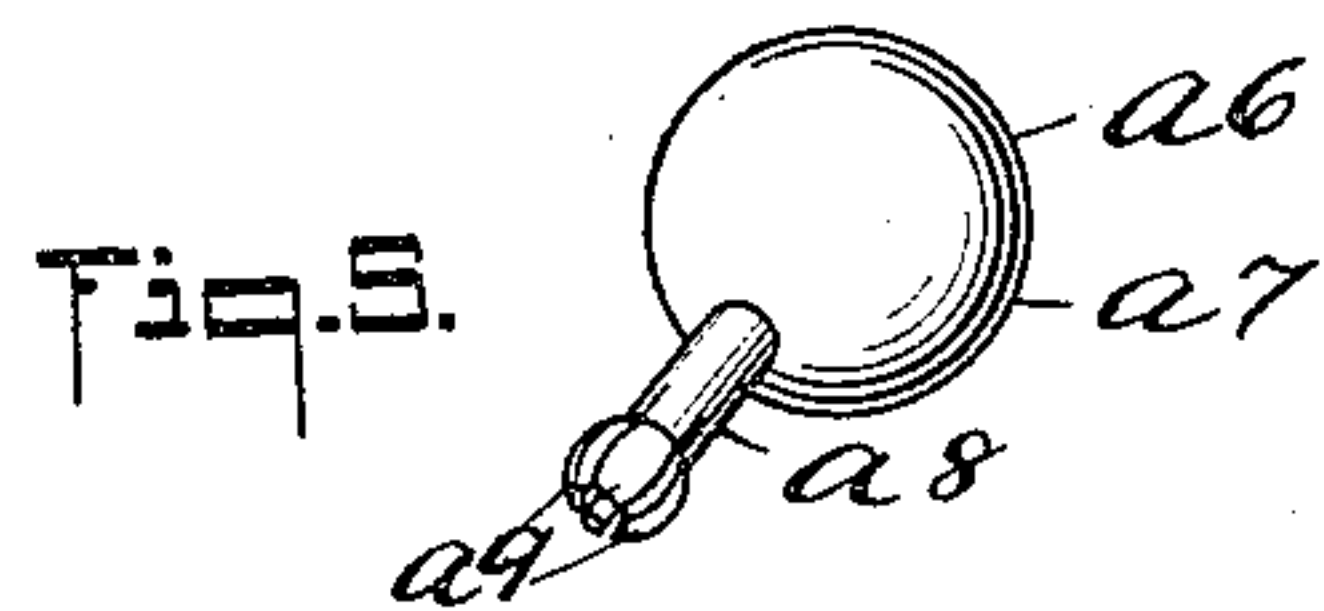
