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WRAPPER

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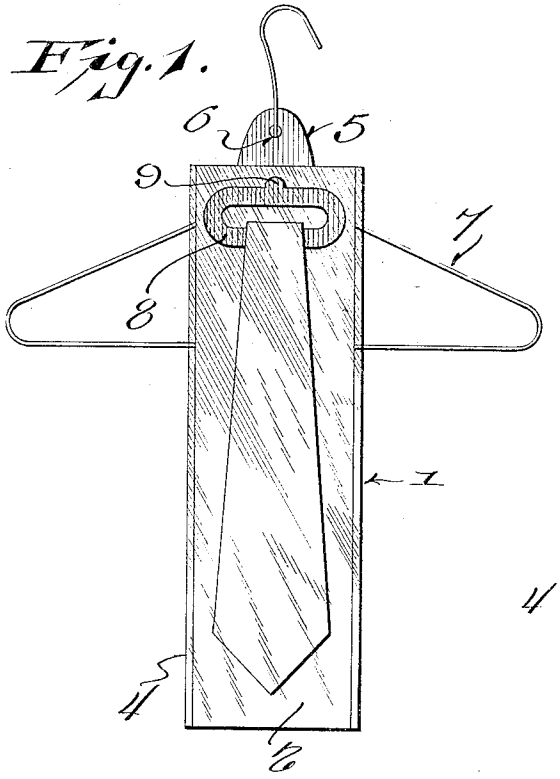


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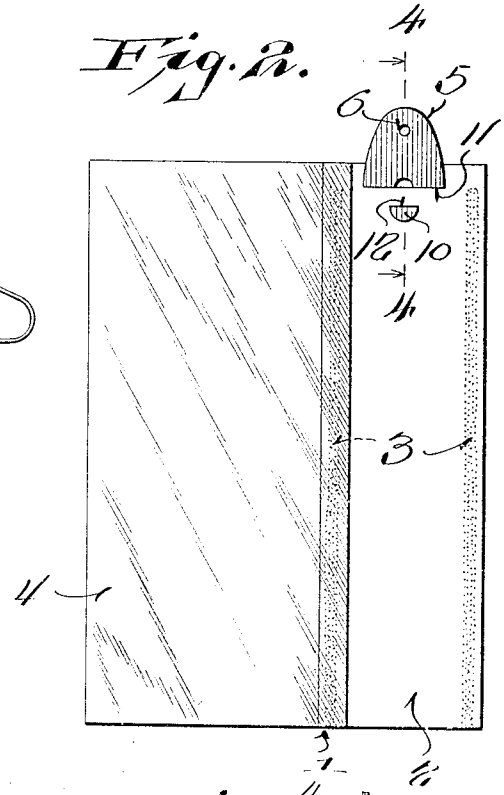


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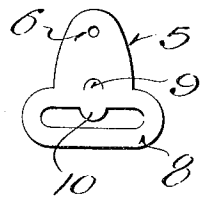


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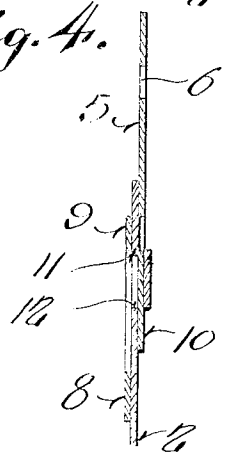


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This invention pertains to wrappers, and more particularly to a wrapper or envelope utilized by dry cleaners and launderers for ties and similar articles, such as disclosed in Letters Patent No. 1,089,519.

At the present time, conventional types of wrappers merely provide for positioning the article therein, and unless provision is made for closing the ends of the wrapper the article is free to slip out. Furthermore, it is often necessary to fold the article and consequently when the wrapper is packed with other articles for delivery, which is usually the case, the articles become creased, which is objectionable.

The present invention has primarily for its object to overcome the foregoing objections by the provision of an exceedingly simple and inexpensive wrapper of the foregoing character, provided with means for retaining articles therein and at the same time supporting the wrapper upon a hanger or other suitable support.

Incidental to the foregoing, a more specific object resides in the provision of a wrapper having a combination supporting tab and article retainer detachably secured thereto.

A further object is to provide an attachment for conventional wrappers comprising a combined support and article retainer.

A still further object is to provide an attachment of the foregoing character having means for interengagement with the wrapper, whereby the two may be readily assembled without mechanical operations, such as stapling or gluing.

With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts substantially as hereinafter described and more particularly defined by the appended claim, it being understood that such changes in the precise embodiment of the herein disclosed invention may be made as come within the scope of the claim.

