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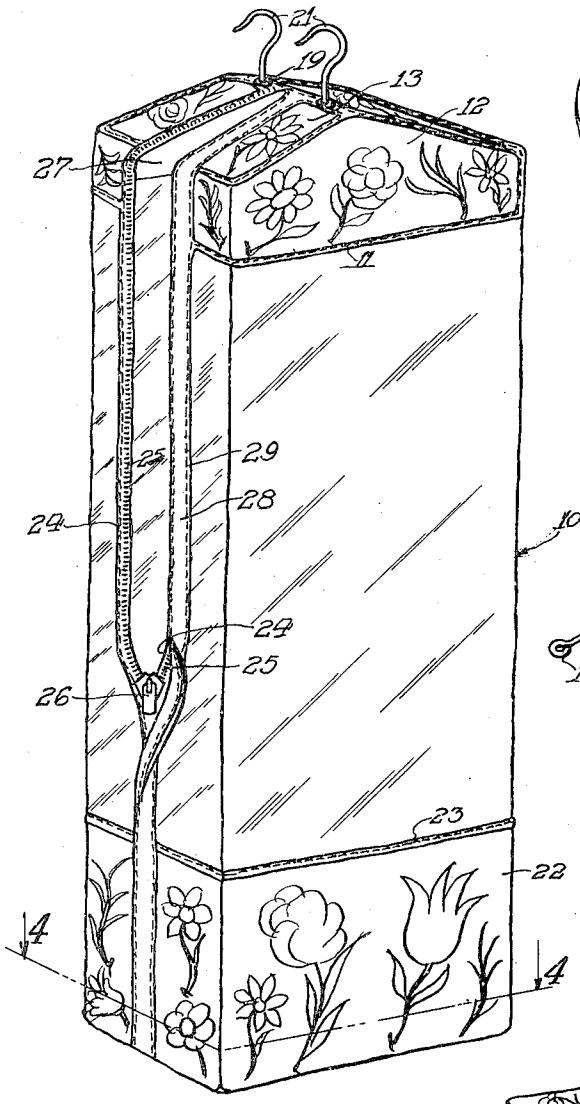


Fig. 1

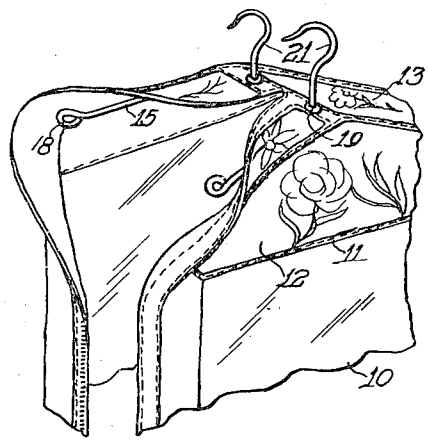


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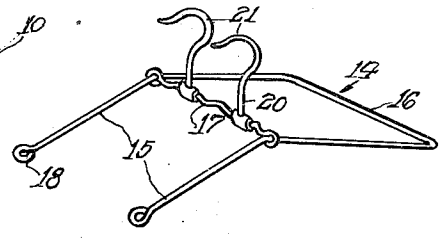
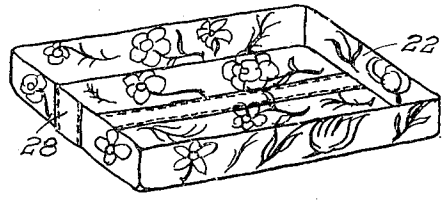


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The invention relates to garment bags of the type wherein a bag of rectangular cross section has a rectangular wire frame at the top provided with a central cross bar on which the garment carrying hangers are placed and equipped with hooks for the suspension of the bag.

In standard garment bags one side panel is provided with a longitudinal slot provided with a slide fastener through which the garments are placed in the bag and withdrawn. The introduction and removal of garments through the slot, however, is attended with difficulty especially when the bag is almost full often resulting in mussing of garments and sometimes in tearing the same.

