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Fig. 1.

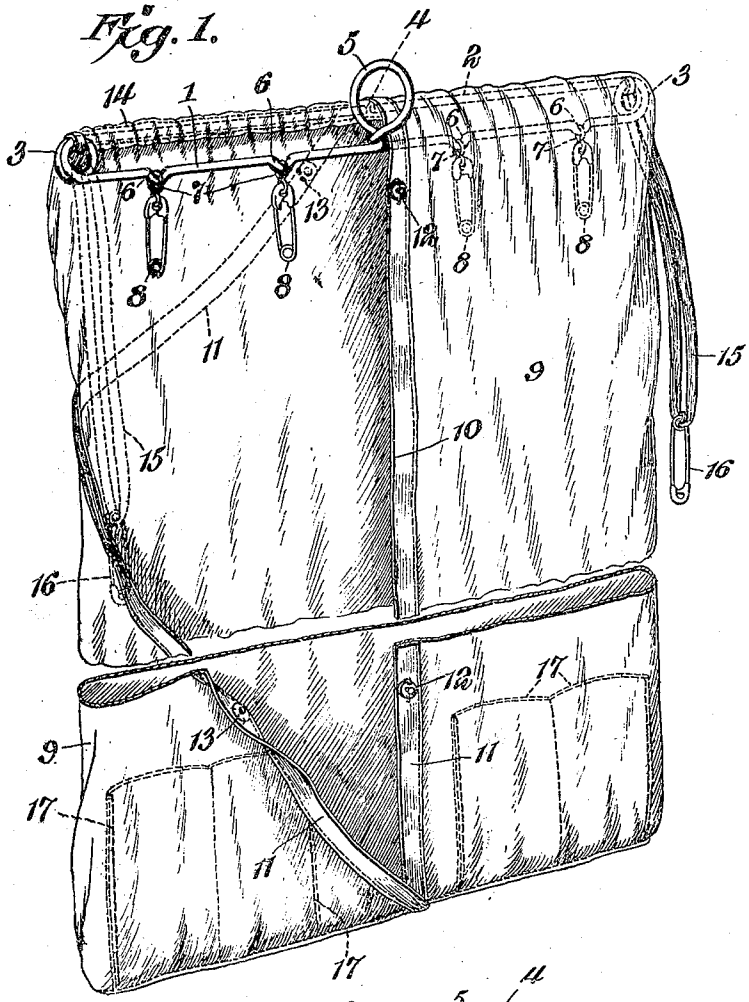


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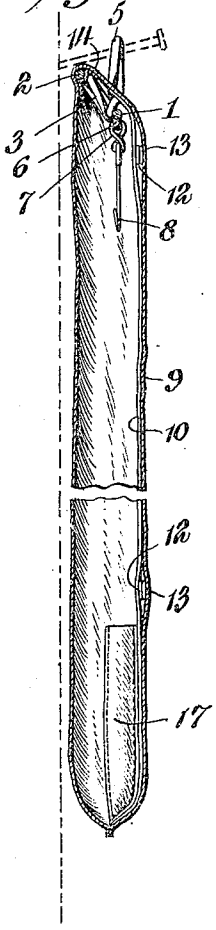


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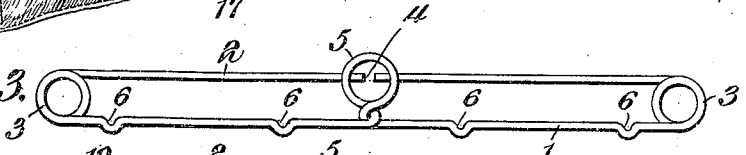


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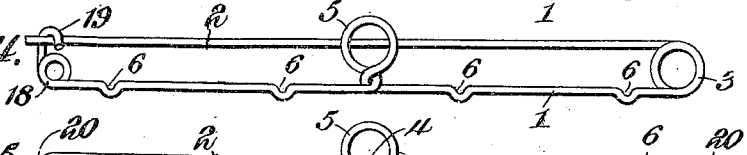
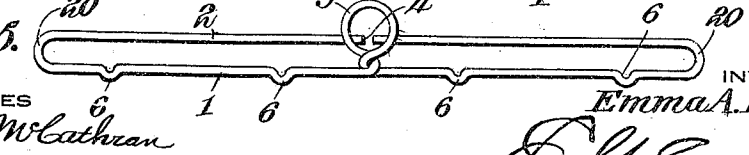


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA A. KINSEY, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Ridgetown, in the county of Kent and Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and useful Lady's Garment-Container, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ladies' garment containers.

