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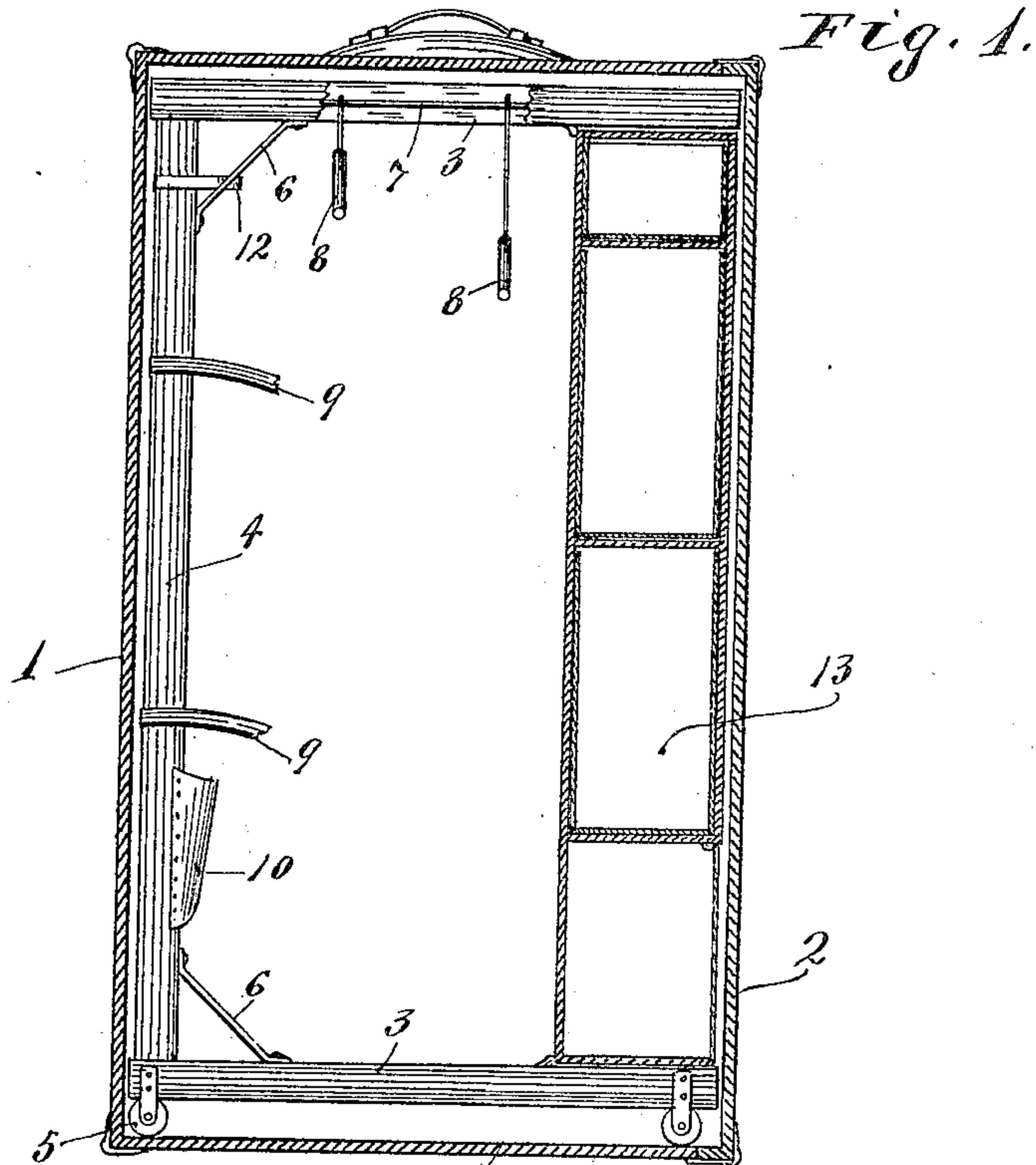


Fig. 1.

