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FIG. 1.

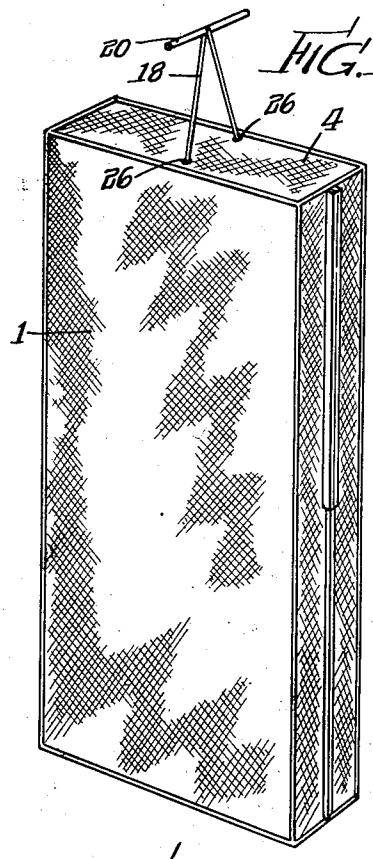


FIG. 2.

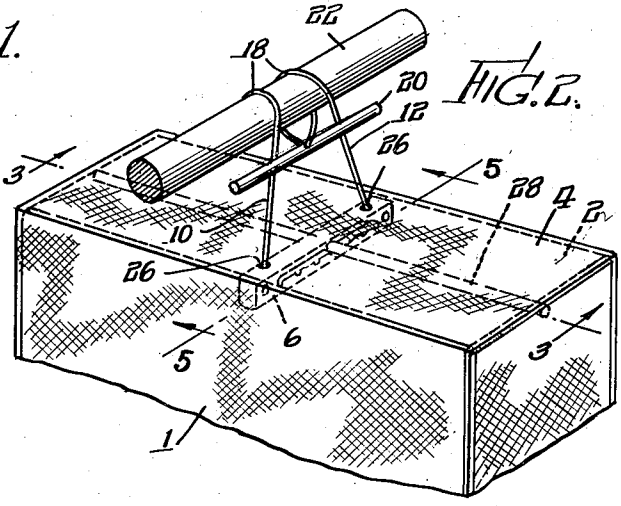


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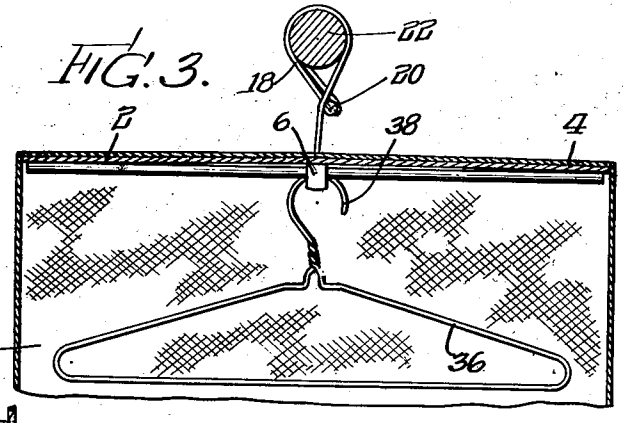


