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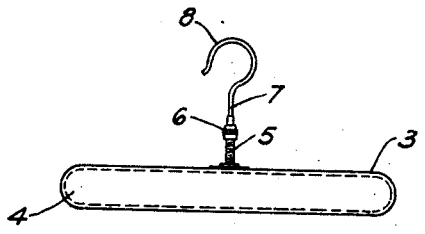


FIG. 1.

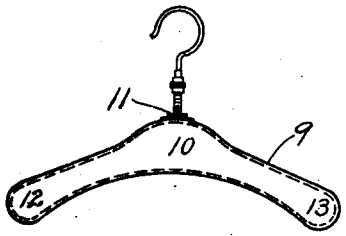


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to a garment hanger adapted to fit within the shoulders of a dress, coat, jacket, or other articles of clothing, and having a suspending eye with a shank projecting from the hanger to suspend the hanger with the garment upon a suitable support.

Heretofore, it has been customary in hanging garments, to utilize hangers made of wood, wire, cardboard, and the like. Such rigid forms are objectionable, in that they are not adapted to be used for the finer and more expensive garments. This is due to the fact that they are cheaply made and certain portions often present rough spots upon which garments may be snagged and torn.

It is therefore the object of this invention to construct a hanger with a smooth, soft surface but of such a construction as to reduce the probability of the garment slipping off the support and which is sufficiently rigid to support any garment in the usual manner.

It is a further object of this invention to produce a hanger, which, in addition to the characteristics referred to above, is also collapsible, so that when necessary it may be packed with other traveling accessories in such a manner as to occupy a minimum amount of space.

Briefly, these and other objects may be attained by providing a collapsible casing enclosing an inflatable inner tube, the casing assuming the shape desired when the inner tube is inflated. As an alternative, a single airtight casing of rubberized material, which is flexible but practically non-elastic, may be used instead of the casing and tube.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view of one form of garment hanger, and Fig. 2 is a view of a modified form.

In Fig. 1, the numeral 3 represents the casing which encloses the inflatable inner tube 4, shown by the dotted lines. Attached to the inner tube is an air valve 5, which may be of any conventional type. The valve 5 is closed by cap 6, to which the stem 7 of the hook 8 is secured. It is intended that the material of the casing 3 be of some soft, material, and a particularly strong material is not required, in that the pressure exerted by the inflated tube is uniformly distributed.

Fig. 2 shows a garment hanger similar in shape to those most generally used at the present, differing in construction from the one shown in Fig. 1 in that the casing 9 itself is made of an air-tight material. With the elimination of the inner tube, it is only necessary that some rubberized material be used for the casing 9, which is flexible, but practically non-elastic. This form of hanger is composed of a central portion 10, having a center point 11, and from which the arms 12 and 13 extend in opposite directions. While the form of this hanger is different from the one shown in Fig. 1, it is to be understood that the shape is immaterial in that any particular shape may be made by cutting the material of the casing in accordance with the type desired.

Several advantages are inherent in this device over the type of hangers heretofore employed. For example, these hangers may be utilized to support, without the usual slipping, garments made of delicate, expensive materials, whereas it is now necessary to cover each hanger in order to prevent such damage. These hangers are also very convenient as travelling accessories, in that they may be packed in a minimum amount of space when deflated, and at any time may be inflated to meet the need of the traveler.

While the substance of this invention has been generally shown and described, it should not be confined in its application to any particular type of garment hanger, except as defined by the hereinafter appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A collapsible garment hanger, consisting of an outer casing, an inflatable inner

tube, said inner tube having a valve extending through the outer casing, a cap for said valve, and a hook attached to the air valve cap.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a pneumatic garment hanger, comprising a body portion of air-tight material, said body portion assuming the shape of a hanger when inflated, and collapsible when deflated, an air valve secured in the fabric and communicating with the interior of said body portion, a cap for said valve, and a hook attached to said cap.

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