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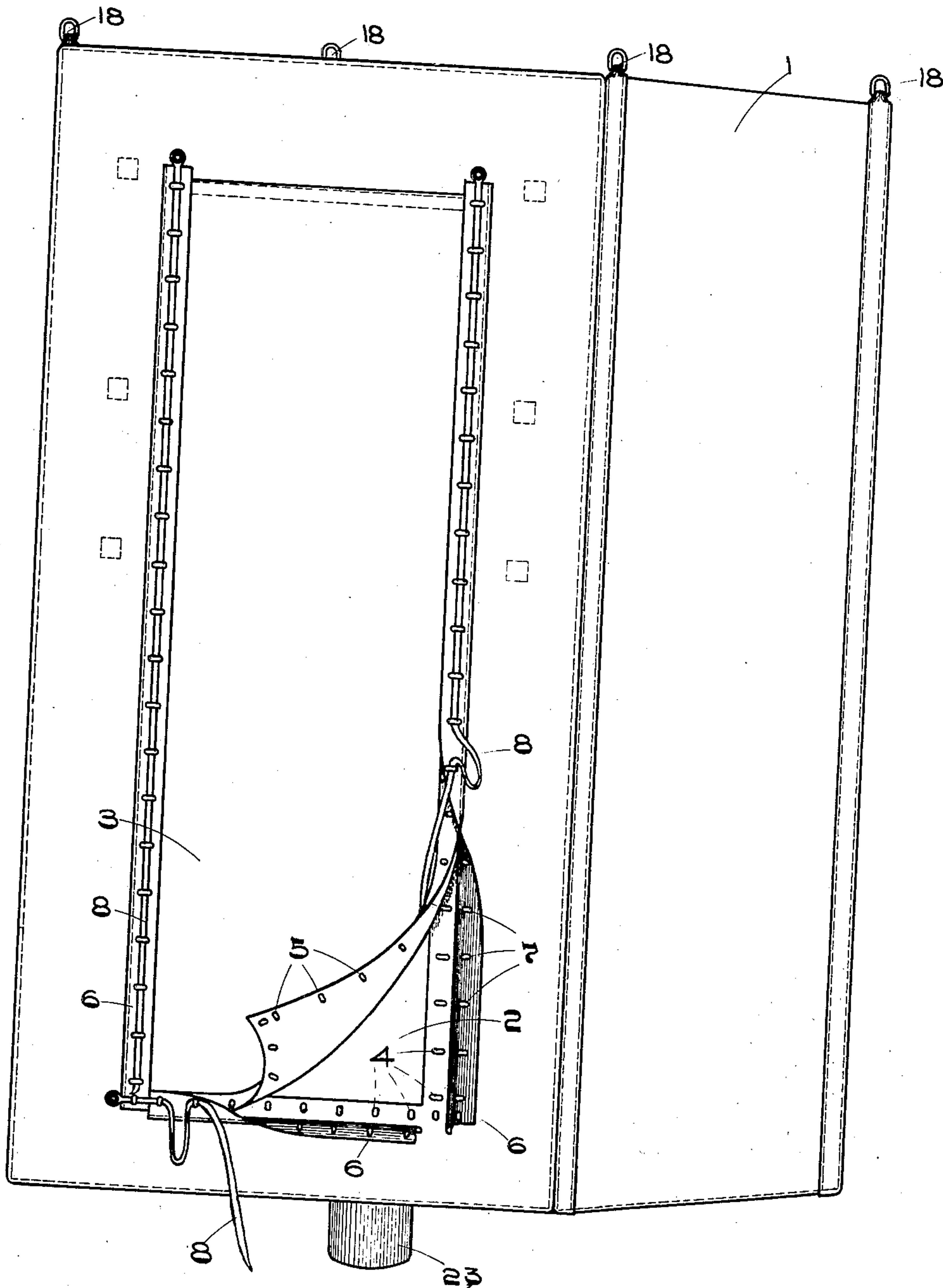