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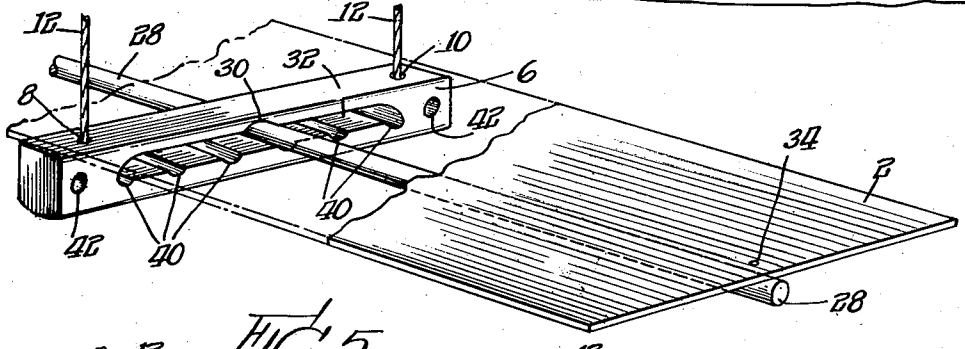
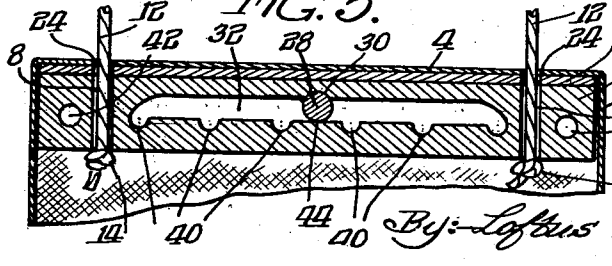


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This invention relates to improvements in garment bags of the type used for dustproof and mothproof protection of gowns, dresses or clothes, and more particularly to the construction of the frame or support which supports the garments and the protective covering and which likewise suspends the bag from the main cross-support from which it generally hangs.

Among the objects of the present invention is to provide a garment support of the foregoing general type composed of nonmetallic members constructed and arranged not only to hold the top portion of a collapsible bag in open or uncollapsed position but which will also provide means for attaching the garment support in the bag to the usual type of cross rod while at the same time providing nonmetallic means of cheap construction and cheap material which will afford a detachable support for the hook portion of a number of garment supports in a manner such that the garments will be detachably hung in substantially parallel relation within the bag; to provide these and other objects of invention, as will be apparent from a perusal of the following specification when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved garment support disposed within a full length bag.

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the manner in which the support detachably connects with the main supporting cross bar.

Figure 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 og Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the main portion of the device.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 2.

As shown in Figure 1, the complete bag consists of an envelope 1 made of suitable fabric or other flexible sheet material tailored at its end to give an elongated box-like shape when in garment supporting position.

Means is provided for maintaining the upper end of the envelope 1 in open position which comprises a sheet of material 2, preferably a rectangular strip of heavy cardboard, or in fact any sheet material which is substantially of the same size and area as the top section 4 of the bag, so that when this flat sheet 2 is introduced into the bag it will occupy the position shown in Figure 5. This stiffening member 2 is supported in the top of the bag by a cross support 6 which support is of a length corresponding substantially with the width of the top 4. This cross support 6 comprises a bar, preferably of wood or any other material, and is provided at its opposite ends with vertical bores 8 and 10 adapted to receive the lower ends of a flexible member such as a cord 12 which passes down through these bores and are knotted as at 14 and 16. The cord 12 passes upwardly and has a closed loop portion 18 which passes through a hole in a short bar 20 so that the bar and the loop portion of the cord 18 may be looped around the cross supporting rod 22 in the manner shown in Figure 2, the ends of the bar 20 being inserted through the loop and across the strings 18 in the manner shown in Figures 2 and 3 whereby detachably to hold the cross bar 6 and the overlying sheet 2 firmly within the top 4 of the bag. It is to be understood that the sheet 2 is likewise provided with holes 24 through which the strings 12 pass, and also that the top 4 of the bag is provided with registering holes 26 through which these same strings pass.

Means is provided for bracing or rigidifying the sheet support 2, and this preferably comprises a relatively long rod 28 which lies in a concave portion 30 of a slot 32 formed in the bar 6. This rod extends in this concavity 30 and underlies the length of the rigidifying sheet 2 so as to brace the length of the sheet 2 and prevent it from sagging. If desired, a tack may be driven through holes 34 at the ends of the sheet 2 into the rod 28 to attach them togehter, or a loop of string may pass through and unite the members 2 and 28 at the ends to prevent their relative displacement.

