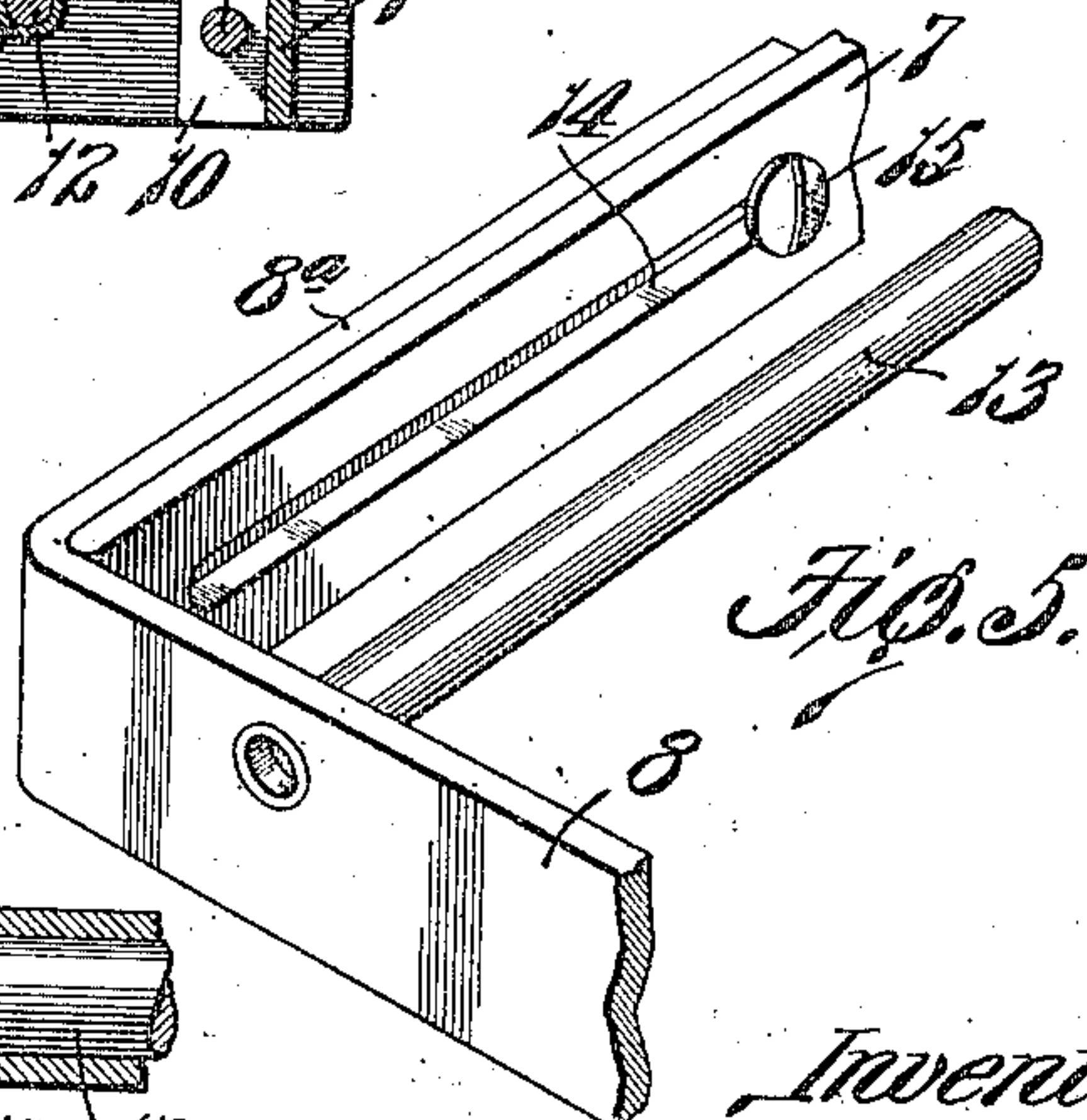