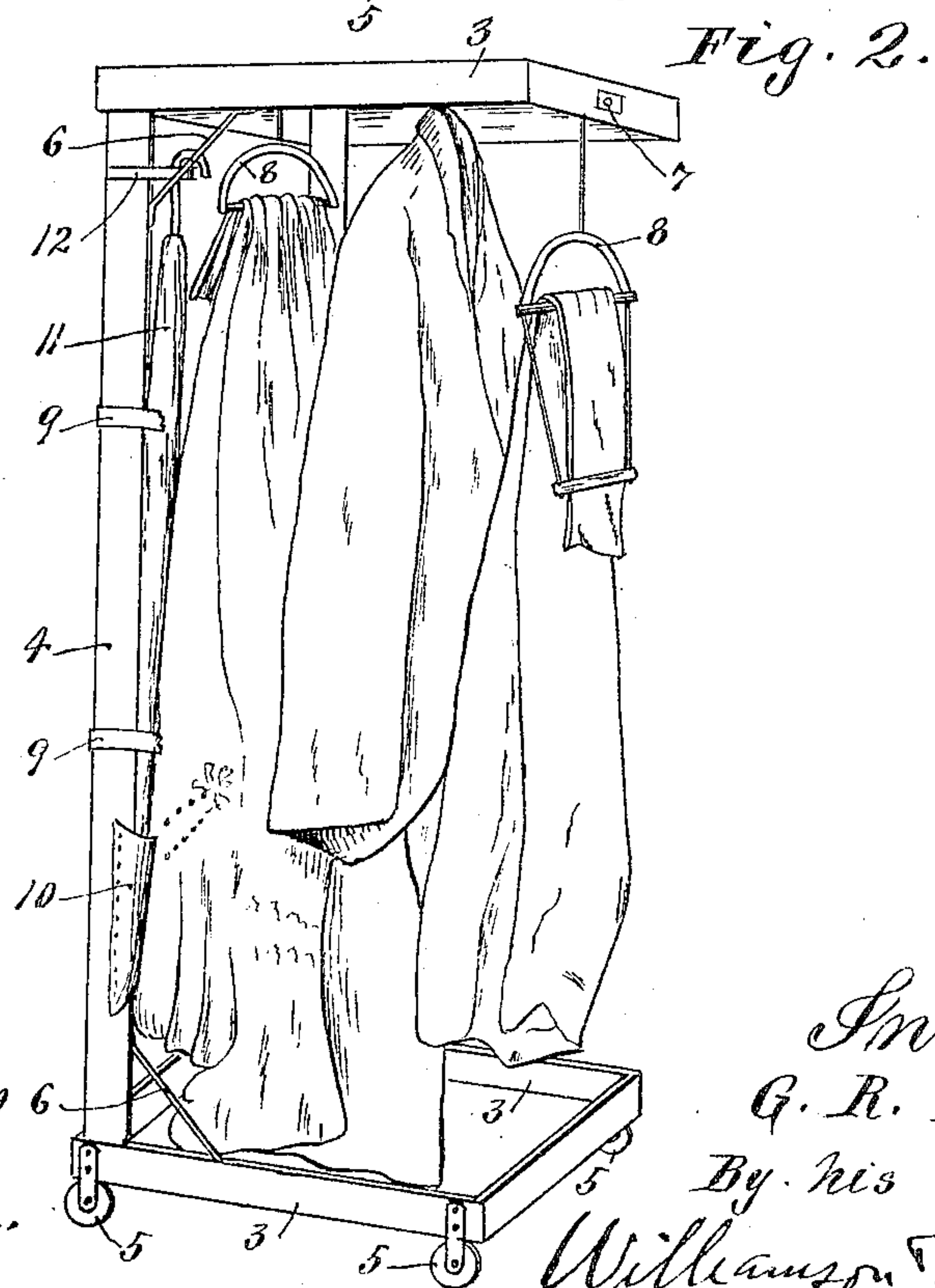


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. THISS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to trunks of the character known as "wardrobe-trunks," and has for its especial object to provide an improved wardrobe-rack adapted to fit the inside thereof and to support various articles of wearing-apparel and other devices.

The invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described, and defined in the claim.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout both views.

Figure 1 is a view in vertical section, showing a trunk of the character stated provided within with one of my improved wardrobe-racks, some parts being broken away; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the rack removed from the trunk and showing various articles of wearing-apparel supported thereby.

The numeral 1 indicates a long trunk having a hinged cover or side 2, said parts being of the usual construction.

My improved rack is made of pairs of upper and lower rectangular heads 3, which are rigidly secured in horizontal planes one over the other by a pair of vertical corner-posts 4, that are rigidly secured to the rear corners thereof. The lower head 3 is provided with trundle wheels or castings 5, that run over the floor when the rack is removed from the trunk and run over the lower end of the trunk when the rack is placed within the trunk. The heads 3 and posts 4 are preferably, also, tied together by diagonal brace-rods 6. This rack is adapted to fit closely but snugly within the trunk-body 1, and the upper head 3 is preferably provided with hanger-rods 7, from which articles of wearing-apparel may be hung either directly or by means of hangers 8.

The numeral 9 indicates portions of straps

which are attached to posts 4 and are adapted for use to secure the hung articles of wearing apparel firmly in position.

The numeral 10 indicates a pocket secured on one of the posts 4 and into which the tip end of an umbrella 11 may be inserted while its handle end is supported by a bracket 12 on the same corner-post.

The numeral 13 indicates a compartment-box which fits into the trunk-body 1 between the heads 3. This compartment-box 13 when in working position closely fits between the forward portion of the upper and lower head-frames 3 and will prevent sagging of the forward portion of the said upper head-frame under the weight of the load supported thereby.

It will be seen that the wardrobe-rack described either when empty or when loaded with articles of wearing-apparel may be either run into the trunk or out thereof without disturbing the articles carried thereby. It will be seen that the upper and lower end heads 3 of the rack are supported entirely from the rear portion, so that their sides and forward portions are left free, thus permitting unobstructed access to the articles supported on the rack.

The said devices while extremely simple, light, and of small cost have in practice been found efficient for the purposes had in view.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

A wardrobe-rack made up of upper and lower rectangular head-frames 3 and corner-posts 4 rigidly connecting said head-frames at their rear portions only leaving the sides and front portions of said rack between said head-frames free from obstruction, and a box removably fitting between the front portions of said head-frames and when positioned serving to prevent the forward portion of the upper head from sagging downward under the weight of the load supported by said upper head, substantially as described.

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

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