To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Thomas W. King, a citizen of the United States, residing at 333 Freman avenue, Long Island City, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Dress-Suit Cases and Lockers, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to improvements in a combined dress suit case and locker.

The prime object of the invention is to provide a suit case of usual size, and so construct it that it can be conveniently converted into a locker in which the clothes stored in the suit case may be hung to prevent wrinkling.

A further object of the invention is to provide a structure adapted to be made compact for suit case purposes, but which may be separated and assembled to form a locker.

The invention also comprehends improvements in the details of construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the structure when used as a suit case.

Fig. 2 is a cross section taken through the suit case.

Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one end of the suit case.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the sections of the suit case separated.

Fig. 5 is a detail horizontal section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the structure converted into a locker.

Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of the collapsible door.

Fig. 8 is a detail perspective view of a sectional rod.

46 The numerals 1 and 2 indicate two telescopic sections, the section 1 comprising two members 3 and 4, and the section 2, comprising two members 5 and 6. The member 4, comprises a horizontal bottom 7, a vertical side 8, the free edge of which is rebent to form a guide 9, and a vertical end 10, the inner edge of the latter being rebent to form a guide 11. The member 3, is formed with a horizontal top 12, a vertical side 13, and a vertical end 14. The free edge of the vertical end 14, snugly fits in the guide 11, and the free edge of the vertical side 13, snugly fits in the guide 9. One end 9a of the section 1 is detachable, and is secured in place by claps 9b when the structure is used as a suit case, the end being collapsible as shown, for a purpose to be described.

The member 5 of the section 2, comprises a horizontal bottom 16, a vertical side 17, which is rebent at its free end to provide a guide 18, and a vertical end 19, the free end of which is rebent to form a guide 20.

The member 6, comprises a horizontal top 21, a vertical side 22, and a vertical end 23, the free edges of the vertical side 22 and the vertical end 23, snugly engaging in the guides 18 and 20. One end 24 of the section 2 is detachable and is collapsible, and is secured in position when the structure is used as a suit case, by claps 25.

The members forming the respective sections vertically telescope, as best shown in Fig. 2, and the members are locked together by claps or other fastening means shown at 37. These claps prevent the inner members 3 and 6 being withdrawn from the members 4 and 5, when carrying the suit case.

The sections 1 and 2 are each provided at their lower inner edges with perforated ears or lugs 28 forming hinge elements through which a rod section 29, passes to form the hinge connection, and on the top of said sections is a handle 30, and clamps 31. Stored in the suit case is a telescopic door 33, composed of two sections 34 and 35, each section being substantially the same as the other, and therefore but one will be described.

Each section comprises two members 36 and 37. The ends of the member 37 are rebent to form guides 38, in which snugly fit the ends of the member 36. Extending from the inner longitudinal edges of the member 37, are lugs 39, which engage in indentations 40, in the member 36, to form an interlock between the two members when spread apart, and extending from one edge of the member 36, are perforated ears 41. A rod section 42, passes through the ears, as will be seen from the description to follow.

When it is desired to use the structure as a suit case, the members forming the sections 1 and 2, are collapsed, and the detachable ends 24 are inserted, and then the claps 27, 9 and 25, are locked, which holds the
parts together. The sections 1 and 2, are then brought together and the rod section 29 is passed through the registering perforated ears and a nut or cotter pin is inserted in the end to hold same in position.

The collapsible door sections are stored inside the sections 2 and 3, and may be retained in place by small hooks or the like, indicated at 44. The suit case is now complete, and by locking the clasps 31, the sections are retained together, and if desired a strap or straps 45 may be used to further secure the sections against separation.

If it is desired to convert the suit case into a locker, the rod section 29 is withdrawn and ends 9 and 24 are removed and the section 1 is turned up on its end 10, and the member 3 is withdrawn from member 4, and the lug 46, is engaged in one of the indentations 47. It will of course be understood that the member 3, when withdrawing it, will slide through the guides 11, and its relation with member 4, is maintained, the ends 4 and 14 of the members now forming the bottom of the locker.

