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Fig. 1.

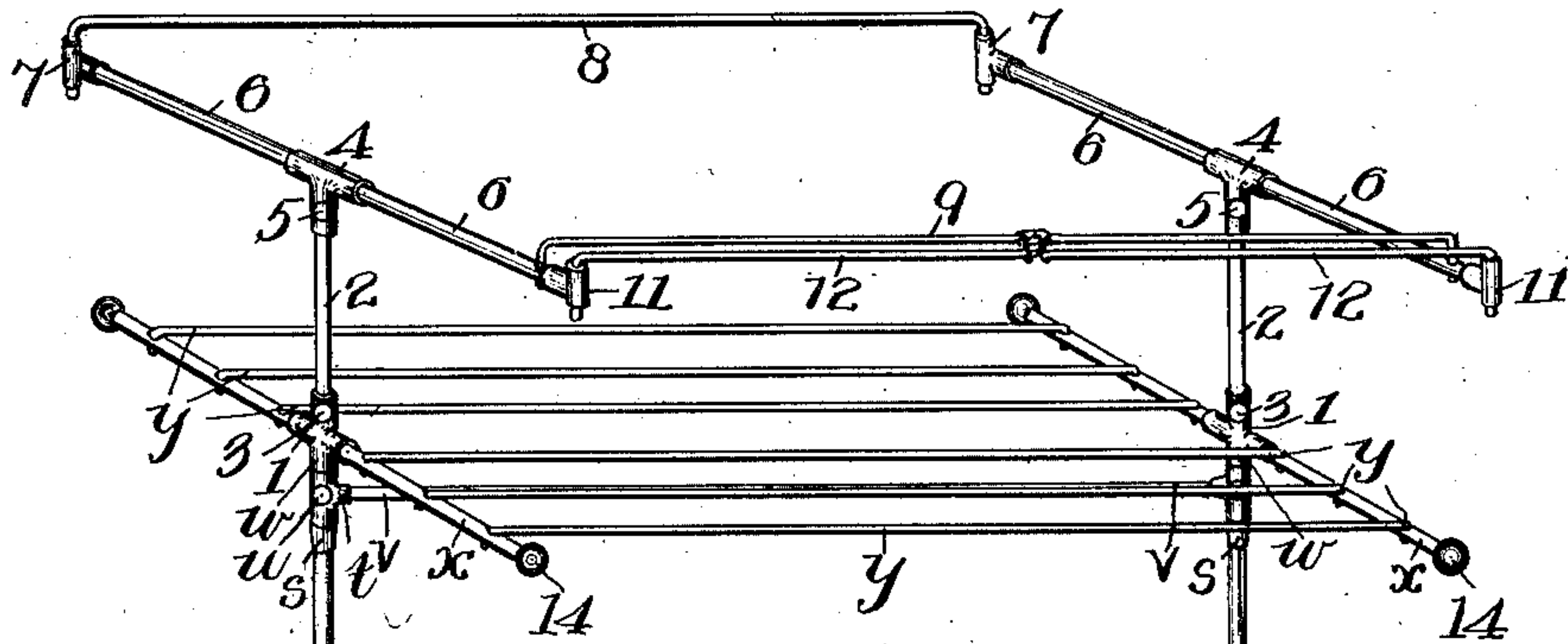