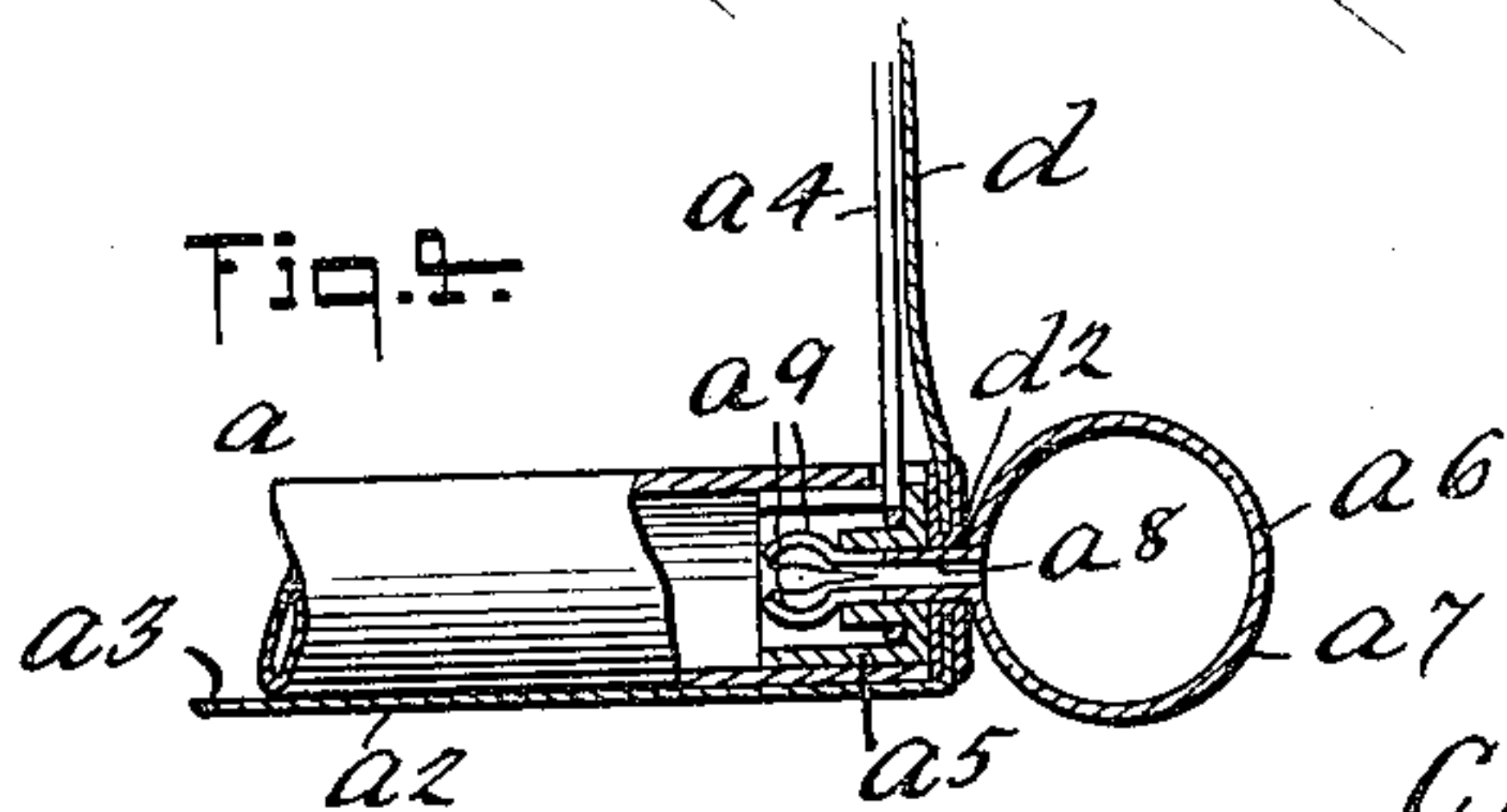
