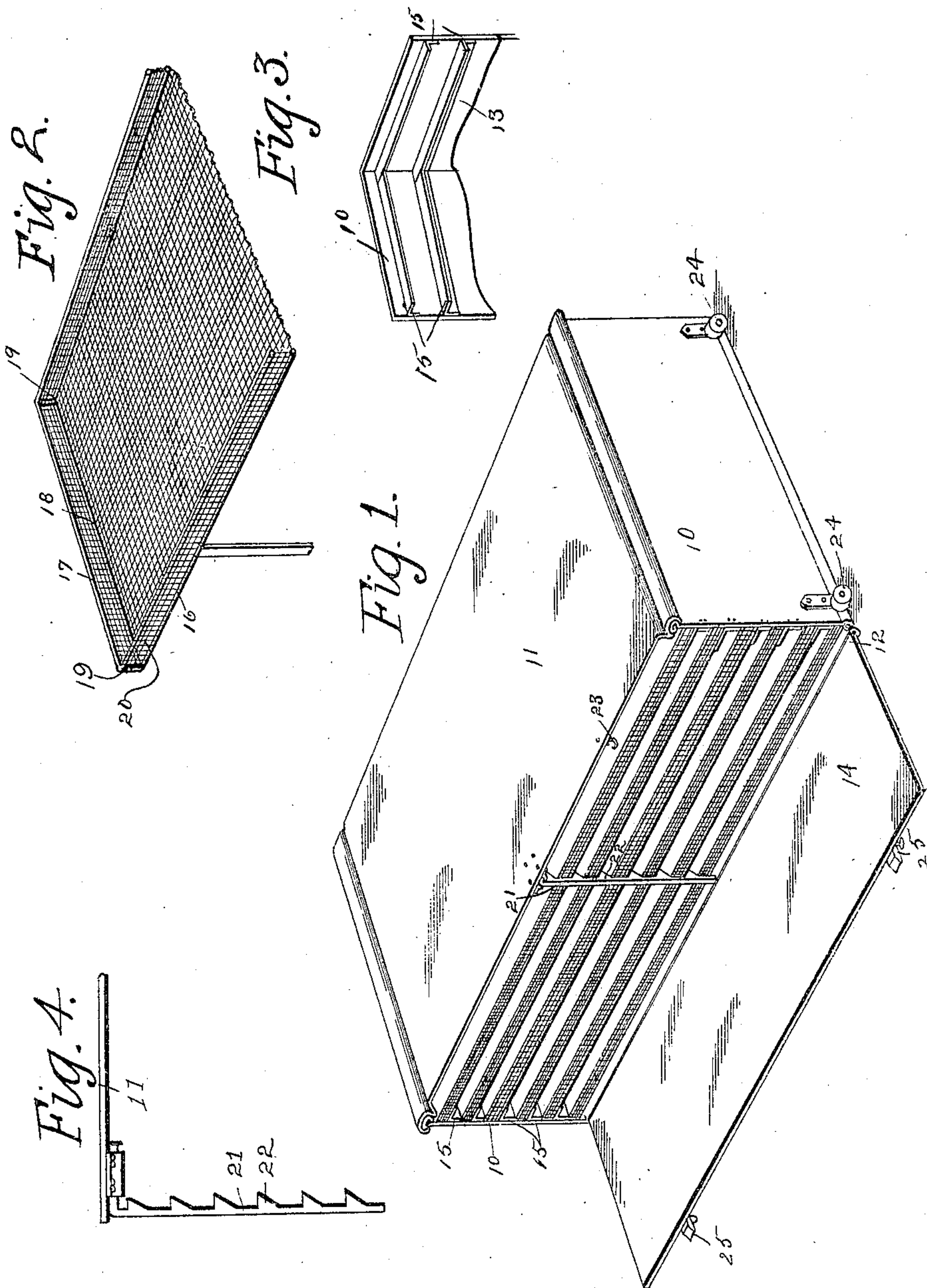


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNA BAXTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have  
5 invented a new and useful Dress-Tray Case, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of my invention are to provide a device of this class which is of such size that it can be easily placed under the ordinary bed  
10 and so constructed that dresses and other articles of wearing-apparel may be placed in the various compartments of the device and be kept perfectly flat while they are stored and yet be separated from each other, so that the  
15 air can circulate through the entire device and keep the wearing-apparel placed therein in much better condition than when these articles of wearing-apparel are hung in closets and similar places.

20 A further object is to provide a device of this class in which the compartments are so arranged as to enable the person desiring to obtain a particular garment to readily and easily see in which compartment the particular  
25 piece of apparel is without removing any of the trays of the device except the one in which the particular article is.

30 A further object is to provide a device of this class which is of light material and the parts of which can be disconnected, so that these parts can be packed into a minimum of space.