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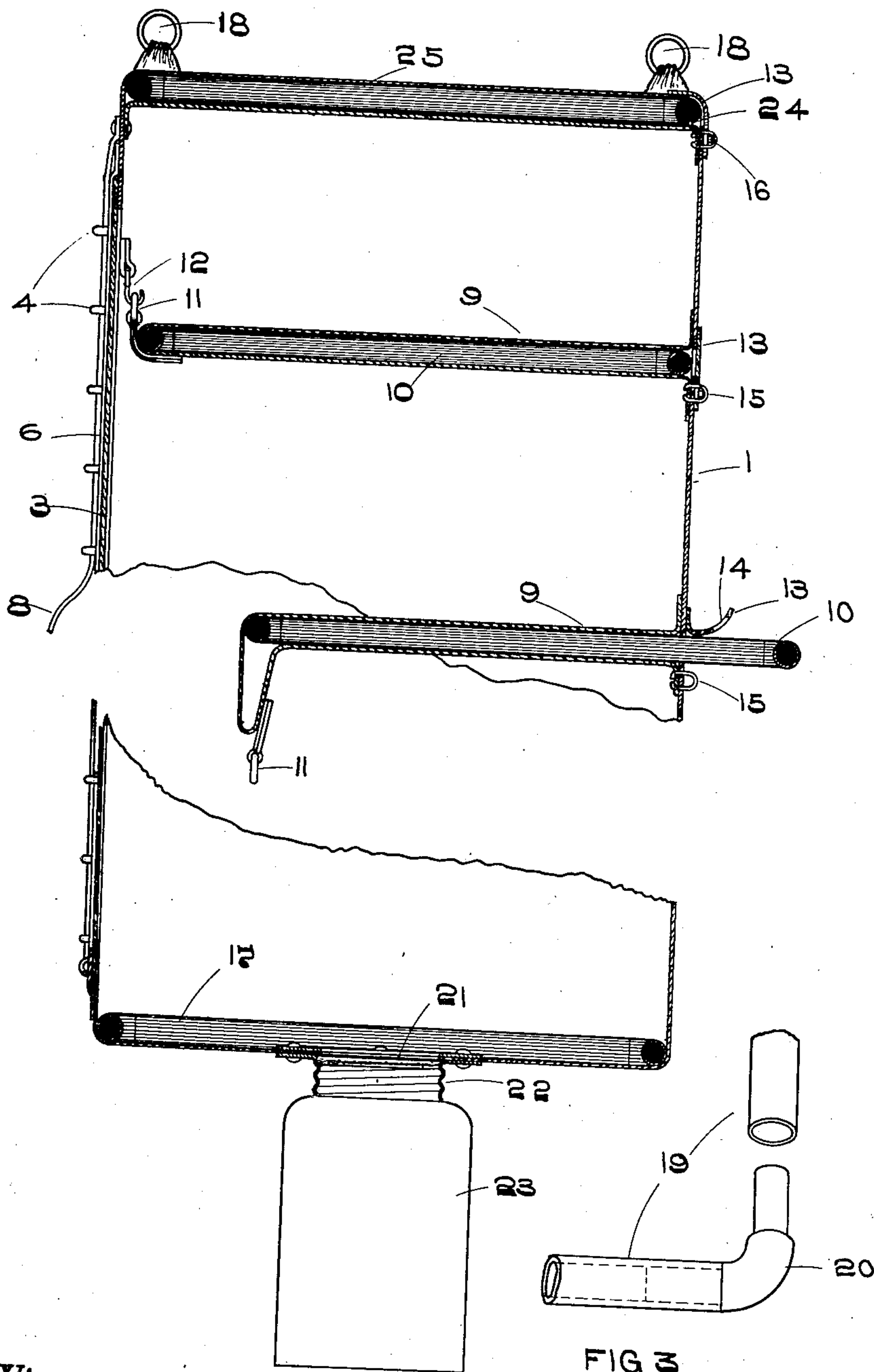


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA S. HITCHCOCK, citizen of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Venango and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Wardrobe and Disinfecting-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

The object, construction and utility of my invention are herein set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved combined ward-robe and disinfecting cabinet. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the upper and lower portions of same, the intermediate portion of the cabinet being broken away. Fig. 3 is a detail.

The same reference letters indicate identical parts in the several views.

The object of my invention is to provide a collapsible wardrobe and cabinet, which may, when necessity arises, be also used as a disinfecting cabinet, and one which may be easily moved from place to place, and for this purpose be so constructed as to be foldable into a small parcel.

The construction of my combined wardrobe and disinfecting cabinet is substantially as follows.

From any suitable fabric, I construct a cabinet, 1, of any suitable size and shape, though preferably about five feet in height, three feet in width and eighteen inches in depth, and in the front of the cabinet I form an access or door opening 2 which is closed by a suitable curtain closure 3, which is securely attached by one of its edges, preferably the top edge, to the fabric of the cabinet, immediately above the access opening.

