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Fig.1

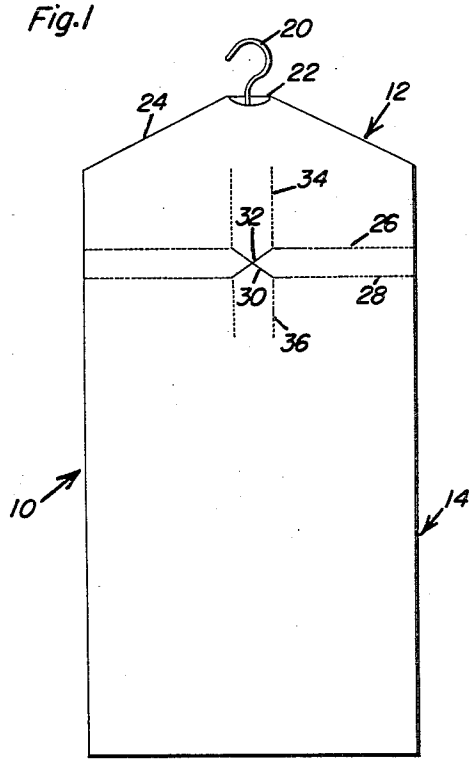


Fig.2

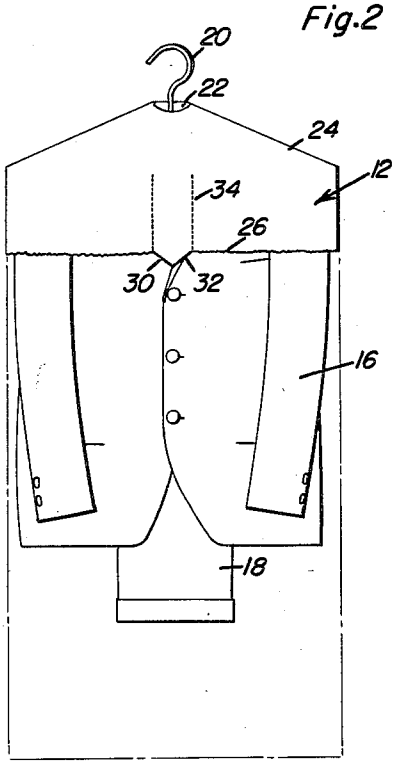


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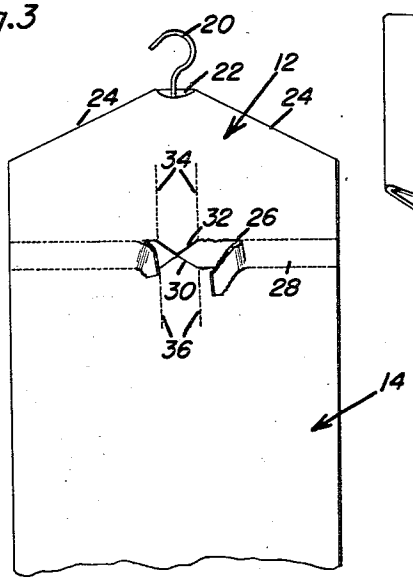
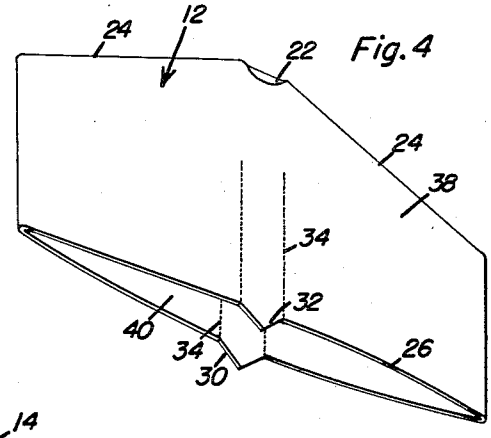


Fig.4



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The present invention generally relates to a novel garment bag construction and more particularly relates to a garment bag having means for permitting the inspection of the garments contained within the bag and also having means for permitting the lower portion of the garment bag to be severed from the upper portion thereof whereby the upper portion may then be used as a protective device for the shoulders of garments thereby protecting the shoulders from dust or the like which normally settles on the shoulders of garments when they are stored or otherwise hung for relatively long periods of time.

An object of the present invention is to provide a garment bag having structural features incorporated therein which provide for inspection of the garments contained within the garment bag and also for providing a tear strip extending peripherally around the garment bag adjacent the upper end thereof whereby the major portion or lower portion of the garment bag may be severed from the upper portion thus leaving only a sufficient amount of the garment bag to cover the shoulder region of a garment disposed therein.