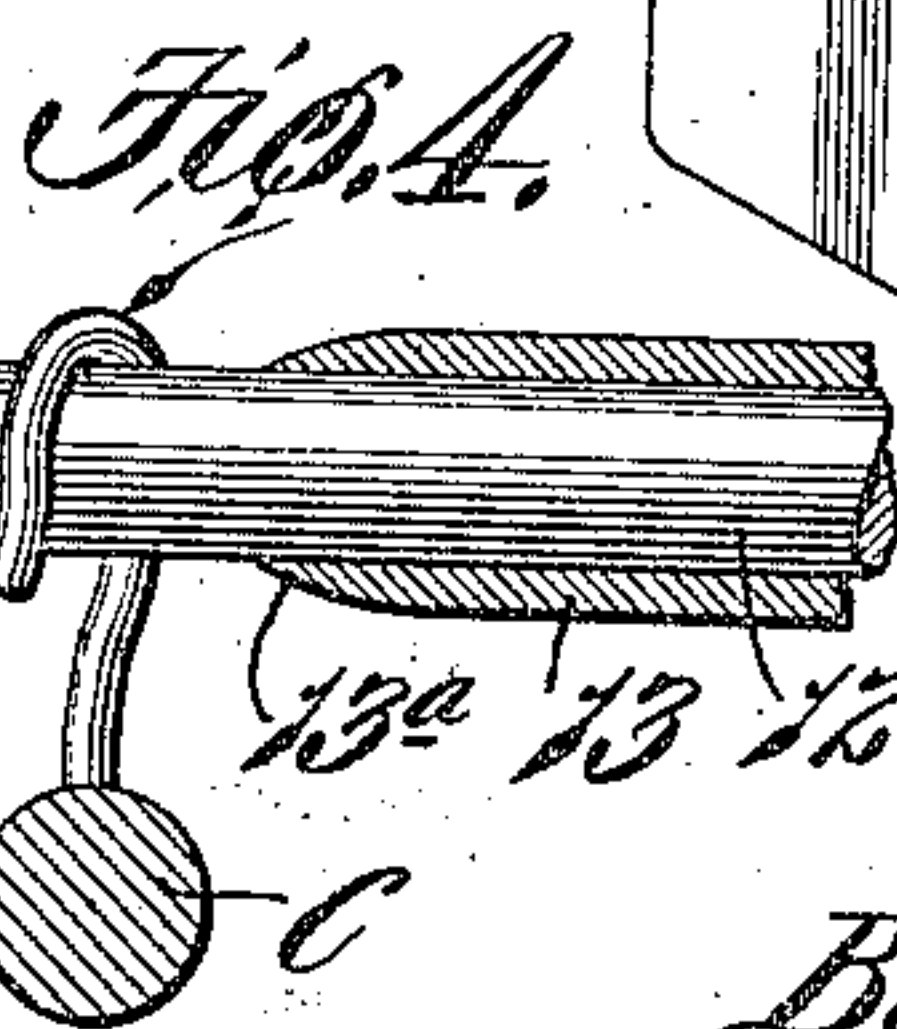
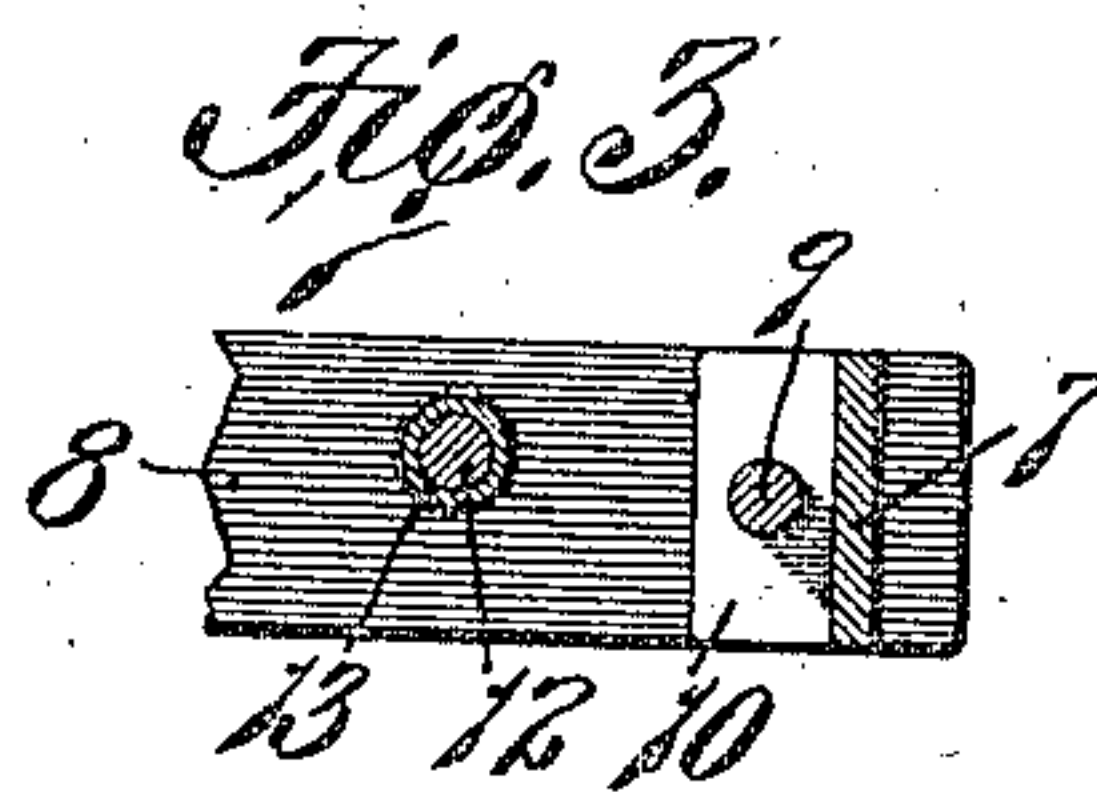