35 A further object is to provide means for supporting the various trays in position relative to each other and relative to the frame of the device.

40 The material object, however, is to provide a device which is absolutely proof against vermin of any kind and which will be absolutely dust-proof, so that when it is placed beneath a bed it will occupy substantially all of the space thereunder and not only keep the dirt from accumulating beneath the bed, but also enable the space under beds to be utilized.

45 My invention consists in certain details in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts of the device whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in  
50 my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

55 Figure 1 shows in perspective the complete device with the front side swung to an open position. Fig. 2 is a detail view of one end of the trays which are used in my device; and Fig.

3 is a detail view of one of the rear corners of the device, showing a portion of the runners upon which the tray rests; and Fig. 4 is a detail view of the device for supporting the front side of the tray when it is in its closed  
60 position.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, I have used the reference-numeral 10 to indicate the ends of the box, the numeral 11 to indicate the top portion of the box, the reference-numeral 12 to indicate the bottom of the box, the numeral 13 to indicate the back side of the box, and the numeral 14 to indicate the front side of box, which is hinged to the front edge of the bottom 12. The end  
65 portions 10 are detachably connected with the top and bottom portions 11 and 12, so that these sides may be disconnected from the top and bottom portions when it is desirable to pack the device for shipment. The entire frame of  
70 the box, consisting of the sides, ends, top, and bottom portions, is preferably made of some light metallic substance. Extending around the interior of the sides, ends, and back side is a series of rail-rests 15, upon which the trays  
75 16 are designed to rest when they are on the interior of the box, so that these trays will be firmly supported when they are filled with articles of clothing. The trays 16, to which  
80 I have referred, are composed of two rods 17 and 18, each of which is so constructed as to form a complete rectangle. These rods 17  
85 and 18 are attached together at their corners by means of the supporting-pieces 19, so that the frame of the trays which is formed  
90 by means of the rods 17 and 18 is perfectly rigid. A wire-netting 20 is stretched between these rods 17 and 18 and under the rod 18 and attached to the rod 17, so that the tray (shown in Fig. 2) is strong and durable. These trays  
95 16 are placed on the inside of the box, as is shown in Fig. 1, and can be easily slid into and out of the box.

Pivotaly attached to the central forward portion of the cover 11 is the rod 21, having  
100 a series of supporting-notches 22 on its inner side, so arranged that when the trays are on the inside of the box each of the notches 22 will engage the under forward portion of these trays and support them when the lower end  
105 of the rod 21 rests on the bottom 12 of the box. When it is desired to remove any one of the trays 16 from the inside of the box, the rod is drawn outwardly a slight distance and is swung on its pivot out of engagement  
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with the front edges of the trays and its lower end is placed in the hook 23, which supports it in position until the tray is drawn out and moved back to position. The entire  
5 box is mounted on rollers 24, so that it can be easily rolled in position beneath the bed. The ordinary catches 25 are used to hold the front side in a closed position.

In practical use the trays are assembled  
10 as shown in Fig. 1. Assuming that the front side is in a closed position and the supporting-rod 21 is in the position shown in Fig. 1 and it is desired to have access to one of the trays, the operator swings the front side on  
15 its hinges into the position shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and the rod 21 is drawn outwardly and swung upwardly to a position where it is supported on the hook 23 and the tray is removed. It will be seen that on ac-  
20 count of the way in which the trays are placed in the box the interior of these trays can be easily and readily seen, so that the person using the box can easily ascertain which tray he desires to remove without re-  
25 moving any of the trays. In closing the box he simply reverses the operation described. In the use of my device I intend to use trousers-  
stretchers, which can be easily attached to the ends of the tray, so that when the trousers  
30 are removed they will be perfectly smooth. Stretchers for the dresses may also be provided, so that the dresses will come out smooth.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent 35 of the United States therefor, is—

1. In a device of the class described, the combination of a frame comprising a top and bottom portion, end portions detachably  
40 mounted between said top and bottom portions, a back side connected with the top and bottom portions and with the end portions, a front side hinged to the bottom, a series of trays slidingly mounted in said frame, woven-  
45 wire sides, ends and bottom for each of said trays, and a rod pivotally attached to the under portion of the cover and having projections thereon in engagement with each of  
said trays.

2. In a device of the class described, the 50 combination of a frame comprising a top and bottom portion, end portions detachably mounted between said top and bottom portions, a back side connected with the top and bottom portions and with the end portions, a 55 front side hinged to the bottom, a series of trays slidingly mounted in said frame, woven-wire sides, ends and bottom for each of said trays, and a pivotally and slidingly mounted  
60 rod attached to said cover and designed to normally rest on said bottom portion having projections thereon designed to engage the front edges of said trays.

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