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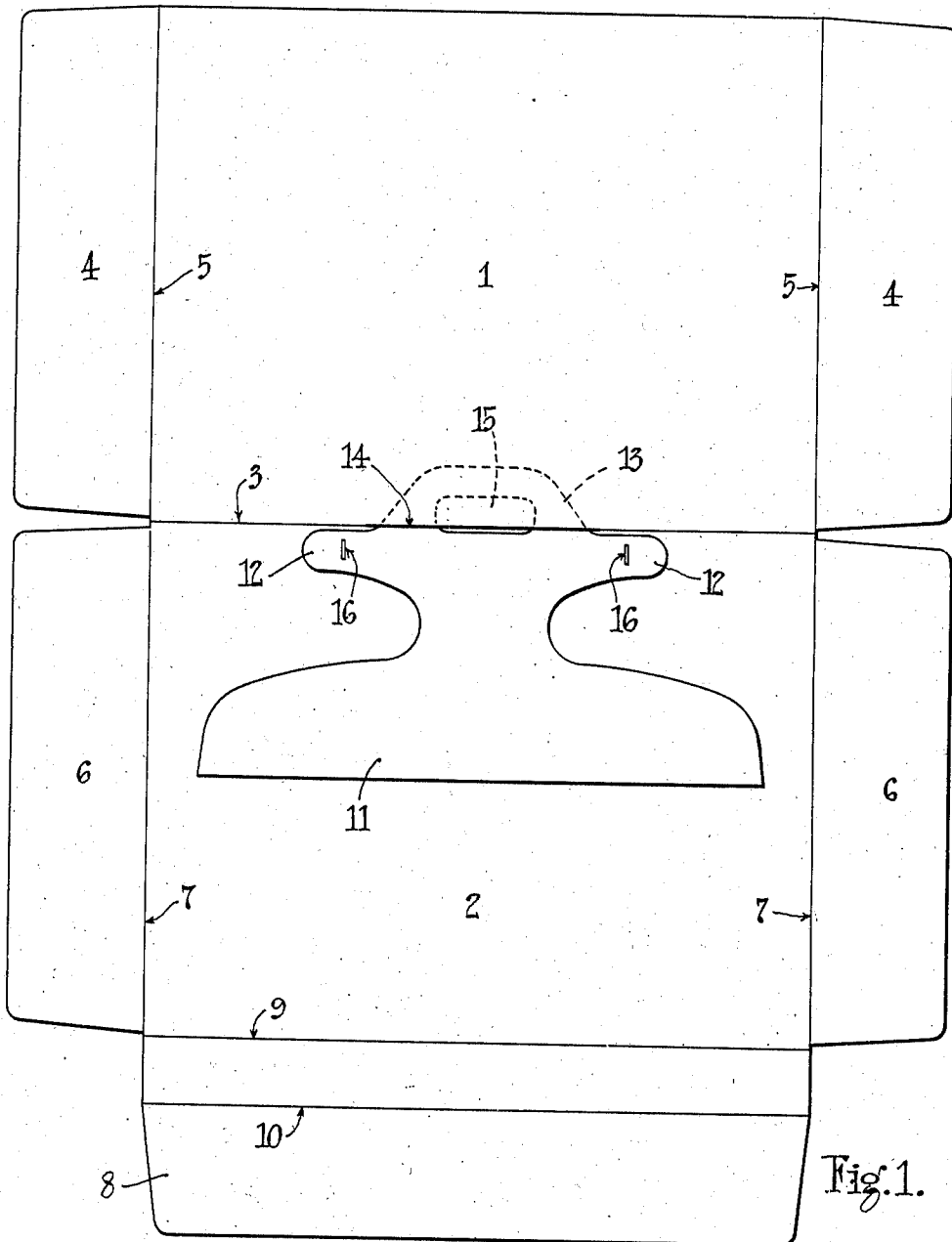
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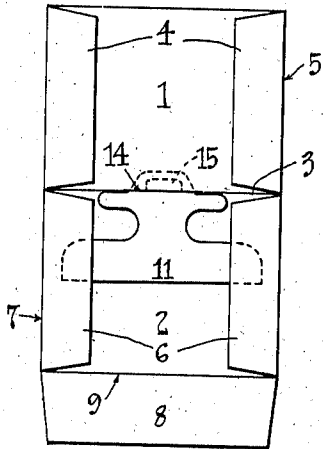