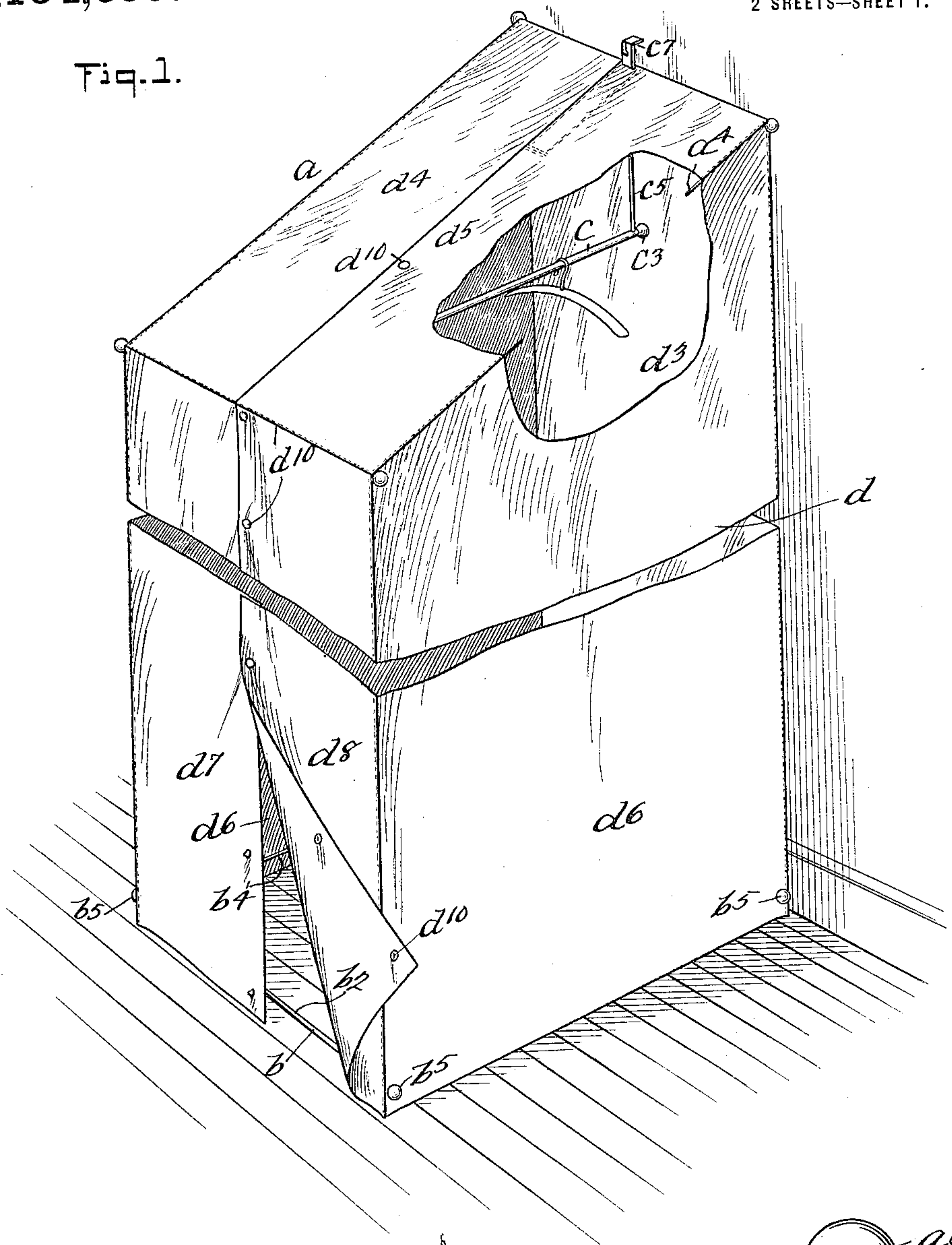