It, therefore, constitutes one of the main objects of the invention to provide a garment bag into which the garments may be introduced or removed with ease.

A further object constitutes the provision of a bag wherein the slot in the side panel extends to the center of the top panel and the adjacent bag portion may be thrown back.

A still further object constitutes the provision of a wire frame which is U-shaped with the free ends holding the bag in taut condition under spring pressure and enabling the garments to be placed and removed between said free ends.

Another object constitutes the provision of a bag having a panel arched in simulation of a clothes hanger so that the hanger when placed on the cross bar is in higher position than in standard bags, thereby utilizing more vertical space for long garments.

It is a further object to provide a bag wherein the body portion is made of a single piece devoid of vertical seams and secured to the top and bottom portion.

It is also an object to provide certain features of construction and arrangement of parts tending to enhance the utility and efficiency of a device of the character specified.

With these and other objects in view which will become more apparent from a perusal of the invention, the latter comprises the means described in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the claims forming a part thereof, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a garment bag constructed in accordance with my invention.

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Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective view of the upper end of the bag in opened condition.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the wire frame, and

Fig. 4 is a sectional perspective view, the section being taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the several views in the drawing, 10 designates the body portion of a garment bag, which may be made of transparent or any other suitable or preferred material and is made of one piece to obviate any seams.

The body portion 10 is arranged in rectangular form and at the upper end is secured by a seam 11 to a top portion 12 whose topmost panel 13 is arched in conformity to the arch of a clothes hanger.

A wire frame 14 formed as a U has legs 15 and a connecting piece 16 and the legs are also arched and are connected at the center by a cross bar or wire 17.

The legs 15 at the free ends are curled as at 18 and when the frame is in the bag in contact with the edge of the top panel 13 the spring action of the legs maintains the top portion in taut condition.

The top panel 13 is formed with eyelets 19 through which extend the seam 20 of a hook 21 by means of which the garment bag may be suspended.

A bottom portion 22 completing the lower part of the bag is secured by a seam to the lower end of the body portion.

The meeting edges of the body portion have secured thereto a tape 24 provided with zipper teeth 25 which are controlled by a slide fastener 26. The upper portion 12 is provided with a slot 27 extending to the center of the top panel 13 and the tapes 24 continue along the edges of the slot 27.

A binding 28 is secured along one edge by a seam 29 and normally covers the zipper. The free edge of the binding may be turned back when access to the slide fastener is desired for opening or closing of the bag.

It is obvious that the bag affords easy accessibility by reason of the fact that the wire frame is U-shaped so that the garments may be put in or removed between the legs 15 of the frame thus avoiding mussing or tearing of garments. The top portion 12 being slotted at 27,

the adjacent bag material may be thrown back over the free ends of the wire frame as shown in Fig. 2 to permit maximum accessibility.

The top panel 13 being arched, dust accumulating thereon can be easily detected even when the bag is suspended from a high point.

The cross wire 17 being at the highest point of the bag the entire vertical space of the bag is utilized, thereby accommodating long garments such as coats or capes.

The U-shaped frame at its free ends 18 exerts a spring pressure on the top of the bag to hold it in taut condition.

While the drawing discloses one embodiment of the invention numerous changes and alterations may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I, therefore, do not limit myself to details of construction or arrangement of parts, as shown, but wish to include all deviations, rearrangements and modifications constituting departures within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

I claim:

In a garment bag of the type having a side opening extending into the top of the bag for

throw-back opening, a frame consisting of opposite parallel arched arms joined by a cross-bar at one end and having a cross-bar with hanger means thereon interconnecting said arched arms near their respective mid-points, said arched arms each having a free end portion opposite the free end portion of the other, said frame fitting into the top portion of said garment bag with one of each of said free ends fitting into a corner juncture between said top and side of the bag on each side of the said opening, whereby the portions of said bag adjoining said opening may be thrown back to facilitate access into the bag.

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