Attached to and projecting outward from the face of the cabinet, and in close proximity to the edges of opening 2, are a number of evenly-spaced metallic loops or staples 4: Approximate to the edge of the curtain is formed a number of correspondingly-spaced eyelets 5 for the reception of said staples; a short distance from the edges of opening 2, at the sides and bottom thereof, I attach flaps 6, 6, 6, with their free edges disposed toward said opening 2, and in said flaps I also form the eyelets 7 adapted to the reception of said staples.

When curtain 3 is to be secured in the

closed position, eyelets 5 are drawn over the staples 4, flaps 6 are then folded over the edge of the curtain and eyelets 7 are drawn over the staples 4 and a lace 8 is then passed through the projecting end of the staple, thus holding the curtain firmly in the closed position and forming a fume-proof and moth-proof joint, which prevents the escape of the fumes of the disinfectant or the entrance of moths.

Upon the interior of the cabinet I provide a number of shelves 9, 9, which are made in the form of pockets, and attached to the back of the cabinet, through which is an opening into each shelf or pocket. Said pockets may be any width, from the full width of the cabinet to any fraction thereof; the opening into each pocket extends the full width thereof. A shelf is put in readiness for use by inserting a rectangular frame 10, through said opening into the pocket, and when said frame is in position, the ring 11 upon the front edge of the shelf is placed in engagement with the hook 12, which holds the shelf securely in the horizontal position. Over each pocket or shelf opening is placed a flap 13, which is secured by its top edge to the wall of the cabinet and extends downward over said opening, each flap is provided with eyelets 14, which receive the staples 15; a lace 16, passing through said staples secures said flaps firmly in the closed position. This construction is substantially that by which the curtain 3 is secured in the closed position.

A removable frame or stretcher 17 is placed in the bottom of the cabinet to hold it in proper shape, and at the top of the cabinet I provide a pocket 24 for the reception of a stretcher 25, which holds the top of the cabinet in shape.

Rings 18 are provided at each top corner of the cabinet for the purpose of suspending the cabinet from the ceiling or any other suitable support.

Frames 10,—a small portion of which is shown in Fig. 3, are composed preferably of tubing 19, joined at the respective corners by an elbow 20, in such a manner that the frame may be easily taken apart.

A hole 21 is provided through the bottom of the cabinet, which is provided upon the outside with a screw collar 22, into which may be screwed a formaldehyde generator 23 for the purpose of disinfecting the interior and contents of the cabinet. Said opening

21 is preferably provided with a fine wire netting to prevent moths from entering the same when the generator is not in place.

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

1. In an article of the class specified, a cabinet composed of a suitable fabric, there being a door opening in one side of said cabinet, staples secured to said fabric at three
10 sides of said opening and approximate to the edges thereof, a curtain closure for said opening secured by one of its edges, to the fabric of said cabinet approximate to one side of
15 said opening, there being eyelets in said curtain positioned and adapted to receive said staples, flaps adapted to overlap the free edges of said curtain when the same is in a closed position, there being eyelets through
20 said flaps adapted to receive said staples, a lace adapted to pass through said eyelets for the purpose set forth, and means whereby said cabinet may be suspended from a suitable support.

25 2. In an article of the class specified, a cabinet composed of a suitable fabric, removable stretchers located at the top and bottom of said cabinet, shelf-pockets attached to one wall of said cabinet upon the interior thereof,
30 there being openings through said wall into said shelf-pockets, in combination with

frames or stretchers adapted to enter said pockets, means for securing said frames in said pockets, and means whereby said shelves may be secured in a horizontal position, for
35 the purpose set forth.

3. In a device of the class specified, a cabinet composed of a suitable fabric, there being a door opening on one side of said cabinet, staples secured to said fabric approximate
40 to three sides of said opening, a curtain closure for said opening, secured by one of its edges to the fabric of said cabinet approximate to one side of said opening, there being eyelets through said curtain adapted and positioned
45 to receive said staples, flaps adapted to overlap the edges of said curtain when the same is in the closed position, there being eyelets through said flaps also adapted to receive said staples, a lace adapted to pass
50 through said eyelets, for the purpose set forth, means whereby said cabinet may be suspended, in combination with a disinfectant generator adapted to be attached to the bottom of said cabinet, for the purpose set
55 forth.

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

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