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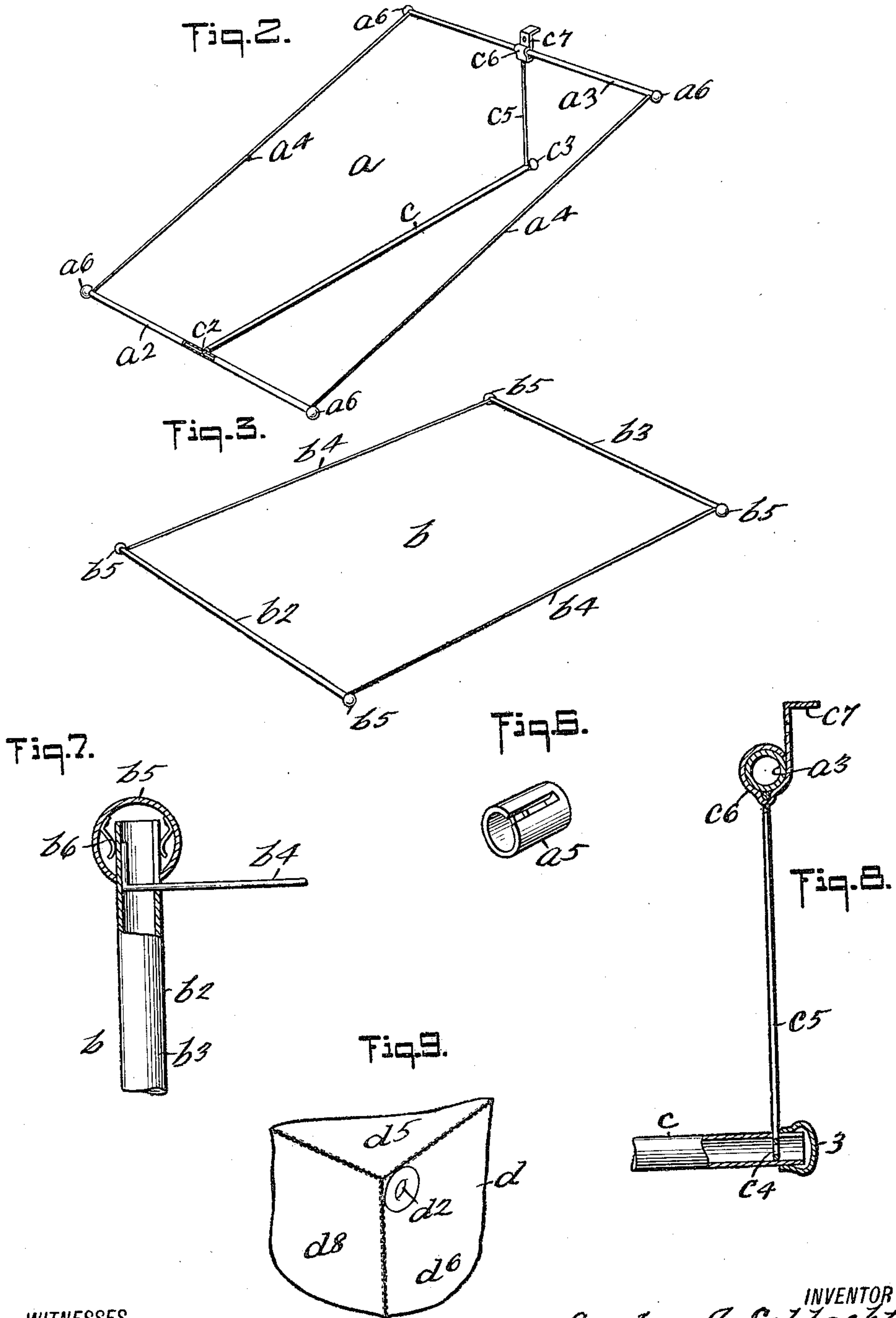
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL A. SCHLACHTER, a subject of the German Emperor, and resident of Manson, in the county of Calhoun and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to wardrobes, and the main object thereof is to provide such a device which is adapted to be suspended from a wall or other support and which, when taken from its support, immediately collapses into very compact form; a further object is to provide such a wardrobe which is formed of only upper and lower frames connected and covered by suitable fabric, the upper frame being supported on the wall, and the lower being supported by said fabric; a further object is to provide, in connection with the upper frame, a rod for the garment hangers, and which rod serves the purpose, also, of maintaining the upper frame in position; a further object is to so form the members of the wardrobe as to be readily assembled or taken apart, for storage, being adapted to be rolled into a size dependent on the depth, front to rear, of the fabric covering; a further object being to provide detachable securing means for the frame members which are ornamental as well as useful and, therefore, add to the appearance of the wardrobe; and still further objects are to provide such wardrobes which are light, strong, adapted for use in any position, fully protective of the garments contained therein, permit great latitude in the character and design of the fabric covering and, thus, of the appearance of the wardrobe, and which are comparatively inexpensive.