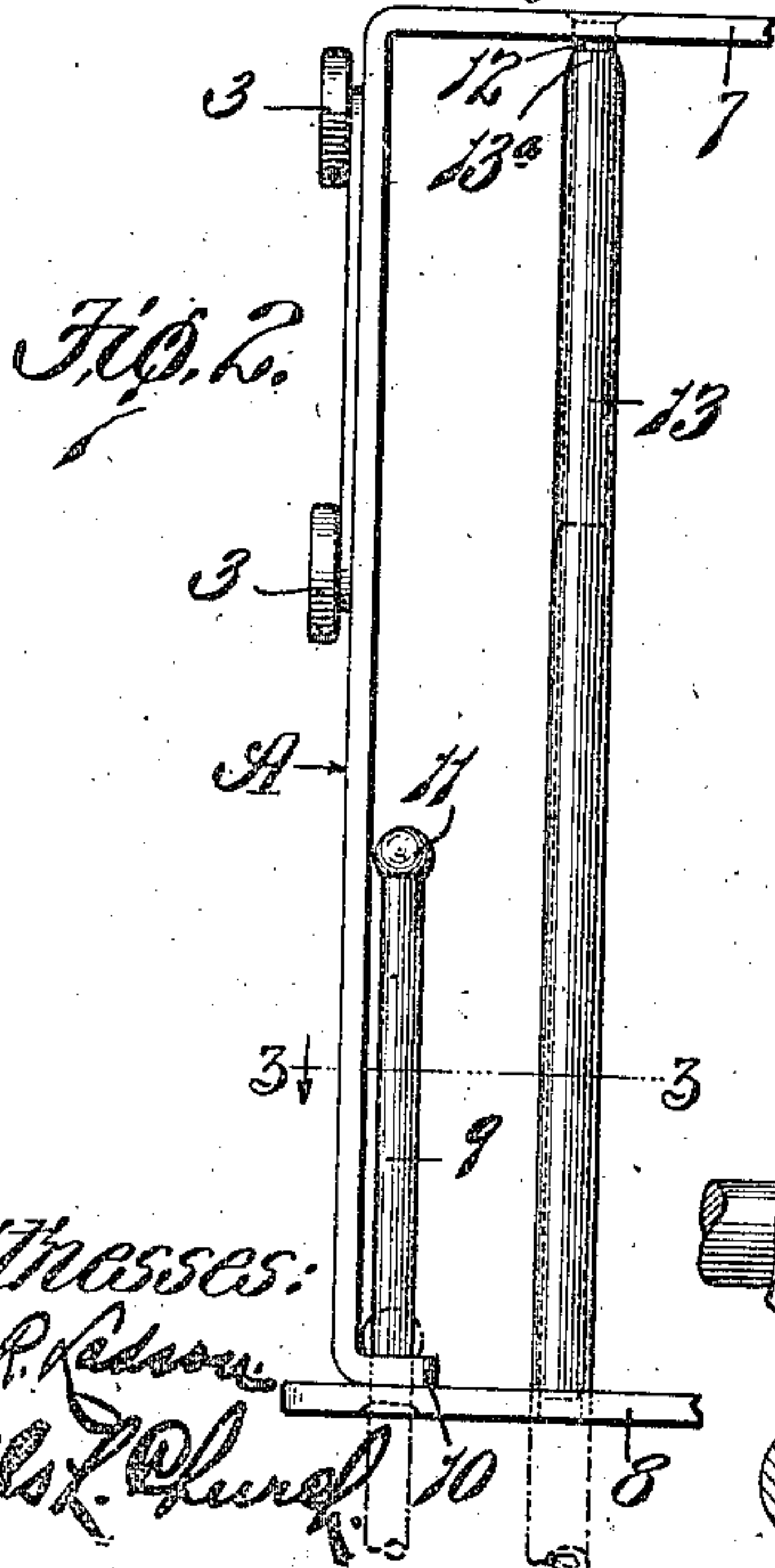