The bar 6 is provided with means for supporting a plurality of the usual type of coat or garment hangers 36. As is well known, these coat hangers are formed with hooks 38. To this end the bar 6 is provided with a longitudinally extending slot such as above described slot 32, and this slot is provided with a plurality of spaced apart concavities 40 which are adapted to receive the various hooks of the plurality of coat hangers in the manner illustrated in Figure 3, whereby a plurality of garments may be suspended from the bar 6 in parallel relation with the bag 1. In addition, the ends of the bar beyond the slot portion are provided with holes 42 adapted to receive two additional hooks so that, as shown in Figure 5, the bag may support eight different garment hooks within the bag while at the same time it also supports the longitudinal bracing rod 28 which is wedged between the concavity 30 and a flat side 44 on the upper face of the slot 32 whereby frictionally to hold the

rod 28 at this point. If desired, instead of having one long slot 32 and the spaced concavities 40, the holes 40 may be made otherwise, provided they lie in spaced relation. However, the construction as specifically herein above described is preferred since it allows for ready removal and replacement of the hooks.

The foregoing construction is very economical, simple, and effective for accomplishing the purpose which is intended, and in addition it provides for quick assembly, and when once assembled maintains the bag in open position while permitting at the same time the proper collapsing of the bag for compact shipment.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A garment bag comprising an envelope of flexible sheet material shaped and fitted to cover the garments hung therein and being substantially rectangular in cross section at the top, and a frame-like support adapted to lie horizontally within and just beneath the top of the envelope to maintain the envelope in open rectangular position comprising a relatively flat rectangular frame of sheet material, a rigid cross bar extending transversely of and centrally of the length of said frame member and underlying it and extending substantially the width of the top of the bag, said bar contactingly underlying and supporting the central portion of the frame, and rigidifying means carried by the cross bar and supporting the frame longitudinally of the axis of the frame, means engaging the cross bar and passing through the sheet material and through the top of the bag for dependingly holding the bag and frame, said cross bar having spaced means formed therealong for receiving the hooks of garment supports so that the latter shall depend in parallel spaced relation therefrom and lie within the bag.

2. A garment bag comprising an envelope of flexible sheet material shaped and fitted to cover the garments hung therein, and a frame forming the support for the garments and for the top of the bag envelope, said frame comprising a rectangular piece of sheet material adapted contactingly to underlie the undersurface of the top of the bag, a rigid cross bar contactingly underlying the central portion of said last mentioned frame to support said frame and extend transversely of the top of the bag, means carried by the cross bar for supporting the outer ends of the frame, said cross bar having a plurality of spaced apart recesses disposed transversely of the length of the bar and adapted to receive hooks of garment supports, and means engaging the opposite ends of said cross bar and extending through said frame of sheet material and through the top of the bag and adapted to engage a support for depending the bag and frame therefrom.

3. A garment bag comprising an envelope of flexible sheet material shaped and fitted to cover the garments hung therein, and a frame forming a support for the garments and for the top of the bag envelope, said frame comprising a rectangular piece of sheet material adapted contactingly to underlie the undersurface of the top of the bag, a rigid cross bar contactingly underlying the central portion of said last mentioned frame to support it and extending transversely of the top of the bag, said bar being provided with a plurality of spaced apart recesses adapted to receive the hooks of garment supports, and said bar at its opposite ends having a plurality of parallel openings therethrough, and a rigid bar extending transversely of and carried by said cross bar and underlying the frame for supporting the opposite end portions of the frame, and a cord passing through said openings and connected to the bar, said cord passing likewise through the piece of sheet material and through the top of the bag and provided with means for engaging a support for depending the bag and frame from said support.

4. A garment bag comprising an envelope of flexible sheet material shaped and fitted to cover the garments hung therein, and a frame forming the support for the garments and for the top of the bag envelope, said frame comprising a rectangular piece of sheet material adapted contactingly to underlie the undersurface of the top of the bag, a rigid cross bar contactingly underlying the central portion of said last mentioned frame to support it and extending transversely of the top of the bag, an elongated rigidifying support carried by said bar and adapted to support the opposite ends of the piece of sheet material longitudinally of its central axis, said bar likewise having a plurality of spaced apart means for supporting the hook portions of a plurality of garment hangers, and means engaging the ends of said bar and passing through the ends of said material and the top of the bag for depending the frame and bag from the support.