My invention is fully set forth in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the same reference characters are used to designate the same parts in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my wardrobe, closed, and partly broken away to show details; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the upper frame thereof; Fig. 3 is a similar view of the lower frame; Fig. 4 is an enlarged, sectional, detail view; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a frame connection which I employ; Fig. 6 is a view of a de-

tail; Fig. 7 is a sectional view of another form of frame connection which I employ; Fig. 8 is a sectional view of the method of connecting the garment hanger rod; and Fig. 9 is a fragmentary view of the fabric covering, showing the method of forming the same for frame connection.

In the drawings forming a part of this application, I have shown a wardrobe, comprising an upper frame a , a lower frame b , a garment hanger rod c and a fabric cover d , the upper frame consisting of front and rear tubular members a^2 and a^3 held in position by means of side rods a^4 which are ringed at each end, as shown in Fig. 4, and enter corresponding ends of the members a^2 and a^3 which are slotted to admit the same, and I provide a slotted bushing a^5 within each of said ends, to hold the side rods in position, and I also provide an ornamental device a^6 at each end of said members a^2 and a^3 , each of which consists of a ball head a^7 , a reduced neck portion a^8 and an enlarged inner end formed of resilient leaf members a^9 , the resiliency of which permits the said leaf members to be forced through corresponding bushings and be engaged therein, though detachably, and said ornaments are also passed through holes d^2 in the fabric covering d to hold the fabric secure in place at these points, also detachably.

The hanger rod or tube c passes into a centrally arranged hole c^2 in the member a^2 and extends to the rear of the wardrobe, being provided with a detachable ball c^3 at its end to retain the ringed lower end c^4 of a vertical rod c^5 in position, but said ball also serves to prevent injury to the fabric or wall, and the upper end of said rod c^5 is ringed to engage a sleeve c^6 detachably mounted on the member a^3 and which sleeve is provided with a hook c^7 for wall engagement, as shown in Fig. 1.

The lower frame b consists of front and rear tubular members b^2 and b^3 and side members or rods b^4 which are angularly bent, as shown in Fig. 7, and passed into the corresponding ends of the members b^2 and b^3 which are slotted as shown to admit the same, said rods being of a length to touch the farther sides of the interiors of said members, and ball ornaments b^5 are provided to hold said rods in position, said balls having spring clips b^6 , or equivalents, to tensionally hold the same on said tubu-

lar members, and the ends of said tubular members may pass through suitable openings in the fabric cover d and said fabric is held thereon by means of the said balls.

5 The cover comprises a back portion d^3 ; top formed of two portions d^4 and d^5 , side portions d^6 and front portions, two in number, d^7 and d^8 , and I may also provide a bottom portion, said cover being held in position on said frame by means of the ornaments already described, and I provide a plurality of fasteners for the flap portions d^4 — d^5 and d^7 — d^8 , as shown at d^{10} , of any suitable type, but preferably spaced at short distances in order to exclude dust and dirt from the wardrobe so formed.

It will thus be seen that the upper frame is suspended from a wall or other support by means of the hook c^7 , the fabric cover supported by said frame, and the lower frame supported by said fabric cover and, when said wardrobe is detached from the wall, it collapses in view of the fact that there are no vertical members to the framework and, when it is desired to ship or store said wardrobe, all that is necessary is to remove the ornamental balls, detach the cover, separate the frame members, and roll the same within said cover, and a very compact roll results, and the wardrobe may be as easily and quickly assembled for use.

My wardrobe will be made of a size adapted to contain full length garments, preferably, without folding, and arranged on suitable hangers which are, in turn, suspended from the tube c , thus preventing wrinkling

of the garments or, if wrinkled in traveling, said wrinkles may disappear after the garments have been so hung for a time.

While I have shown specific details, I do not desire to limit myself thereto, but may make any desired changes therein or modifications thereover, within the scope of the following claims, without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages, and,

Having fully described the same, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A wardrobe, comprising a frame, means for connecting the same with a suitable support, a rod for maintaining said frame in position and serving as a support for a plurality of garment hangers, a fabric envelop draped on said frame, and a supplemental frame suspended by and maintaining said envelop in shape.

2. A wardrobe, comprising upper and lower frames, a fabric envelop connecting said frames, means for connecting said envelop with said frames detachably, said detachable means also serving as connecting means for the frame members, and means for suspending said upper frame from a suitable support.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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