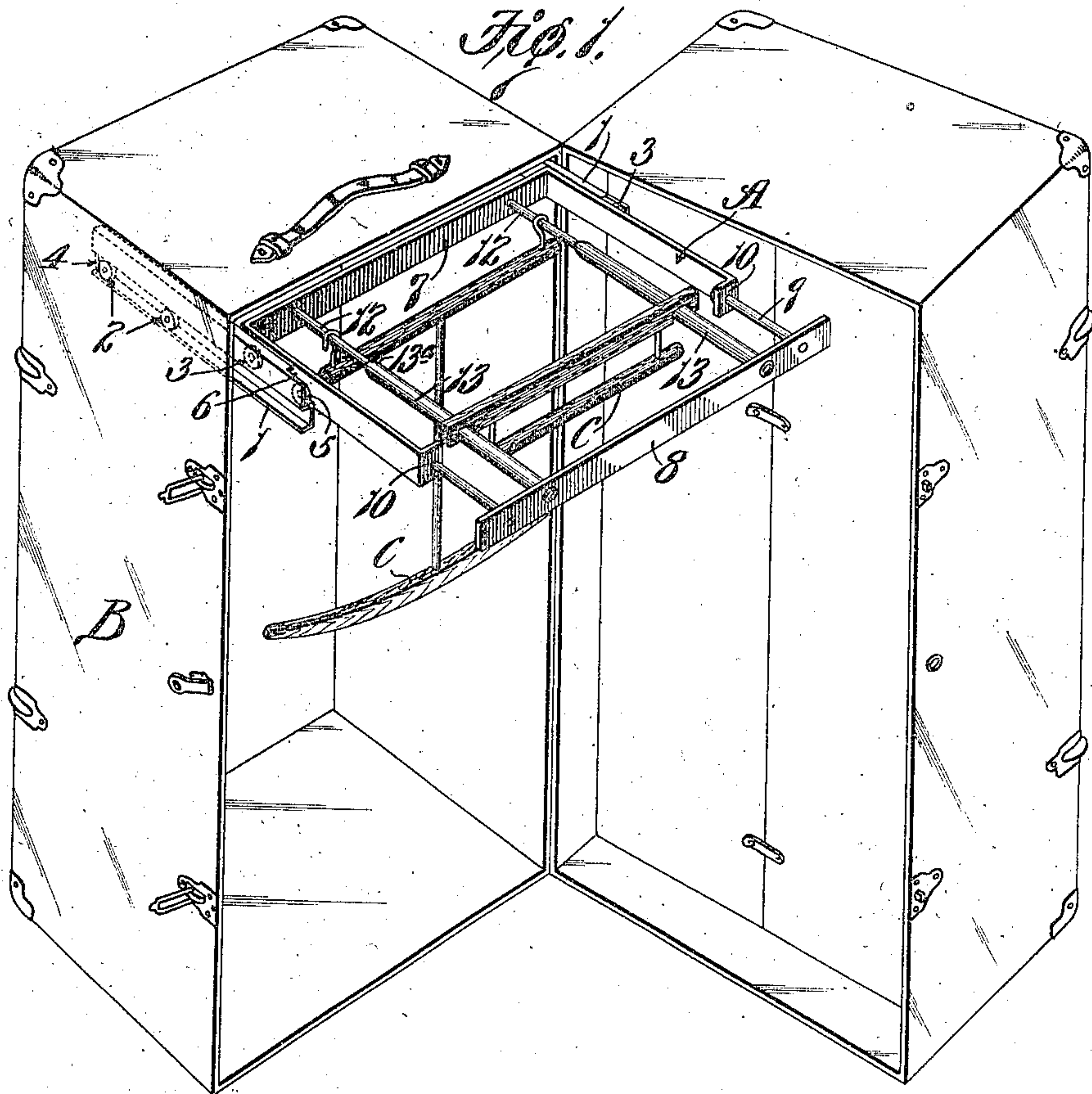