The object is to provide a portable device for containing garments, which is especially adapted for the reception of a plurality of garments, such as dresses, suits, or other articles of feminine wearing apparel, for holding them in proper arrangement, and having means for completely inclosing the same, to exclude dust, moisture, etc., thus effectually shielding the said garments from being soiled or damaged, and at the same time readily permitting the entire device, with the garments inclosed, being folded upon itself and placed within a suit case or trunk along with other similar containers and to occupy a minimum amount of space therein, while maintaining the garments in perfect order without the danger of soiling or wrinkling the same.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which is of simple construction, capable of manufacture at an extremely low cost, and having means for conveniently suspending the garments, while completely covered, from a nail or other hanger, or in the absence of the same, from a door or other projection, whereupon the covering means may be readily withdrawn on either or both sides to disclose and permit the withdrawal of part or all of the contents of the same.

A full and complete understanding of the invention may be obtained from a consideration of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification; it being understood that while the drawing shows a practical form of the invention, the latter is not confined to strict conformity therewith, but may be changed or modified, so long as such changes or modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention, as specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing, in which like reference characters designate similar parts throughout the several figures:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment container, constructed in accordance with this invention, and showing one side of the bag or closure thrown back.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the same.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the frame for supporting the bag or closure in distended position.

Fig. 4 is a similar view of a modified form of frame.

Fig. 5 is a similar view of still another modified form of frame.

In the drawing there is illustrated a frame formed of heavy wire or rod material, and comprising a pair of spaced elongated parallel members 1 and 2, which are of a length to easily fit crosswise in a suit case or other similar receptacle, when it is desired to use the device, while traveling.

The frame, including the rods or members 1 and 2, is entirely formed of a single piece of material, and is preferably formed and held in spaced relation by coiling the material of the rod or member 1 upon itself, as indicated at 3, and directing the terminal portions of the wire toward each other to leave a narrow space between the ends thereof at the center of the frame, as indicated at 4, the purpose of which will be hereinafter explained. It will thus be seen that the rod or member 2 is elevated above the rod or member 1, a distance equal to the diameter of the end coils 3, and that, by reason of the spiral formation of said coil, the rod 2 is necessarily somewhat in the rear of the said rod or member 1, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawing. An upwardly extending suspending eye or loop 5 is formed at a central point of the lower member 1, by twisting the material thereof upon itself, and the said loop 5 extends somewhat above the upper member 2, and, by reason of its vertical disposition, as viewed from the end of the frame, the said loop is spaced away from the member 2, the same distance as the member 1.

Downwardly directed bends, seats or indentations 6, of uniform depth and spaced at regular intervals, are formed in the lower rod member 1 for the purpose of receiving

hooks 7, connected at their lower ends to the separable ends of safety pins 8, or other similar devices, which may be readily applied to or removed from garments or other articles to support the same in hanging relation to the frame. The indentations or seats 6 serve to maintain the safety pins 8 in spaced relation along the frame member 1.

The bag or closure 9 is adapted to be secured to and supported by the frame, and is composed of some thin flexible dust and moisture proof material, fashioned into the form of a bag, completely inclosed with the exception of a vertical slit or opening 10 formed in the front thereof, and preferably reinforced along its edges by strips of suitable material 11 provided at intervals with separable fastening means such as the ordinary snap fasteners indicated at 12 and 13. The bag or closure 9 is provided at its upper end with a suitable hem 14 formed in any desirable manner, and is adapted to receive the two opposed spaced portions of the upper rod or member 2, which by reason of the aforesaid space 4 formed at a central point thereof, may be readily introduced into the said hem 14 by first applying the entire width of the bag to one side of the said member 2 and then working half of the hem onto the other side of the rod or member 2, thus positioning the bag equally upon the supporting frame. This may be readily accomplished by turning each half of the bag in a position as illustrated at the left hand side of Fig. 1, and applying the hem 14 to the supporting member 2, as above described.

When the two sides of the bag or closure 9 are brought around and over the member 2 and in front of the lower rod or member 1, as illustrated at the right hand side of Fig. 1, it will be seen that the entire frame, together with the suspending means 8 are completely inclosed within the bag 9, and garments suspended therein will be effectually shielded from dust, etc. A looped tape or ribbon 15 is secured at one end to each of the terminal coils 3 and carries at its free end a safety pin 16 or similar device, suitable apertures being formed in the bag to permit the said loops 15 to pass therethrough in order that the same may lie on the exterior of the bag or closure 9, as illustrated at the right hand side of Fig. 1.