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

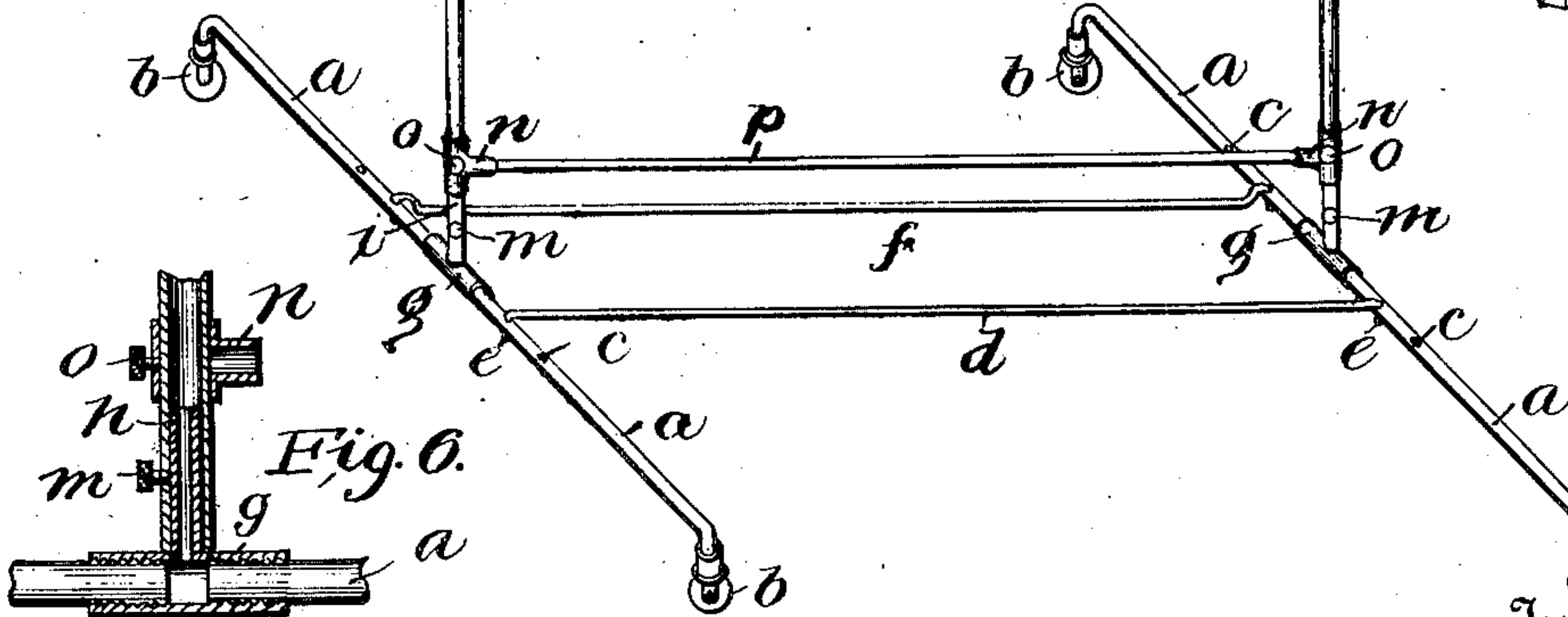
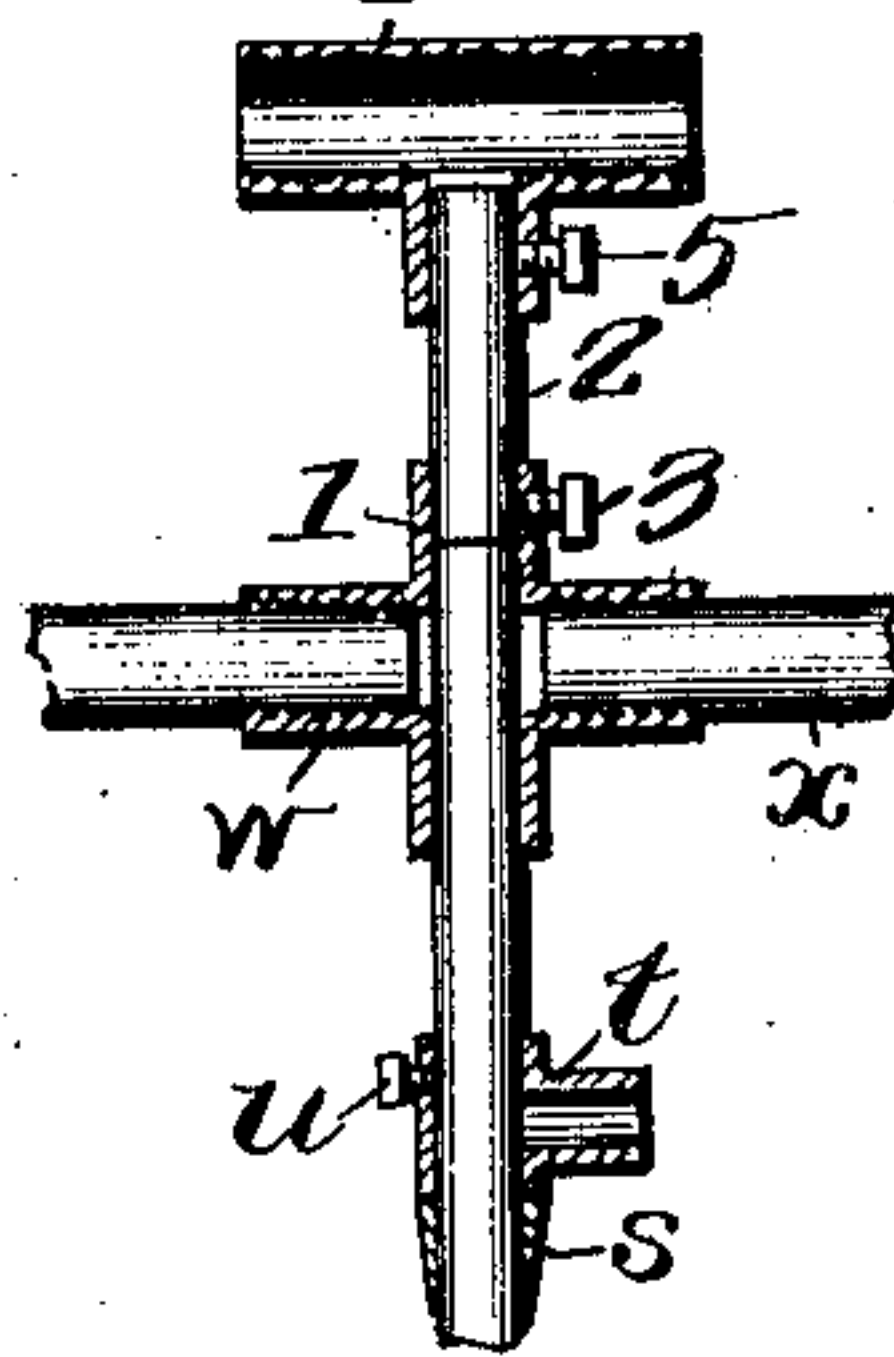


