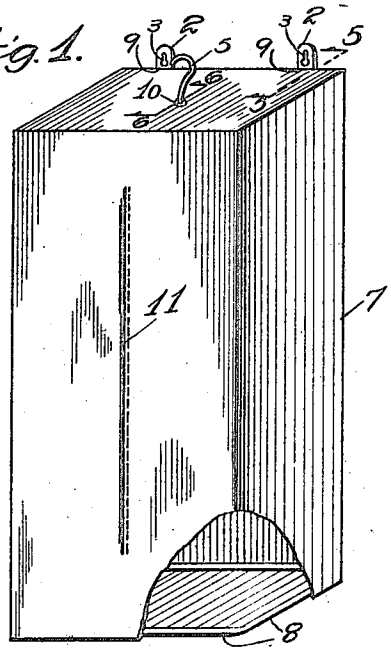
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Fig. 1.



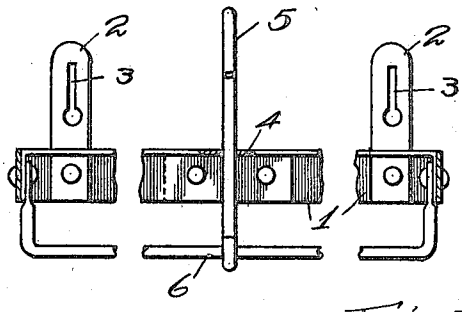


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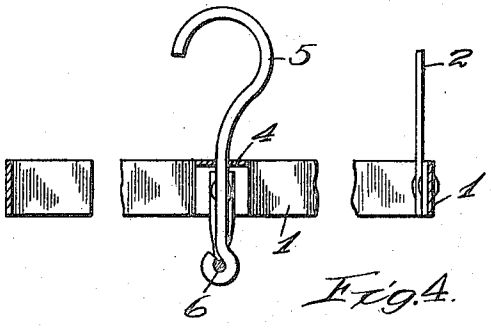


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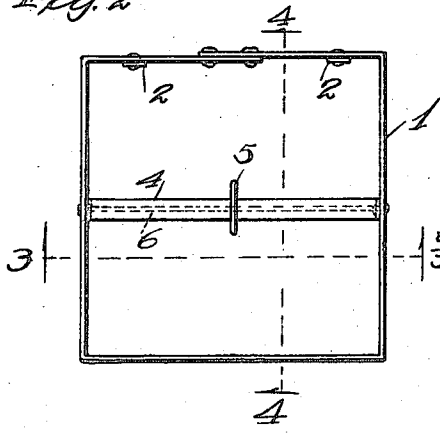


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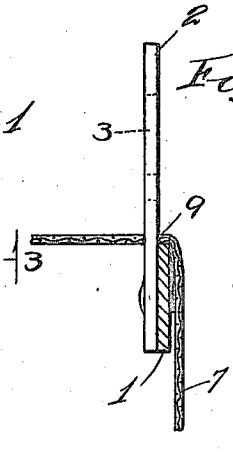
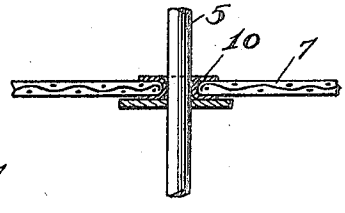


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEAN L. BENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Protecting Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for protecting clothing and has for its object to provide a new and improved device of this description. The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view of one form of the device embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a plan view with parts omitted of the top frame piece of the device;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the top frame piece of the device with the cover removed taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 1.

Like numerals refer to like parts throughout the several figures.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient clothes protecting device which may be placed in an ordinary closet or any other position and which will protect the clothes placed therein and can be made at little cost and easily placed in position.

In the construction illustrated in the drawings I provide a top frame piece 1 made of any desired material but preferably of metal. In the construction illustrated this frame piece is made of a metal strip or band bent into shape and having the ends fastened together. At one side of the top frame piece I provide the two supporting pieces 2 by means of which the device is held in position. These supporting pieces may be of any desired construction. As herein shown, these supporting pieces are provided with openings 3 which are enlarged at their lower ends so as to permit the passage therethrough of the enlarged ends or heads of nails, screws or other devices by means of which the frame is fastened to a support. The enlarged ends of the fastening devices pass through the enlarged portions of the openings and the frame is then slid down so that the shanks of the supporting devices enter the narrow portions of the openings. The frame 1 is provided with the cross piece 4 which extends across the top thereof. A hook 5 is fastened to this cross piece and the device may be suspended from a rod by means of this hook instead of being fastened to the wall by the fastening pieces 2 if desired. The frame 1 is provided with a hanger support 6 which extends thereacross and upon which clothes hangers are suspended in the usual manner. The lower end of the hook 5 preferably engages the hanger support 6 as shown in Fig. 4.

An outside covering 7 made of some suitable cloth is placed over the frame 1 and is provided at the bottom with a stiffening piece such as the wire 8 which extends thereabout. The cover 7 is provided with slits 9 through which pass the fastening pieces 2. In the ordinary construction of the device there is a seam running along this edge and the seam is simply left open at these points. The covering is also provided with an opening for the hook 5 said opening being preferably provided with an eyelet 10. A slit 11 is made in said cover through which the clothes placed on suitable hangers are inserted and removed. In assembling the device a cover of cloth is placed over the frame the stiffening piece 8 being placed therein. The entire device is then suspended upon suitable supports by means of the fastening pieces 3 or is hung from a rod by means of the hook 5. The clothes are then inserted through the slit 11 which closes up when released and normally remains closed.

I claim:

1. A device for protecting clothes comprising a top frame piece, a cross piece extending across the top of said frame piece in the middle thereof, a clothes hanger support extending across said frame below said cross piece, a hook connected with said clothes hanger support and extending upwardly beyond said cross piece and adapted to be attached to a fixed support, a flexible closed cover surrounding said frame and supported thereon and provided with an opening through which said hook projects.

2. A device for protecting clothes, comprising a flexible inclosing device, having a flexible top and bottom and a flexible connecting portion connecting said top and bottom, said flexible connecting portion having a vertical self-closing slit therein through which articles are placed in and removed

from the inclosing device; two stiff frame pieces contained within said inclosing device, one at the top and the other at the bottom thereof, said frame pieces spreading out the top and bottom of the said inclosing device so as to form and hold it in the shape of a hollow receptacle, both of said frame pieces being removably held in position, the said frame pieces being independent of each other, supporting means connected with said top frame piece which project through the flexible material and which may be connected with a suitable support; a garment hanger also connected with said top supporting piece, said lower frame piece acting as a weight to automatically close said slit and hold it closed when the inclosing device is suspended from its support, said top and bottom frame pieces adapted to be removed through said slit, so that the inclosing device may be collapsed for shipping.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature and those of two witnesses this 29th day of March, 1913.

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