In the accompanying drawing is illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of the present invention constructed according to the best mode so far devised for the practical application of the principles thereof.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is an elevational view of a wrapper constructed in accordance with the present invention illustrating the same in use;

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the wrapper unfolded prior to packing the article;

Figure 3 is a detail elevation of the combined support and article retainer;

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2; and

Figure 5 is a top plan view of the wrapper with an article packed therein.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawing, wherein the numeral 1 designates a conventional type of laundry wrapper for receiving ties and similar articles, it is to be understood that the specific structure of envelope disclosed forms no part of the present invention, other than in the general combination as hereinafter claimed, the envelope per se being fully disclosed in the aforesaid Letters Patent. Obviously, as the description proceeds it will be readily apparent that the salient features of the present invention may be applied to various structures of wrappers or envelopes with equal advantageous results.

The wrapper disclosed comprises a relatively stiff back 2 preferably formed of cardboard or similar material. Adjacent the longitudinal edges of the back 2, the rear face of the same is provided with lines of adhesive 3 to one of which may be permanently secured a cover sheet 4 of relatively thin foldable material, preferably transparent, to render the articles contained within the wrapper visible. When the articles are packed upon the front face of the back 2, the cover 4 is then folded over the same, and its free edge secured to the rear face of the back 2 by the line of adhesive 3 adjacent the longitudinal edge.

Thus far the wrapper described is more or less conventional and presents the objections and difficulties heretofore explained, in that the articles packed within the wrapper may readily slip out of the open ends, and necessarily become creased, in the event that the

wrapper is packed with other articles, which is often the case.

The present invention, which aims to overcome the objections heretofore set forth, comprises a supporting tab 5 projecting from one end of the wrapper and provided with an opening 6 to permit the same to be inserted over the hook of a conventional clothes hanger 7 or other suitable support. Thus, after the articles have been packed within the wrapper, the latter can be suitably suspended rather than being piled or packed with other articles, thus avoiding creasing of the articles. It often occurs that laundered or cleaned articles are delivered with suits or garments, in which instance the tab is inserted over the hook of the garment hanger 7, as illustrated in Figure 1, thus eliminating the necessity of providing a separate package.

In addition to the foregoing, one of the salient features of the present invention resides in the provision of means for retaining articles within the wrapper. As illustrated, this comprises a loop 8 carried by the back 2 and disposed within the interior of the wrapper. As shown in Figure 1, ties or other articles can be strung over the loop and thus retained against shifting within the envelope, regardless of whether the same is open at its ends.

While the loop and tongue may be formed in various ways and attached to the back in different manners, for the purpose of economy in the cost of manufacture, it is preferred to form the tab and loop from a single piece of blank material, as shown in Figure 3, the tab 5 forming an extension of the loop portion 8.

In order to assemble the attachment on the wrapper, the tab 5 is provided with a lip 9 formed by cutting the material, while a tongue 10 depends from the upper portion of the loop.

In assembling the attachment upon the wrapper, the latter is provided with a pair of spaced transverse upper and lower slots 11 and 12, respectively, the slots being parallel and the upper slot being of greater length than the lower slot. The tab 5 is inserted through the upper slot 11 from the front of the back 2, which causes the lip 9 to engage the back adjacent the top edge of the slot. The tongue 10 is then forced through the lower slot 12 and serves to assemble the attachment on the back with the supporting tongue projecting at the rear of the back and the retaining loop positioned at the front.

From the foregoing it will be readily seen that extremely simple and inexpensive means have been provided whereby a conventional wrapper may be suitably hung or supported, and at the same time articles securely retained therein.

It will also be appreciated that an extremely simple method has been provided for quickly assembling the support and retainer on the wrapper, whereby mechanical operations are eliminated.

A further advantage of the foregoing arrangement resides in the fact that the wrappers and attachments can be sold separately, which enables the consumer to utilize merely the plain wrapper without the attachment, as for instance where the wrapper is to be placed within a box or container for delivery. Otherwise, the wrapper and attachment can be readily assembled for use, as heretofore explained, thus providing for maximum economy, inasmuch as the tabs or attachments may only be used when necessary or desired.

I claim:

An article of the character described comprising a wrapper for launderers and cleaners, said wrapper comprising a relatively stiff back provided with spaced transverse slots, a combined support and article retainer for said wrapper, said support and retainer being formed from a single blank and comprising a loop portion, and a supporting tab projecting therefrom for insertion through one of the slots in said back, a lip formed out of said tab for engagement with the edge of said slot and a tongue projecting from said lip portion for engagement in the other of said slots in said back.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.

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