Fig. 6.

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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRISSY S. KOONCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Wardrobes; 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 improvements in portable wardrobes; and the object of my invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive device of this kind and one that may be readily taken apart and packed in an ordinary trunk.

With this object in view my invention consists in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete device, inclosing curtains being omitted. Fig. 2 is a detail showing the lower end of one of the vertical rods. Fig. 3 is a detail, partly in section, showing one of the upper joints. Figs. 4 and 5 are top and side views of the upper front rods, and Fig. 6 is a cross-section of one of the lower joints.

The entire frame, over which curtains are placed, is made of telescopic rods. There are four of these rods *a*, forming the base of the frame, and each of these rods has a caster *b* secured to it in any suitable manner. Each of the rods *a* is provided with a plurality of perforations, such as *c*, in which ends of cross-rods *d* engage, said rods being provided with downwardly-projecting ends *e*, so as to fit into said perforations and so that the rods are readily removed therefrom.

The rear rod *f* is bent down a little, and the rods *d* and *f* serve not only as braces for the base of the frame, but also as a rack on which boots, shoes, &c., may be placed, the rod *d* serving to catch the heels of the boots or shoes.

The inner end of each of the rods *a* screws into a T-shaped joint *g*, which may be made of gas-pipe or similar material. The upper part of this joint is provided with a hollow projecting portion *h*, over which the lower end of the upright hollow rod *l* is slipped, being secured thereon by a set-screw *m*. Over the tube *l* is slipped a T-shaped joint *n*, adapted to be fastened by the set-screw *o* to the said tube, and the projecting portion of

this T-shaped joint is adapted to receive one end of the brace-rod *p*. It may be said that practically all the parts on each side are duplicates of each other, so that a description of one side will serve for a description of both sides, and that all the parts, excepting possibly the casters *b*, are made of metal and many of the parts are hollow.