5. A garment bag comprising an envelope of flexible sheet material shaped and fitted to cover the garments hung therein, and a frame forming the support for the garments and for the top of the bag envelope, said frame comprising a rectangular piece of sheet material adapted to contactingly under lie the undersurface of the top of the bag, and a cross bar underlying the central portion of said last mentioned support and extending transversely of the top of the bag, said bar having an elongated slot cut therethrough, the ends of the slot terminating on the vertical sides of the bar, said slot having a central recess, a rigidifying bar mounted in said recess and projecting over and under the piece of sheet material to provide a longitudinal under-support therefor, said slot terminating in a plurality of spaced apart recesses adapted to receive the hooks of a plurality of garment hangers and means passing through the ends of said support and through the piece of sheet material and through the top of the bag for depending said bag and frame from a support.

6. A garment bag comprising an envelope of flexible sheet material shaped and fitted to cover the garments hung therein, and a frame forming the support for the garments and for the top of the bag envelope, said frame comprising a rectangular piece of sheet material adapted to contactingly underlie the undersurface of the top of the bag, and a cross bar underlying the central portion of said last mentioned support and extending transversely of the top of the bag, said bar having an elongated slot cut therethrough, the ends of the slot terminating on the vertical sides of the bar, said slot having a central recess and projecting over and under the piece of sheet material to provide a longitudinal under-support therefor, said slot terminating in a plurality of spaced apart recesses adapted to receive the hooks of a plurality of

garment hangers, the opposite ends of said bar having vertical openings therethrough, and a cord passing through said opening and connected to the bar, said cord passing likewise through the piece of sheet material and through the top of the garment bag and looped exteriorly of the bag for engagement with a cross support.

7. A garment bag comprising an envelope of flexible sheet material shaped and fitted to cover the garments hung therein, and a frame forming the support for the garments and for the top of the bag envelope, said frame comprising a rectangular piece of sheet material adapted to contactingly underlie the undersurface of the top of the bag, and a cross bar underlying the central portion of said last mentioned support and extending transversely of the top of the bag, said bar having an elongated slot cut therethrough, the ends of the slot terminating on the vertical sides of the bar, said slot having a central recess and projecting over and under the piece of sheet material to provide a longitudinal under-support therefor, said slot terminating in a plurality of spaced apart recesses adapted to receive the hooks of a plurality of garment hangers, the opposite ends of said bar having vertical openings therethrough, and a cord passing through said opening and connected to the bar, said cord passing likewise through the piece of sheet material and through the top of the garment bag and looped exteriorly of the bag for engagement with a cross support, and a cross bar having an opening through which the loop passes.

8. A garment bag comprising an envelope of flexible sheet material shaped and fitted to cover the garments hung therein, and a frame forming the support for the garments and for the top of the bag envelope, said frame comprising a rectangular piece of sheet material adapted to contactingly underlie the undersurface of the top of the bag, and a cross bar underlying the central portion of said last mentioned support and extending transversely of the top of the bag, said bar having an elongated slot cut therethrough, the ends of the slot terminating on the vertical sides of the bar, said slot having a central recess and projecting over and under the piece of sheet material to provide a longitudinal under-support therefor, said slot terminating in a plurality of spaced apart recesses adapted to receive the hooks of a plurality of garment hangers, the opposite ends of said bar having vertical openings therethrough, and a cord passing through said opening and connected to the bar, said cord passing likewise through the piece of sheet material and through the top of the garment bag and looped exteriorly of the bag for engagement with a cross support, means disposed beyond the ends of said elongated solt in said bar for suspending said bar and frame from a support, said means comprising vertical holes in said bar beyond the ends of said loop, and a cord passing through said holes and over a fixed support, said bar beyond said vertical holes having a pair of transversely disposed holes for receiving the hooks of additionally disposed supports.

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