When a nail, hook or other suitable hanger is available, the central suspending loop 5 is utilized to support the frame with the bag 9 mounted thereon in a horizontal position, as indicated in Fig. 2 of the drawing. When, however, no such supporting means is at hand, the loops 15 may be secured at their ends, through the medium of the safety pins 16, and the same thrown over the corner of a door. The door may then be left open or closed, as desired, when the garment container will be supported in any desired position ready to be opened to disclose the contents thereof, as illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawing. It will be understood that the entire contents of the bag may be brought to view by manipulating both sides of the bag or closure 9 in the manner illustrated at the left hand side of Fig. 1, when the garments may be readily detached from the safety pins or other suspending means 8 or applied thereto.

Pockets 17 of any desired shape or capacity may be provided upon the inside of the bag to provide receptacles for slippers, toilet articles, etc., and may be secured either to the front or the rear wall of the bag or closure 9.

In Fig. 4 of the drawing, a slightly modified form of frame is illustrated, wherein the rear or upper rod or bag supporting member 2 extends entirely across the frame and slightly beyond one terminal of the clothes supporting rod or member 1, which is provided at this end with a coil 18 somewhat smaller than the coil 3 at the opposite end thereof, and has an upstanding arm terminating in a downwardly and forwardly directed hook 19 adapted to engage over the terminal of the rod or member 2, and to maintain the same in spaced relation to the rod or member 1, after it has been passed through the hem 14 of the bag or closure 9.

A still further modified form of frame is shown in Fig. 5 of the drawing, wherein the bag supporting rod or member 2 is composed of the terminal portions of the length of material forming the frame, as is the case in the frame illustrated in Fig. 3, and in which the terminal loops 3 are dispensed with, the material being simply returned to form end bends 20 which serve to maintain the member 2 in the desired spaced relation to the clothes supporting member 1, the recess 4 being present to facilitate the application of the bag or closure 9, as in the first described form of the invention.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that a simple, cheap and efficient garment container has been provided which is susceptible of containing one or more garments or suits in a hanging position when the device is suspended by the loop 5 or the tapes 15; that the said bag or closure is easy of access to remove one or more of the garments, and that the same may be readily folded upon itself, together with the garments contained therein and neatly packed, along with other similar containers in a suit case, trunk, or other receptacle, when they may be separately removed therefrom without disturbing the contents of the other bags or closures. The safety pins 16 at the terminals of the loops 15 are useful when traveling upon a sleeper to secure the bag or closure to the curtains inclosing the berth.

This application is a continuation in part of my previous application, Number 20,572, filed April 10, 1915, in which is illustrated a frame like that shown in Fig. 4 herein, with a closure in the form of a curtain.

What is claimed is:—

1. In a garment container, the combination with a supporting frame formed of two spaced rods or members, of a flexible closure, means for securing the top of the closure to one of said rods or members, means connected to the other rod or member for suspending clothes therefrom, said closure being open at the front and when closed completely inclosing the member which carries the clothes-supporting means.

2. In a garment container, the combination of a supporting frame composed of two spaced rods or members which are arranged substantially parallel with each other, with the rear rod or member in a higher plane than the front rod or member, means provided on the front rod or member for hanging clothes therefrom, a flexible closure, means for fastening the closure to the rear rod or member and for detachably removing it therefrom, said closure having an open front with means for closing said open front, said closure when in its closed position covering the front rod or member, and means provided on the supporting frame for suspending the same from a suitable support.

3. A garment container including a supporting frame comprising spaced upper and lower parallel bars joined at their ends, the upper bar being located in rear of the lower bar, a vertically-disposed eye formed on the lower bar, spaced garment suspending means carried by said lower bar, a bag or closure completely closed on all sides and having a vertical opening in its front with fasteners for holding the same closed, and means provided in the upper end of the bag or closure to receive the said upper or rear bar, said bag inclosing both bars and depending from the same.

4. A garment container comprising a supporting frame formed of a single length of material bent to form spaced substantially parallel bars, joined at their ends by coils, the free ends of the said length terminating adjacent to each other, said bars being arranged in different horizontal planes, an upstanding eye formed on the front or lower bar, seats formed therein on either side of the eye and having garment suspending means connected therewith, a flexible closure having an opening in the front thereof with means for closing said opening, and a hem at the top, said closure being secured by the hem to the upper or rear bar in a position to completely inclose the frame and the attached garments, with the said eye projecting through the front opening of the closure.

5. A garment container comprising a completely closed bag, having a central vertical opening in the front thereof with means for closing the opening, and a hem at the top, a supporting frame comprising spaced upper and lower horizontal bars, joined at their ends by integral coils and located within the bag at the upper end thereof, the upper bar being fitted in the hem, garment suspending means carried by the lower or front bar and held from lateral displacement, an eye formed on the lower bar for suspending the device, and looped tapes connected to the coils and passing through the upper corners of the bag and having terminal pins or clasps to form additional suspending means for the garment container.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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