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY T. V. PERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Supporting Devices for Clothes-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to devices that are used in wardrobes for supporting clothes.

One object of my invention is to provide a clothes hanger supporting device that can be extended a greater distance than the devices which have heretofore been in use and which is so designed that the clothes on the hangers will be pressed or packed tightly when the wardrobe is closed.

Another object is to provide a clothes hanger supporting device for wardrobe trunks which is strong and compact and capable of supporting a large number of clothes hangers.

Other objects and desirable features of my invention will be hereinafter pointed out.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of a wardrobe trunk equipped with a clothes hanger supporting device constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of a portion of said device; Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view taken on approximately the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a detail view, partly in section, of one of the extensible rods which acts as a support for the hangers; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a slightly modified form of my invention.

Briefly stated, my invention consists in an extensible frame mounted on guides or tracks carried by the wardrobe and adapted to be pulled out of the wardrobe a certain distance, and means on said extensible frame for supporting a plurality of clothes hangers.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawings which illustrates the preferred form of my invention, A designates an extensible frame which is slidably mounted in guides 1 carried by the side walls of a wardrobe trunk B and arranged in such a manner that they can be pulled out of the trunk a certain distance so that the frame A will lie entirely outside of the trunk. The guides 1 are substantially

S-shaped in cross section so as to form independent channel-shaped tracks or guide-ways which receive rollers 2 connected to the side walls of the trunk and rollers 3 connected to the frame A. Suitable stops 4 and 5 are arranged at the inner and outer ends of said guides, respectively, for limiting the outward movement of the guides and the outward movement of the extensible frame A, as shown clearly in Fig. 1, and the upper flanges of said guides are cut away at 6, as shown in Fig. 1, so as to permit the rollers 3 of the extensible frame to be introduced into the guides.

The frame A is composed of a substantially U-shaped portion 7 to which the rollers 3 are connected and a movable portion 8 which consists of a straight bar that extends across the open end of said U-shaped portion 7, and means for connecting said U-shaped portion and movable portion together in such a manner that the portion 8 can be extended or moved outwardly into the position shown in Fig. 1 and thus increase the size of the frame. In the preferred form of my invention, as shown in Fig. 1, the movable part 8 of the frame is provided with arms or guide rods 9 that pass inwardly through intumed lugs 10 on the U-shaped part 7 of the frame, and said rods 9 are provided at their inner ends with stops 11 which cooperate with the lugs 10 to limit the outward movement of the part 8 of the frame. The supports on the frame A on which the clothes hangers rest or from which the clothes hangers are suspended, are extensible and consist of rods 12 which project forwardly from the cross-piece of the U-shaped portion 7 of the frame and tubular-shaped sleeves or tubes 13 telescoped over the rods 12 and projecting inwardly from the movable part 8 of the frame, the inner ends of the sleeves 13 being tapered at 13<sup>a</sup>, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to permit the hooks of the coat hangers C to ride upwardly from the rods 12 onto said sleeves. The U-shaped part 7 of the frame A preferably consists of a flat bar or strip of metal bent into the shape shown in Fig. 1, and the movable part 8 of the frame consists of a flat bar or strip of metal.

Instead of connecting the parts 7 and 8 of the frame A in the manner shown in Fig. 1 I can provide the movable part 8 of the



frame with inwardly projecting arms 8<sup>a</sup> which embrace the sides of the U-shaped part 7 of the frame and form slots 14 in the sides of the U-shaped part 7 to receive stops 15 on the arms 8<sup>a</sup>, said stops cooperating with the ends of the slots 14 to limit the movement of the part 8 of the frame.

One advantage of a construction of the character above described is that it will support a greater number of hangers than the devices of this type which have heretofore been in use owing to the fact that the frame A is provided with extensible supports on which the hangers rest or from which the hangers are suspended. Another advantage of such a construction is that the clothes which are mounted on the hangers will be pressed or packed tightly together when the wardrobe is closed because the inward movement of the part 8 of the frame reduces the length of the frame and also shortens the supports on which the hangers rest. The device is compact and as the frame A is made of metal the entire device is very strong and rigid and is admirably adapted for use in wardrobe trunks or any other comparatively small compartments.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A clothes-hanger-supporting device for wardrobes, comprising a pair of movable guides of approximately S-shape in cross section, rollers on the walls of the wardrobe which support said guides, an approximately U-shaped metallic frame arranged horizontally between said guides and provided with rollers which travel on the guides, lugs on the side pieces of said frame, a movable cross-piece extending across the open side of said frame and provided with inwardly projecting rods which pass through the lugs on said frame, stops on the inner ends of said rods which engage said lugs and thus limit the outward movement of the cross-piece, and telescoping devices connected to said cross-piece and to the rear side of said frame for supporting clothes-hangers.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses, this twentieth day of June 1910.

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