The members of the section 2 are withdrawn in the like manner and the lug 48 is engaged in one of the indentations 49 to lock the parts together, and then the section is inverted to a vertical position and its open end is inserted within the open end of section 1, and the edges are supported on the lugs 50, as best shown in Fig. 6. The clasps 9 and 37 are now engaged over the lugs 51 and the two sections are therefore locked together which forms the body portion of the locker. The members 36 and 37 of the door sections 36 and 34 are now withdrawn and are locked together by the lugs 59, engaging the indentations 49, then the two expanded sections are placed end to end and a spring clip 56 is slipped over the rebent ends. The door having been thus formed, it is fitted within the body portion and the ears 41 and 28 are brought into registry. The rod sections 29 and 42 are screwed together and the elongated rod thus formed, is passed through the ears 28 and 41, which completes the hinge connection. The door is latched by the clasps 31, engaging lug 58.

The collapsible detachable ends 9 and 24 can be employed as shelves when the locker is made up, as shown clearly in Fig. 6, the sections being adjusted to fit on lug 60. A rack or other clothes supporter may be suspended in the locker, so that when a traveler reaches his destination, his clothes are removed from the suit case, then the latter is dismantled and the locker is formed, and the clothes can be conveniently hung up to avoid wrinkling, or crushing.

The parts may be made of metal or wood or other suitable material, and will be covered with appropriate material to present a neat finished appearance.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a construction which affords a traveler convenient and compact means for carrying and wearing apparel, and one which, when the destination is reached may be quickly and conveniently dismantled and converted into a locker wherein the apparel can be spread out. The invention is particularly adapted for travelers in medium circumstances and those rooming in medium class houses where a wardrobe or locker is not usually found.

The structure is such that it can be quickly converted from a suit case to a locker, or from a locker to suit case, the parts being so arranged that they can be quickly released and assembled.

What I claim is:

1. A combined suit case and locker comprising a pair of sections composed of telescopic members, certain of which have perforated ears, a collapsible door normally retained in the sections, a rod for engaging the perforated ears, the sections when hinged together forming a suit case, and when said sections are extended and fitted end to end in each other forming a locker, the door being extended and hinged on the perforated ears by the rod to form a closure for the locker.

2. A combined suit case and locker comprising a pair of sections composed of telescopic members and a detachable end piece, hinges connecting the two sections, said sections adapted to be withdrawn and inserted in each other to form a locker, and a door hung on the hinges of the sections to form a closure for the locker.

3. A combined suit case and locker comprising two sections hinged together, each section being composed of two members reversely fitted into each other, one of said members having vertical guides to receive the vertical edges of the other said member, detachable means for holding the two members together, detachable ends in each section, detachable means for holding the ends in position, a collapsible door normally contained in the sections, said sections being adapted to be separated and the members withdrawn and fitted in each other to form a locker, and the door withdrawn and hinged to the hinges on the sections to form a closure for the locker.

4. A combined suit case and locker comprising two sections hinged together, each section being composed of two telescopic members, one of said members having guides to receive the other member, and also provided with hinge elements, a detachable end in each section, means for holding the ends of the members together, a rod section to complete the hinge between the sections, a collapsible door normally contained in the sections, a rod section associated with the 130
door, ribs on the interior of certain of the members, whereby the sections may be assembled to form a locker and the door withdrawn to form a closure for the locker, and means for securing the sections together when formed into a locker including the bringing together of the rod sections to form a hinge for the door.

5. In a closure of the character described, the combination of a pair of sections composed of telescopic members each open on one side and adapted to fit each in the end of the other, a member of each section having hinge elements, means for securing the sections together, certain of the elements having lugs, end sections, a collapsible door composed of two sections each of which comprises two sections telescopically arranged and one section of each member having hinge elements which register with the first mentioned hinge elements, the end sections fitting on the lugs to form shelves.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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