Other objects of the present invention will reside in its simplicity of construction, ease of operation, adaptation for its particular purposes and its relatively inexpensive manufacturing cost.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of a garment bag constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the garment bag with the portion thereof removed and shown in phantom with the relationship between the upper portion and the garments being illustrated;

Figure 3 is a front elevational view with the lower portion of the garment bag broken away showing the initial step in severing the lower portion of the garment bag from the upper portion thereof; and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the garment bag after the lower portion has been removed therefrom.

Referring now specifically to the drawings, the numeral **10** generally designates the garment bag of the present invention which for purposes of description will be described as having an upper portion generally designated by the numeral **12** and a lower portion generally designated by the numeral **14** which may be of generally conventional construction as to material, size and shape. That is, the garment bag **10** may be constructed of paper and may be of a conventional size for receiving garments such as a suit coat **16**, a pair of trousers **18** or other garments normally disposed in a garment bag and supported from a garment hanger having a supporting hook **20** extending upwardly therefrom and normally received within an opening **22** disposed at the apex of upwardly

inclined upper edges **24** formed on the upper end of the upper portion **12** of the garment bag **10**. The lower portion of the garment bag **14** is generally rectangular in configuration and is provided with an open lower end whereby the garment bag **10** may be assembled in relation to the garments and garment hanger in the usual manner.

At the juncture between the upper and lower portions of the garment bag **10** is a pair of peripherally extending vertically spaced perforated lines **26** and **28** which are discontinued for a relatively small portion, in the front and rear of the garment bag **10**. This discontinued portion is provided with a pair of diagonal cut lines **30** and **32** which extend respectively between the ends of the upper and lower score lines **26** and **28**.

Extending upwardly from the ends of the score line **26** is a pair of parallel score lines **34** and extending downwardly from the ends of the score line **28** is a pair of parallel score lines **36**. The score lines **34** and **36** generally meet the point of juncture between the score lines **26** and **28** with the diagonal cut lines **30** and **32**.

With the device in its normal orientation as shown in Figure 1 with the garments received within the bag **10** and the bag completely concealing the garments, the garments may be inspected by a person merely inserting a finger through one of the cut lines **30** and **32** and grasping the material between the score lines **34** or the score lines **36** and either pulling upwardly or downwardly on the material thus severing the garment along the parallel score lines **34** or the parallel score lines **36** depending upon the direction of pull exerted on the material between the score lines. Thus, an opening will be formed in the garment bag either above or below the diagonal cut lines **30** and **32** whereby the garment **16** or the garment **18** may be easily inspected and identified. It is noted that the score lines **34** and **36** as well as the cut lines **32** and **30** are duplicated on the front and the rear panel of the garment bag with the front panel being designated by numeral **38** and the rear panel being designated by numeral **40**. It is also noted that the cut lines **30** and **32** intersect each other thus forming pointed end portions on the material between the score lines **34** and on the material between the score lines **36** and also on the material between the score lines **26** and **28**.

Referring to Figure 3, the lower portion **14** of the garment bag **10** may be easily removed from the upper portion **12** by merely forcing a finger through the cut lines **32** or **30** and gripping the material therebetween and pulling laterally outwardly in a direction generally parallel to the perforated score lines **26** and **28** thus severing and removing the strip of material between the score lines **26** and **28** whereby the lower section **14** will be severed from the upper section **12** and may be removed thus leaving only the upper portion **12** in protective relation to the garments **16** and **18** as shown clearly in Figure 2. The device of Figure 2 will effectively protect the shoulder region of the garments and also will protect the upper portions of any garments supported from the hanger thereby preventing accumulation of dust or other soil on this portion of the garments and also enabling the garments to be readily observed by the person possibly requiring use of the same.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

A garment bag construction comprising an elongated generally rectangular bag having an open bottom end and

a closed upper end with a small opening therein for receiving the supporting hook of a garment hanger employed for disposing garments within the bag, said bag having a peripheral tear strip disposed therein in adjacent relation to the upper end but spaced therefrom whereby the tear strip may be employed for severing the lower portion of the garment bag thus leaving the upper portion of the garment bag for protecting shoulder portions of garments within the bag, said tear strip being defined by a pair of vertically spaced parallel perforated score lines, said score lines being discontinued for a minor portion in the front and rear of the bag, and a pair of diagonal cut lines interconnecting the discontinuous portion of the score lines thereby providing an opening for insertion of gripping fingers for gripping the material between the score lines whereby the material between the score lines may be removed by exerting lateral pulling force on the material between the score lines, the outer ends of the diagonal cut lines being each provided with a score line extending vertically therefrom for permitting the material between the vertical score lines to be pulled outwardly for inspection of the garment disposed within the garment bag.

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