Above the hollow tube *l* is a similar hollow tube *q*, the two being fastened together by a joint. (Shown in Fig. 2.) The tube *q* is hollow and has brazed thereto a solid projection *k*, adapted to fit into the top of the tube *l*, a set-screw *r* serving to fasten the rods *q* and *l* together. The tube *q* has brazed or otherwise secured to it at a point near its top a support *s*, and a T-shaped support *t* is adapted to slip over the upper part of the hollow rod *q* and rest on the support *s*, a screw *u* being used to hold it in position. The inner open end of the T-shaped portion *t* is for the reception of the rod *v*, which serves the double function of a brace and a support on which the trouser and coat hangers may be placed. Above the support *t*, on the rod *q*, is located the support *w*, which is substantially in the form of two pairs of hollow cross-arms at right angles to each other. The horizontal arms of the support *w* are screw-threaded for the reception of the screw-threaded internal ends of the horizontal rods *x*. These rods are provided with a series of perforations, in which the downturned ends of the cross-rods *y* are adapted to engage, said rods *y* being readily disengaged from said rods *x*. The rods *y* form a grid for the support of hats, tennis-rackets, and similar articles.

Within the upper part 1 of the support *w* is mounted a short rod 2, secured at the bottom by a set-screw 3. The upper part of the rod 2 enters into a T-shaped support 4, being secured therein by a set-screw 5, and into the open ends of this hollow T-shaped support screw rods 6, forming the upper side bars of the wardrobe. The rear ends of the rear pair of bars 6 end in the T-shaped sockets 7, which receive the downturned ends of the rod 8, which serves as a support for the rear curtain. The front pair of bars 6 are provided with perforations, which receive the downturned ends of a brace 9. This brace-rod is provided with a spring-clip 10. (Best shown in Fig. 4.) The outer ends of the front pair of rods 6 are provided with T-shaped sockets 11, one of which receives the downturned end of one of the pair of rods 12,

each of said rods being provided with an upturned inner end 13, which is adapted to mesh with the spring-clip 10 on the rod 9, as best shown in Fig. 4. The rods *x* are preferably provided with enlarged ends 14, so that they may be conveniently unscrewed from the supports *w*.

On one or both of the rods *q* is mounted a tie-support 15, which has a socket 16, adapted to slide over the rod *q*, and a socket 17 at the other end thereof, which is adapted to receive the downturned end of a pivoted rod 18, the other end of which is upturned, as shown at 19. Both of the parts 15 and 18 being pivoted, the tie-support can be easily swung inward or outward to obtain the ties or fold the frame back under the curtains. If desired, a set-screw 20 may be used to hold the arm 15 in a certain position.

It will be obvious from the construction shown that the entire wardrobe-frame can be easily assembled, when it will present the appearance shown in Fig. 1, or disassembled, when it will be practically nothing but a bundle of rods, in which case it may be easily packed in a trunk.

In use the wardrobe-frame is of course covered on its top and sides with curtains, those in front being supported by rods 12.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A portable wardrobe, comprising rods, fastenings into which said rods telescope, means for securing said rods in said fastenings, supports for articles of apparel carried by said frame, the upper one of said supports being composed of horizontal rods mounted in cross-rods which fasten into the telescop-

ing joints of the main frame, a curtain-support located above said rack and comprising a rectangular frame and provided with swinging front rods and rods telescoping into said last-named frame and said main frame and supporting the curtain-support, substantially as described.

2. A portable wardrobe-frame comprising rods jointed together, joints into which said rods telescope, means for securing said rods in said joints, apparel-supports carried by said frame, one of said supports swinging thereon and the upper of said apparel-supports being a flat horizontal rack composed of rods secured in rods which are fastened in the telescoping joints of the main frame, a curtain-supporting frame mounted above said rack and composed of a rectangular frame and having two swinging sides, and rods telescoping into the curtain-supporting frame and main frame, substantially as described.

3. In a portable wardrobe-frame, the combination of base-rods, vertical rods carried thereby, a rectangular top frame supported on the top of said vertical rods and acting as a curtain-support, one member of said top frame carrying a spring-clip, and a pair of rods pivotally supported in said top frame and adapted to carry curtains and swing inward and outward like a door, and having ends adapted to engage said spring-clip, substantially as described.

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

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