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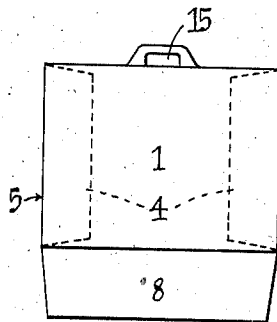


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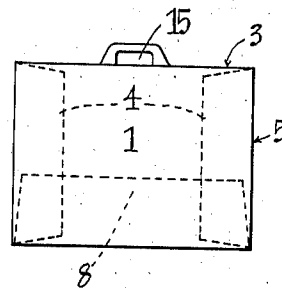


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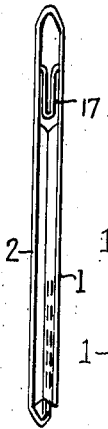


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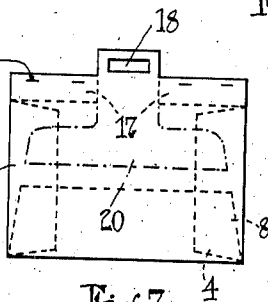


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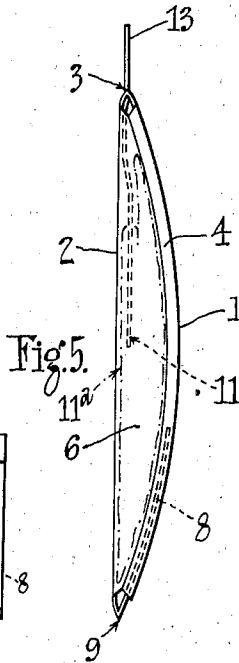


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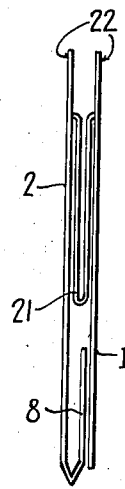


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This invention relates to packages for merchandise and more particularly to combined hangers and packages for garments.

Many different devices have been proposed with a view to enabling garments to be placed on a hanger and then be folded and enclosed in the package and carried by means of a handle or grip at the top of the closed package.

It is the object of the present invention to provide an improved and simplified construction which is very durable and can be made very inexpensively from paper or other suitable sheet material of the required strength and degree of stiffness.

According to the present invention the package comprises, when closed, front and back portions permanently connected at the top only, side closing means, a handle at the top and means for detachably holding the bottom of the package closed.

Preferably merchandise supporting means, such as a garment hanger, is provided and this may conveniently be made in one piece with the handle.

The principal feature of the invention is that the top edge of the closed package is completely closed so that the contents are protected from rain or dust while the closed package is being carried. The closure is effected at the bottom of the package, preferably by means of a flap on one side of the package engaging frictionally with parts of the other side of the package. The device does not require the insertion of small lugs through small slits as was necessary in many formerly proposed devices, and the necessary number of parts is reduced to a minimum.

The invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereunder fully described and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings which illustrate, by way of example, one convenient embodiment of the invention:

Figure 1 is an elevation of the improved device shown in open position, Figures 2, 3 and 4 are diagrammatic elevations, on a smaller scale, showing various positions of the device in the process of closing it, Figure 5 is a side elevation of the package in closed position, Figure 6 is a side elevation of the top part of a modified form of the invention, Figure 7 is a front elevation of Figure 6 and Figure 8 is a side elevation of another modification.

The improved package, as illustrated in Figures 1 to 5 of the drawings, comprises a

rectangular portion divided into two similar rectangular areas 1 and 2 adapted to fold one on the other about a transverse score line 3. Side flaps 4 are adapted to fold on the area 1 about score lines 5, and similar side flaps 6 are arranged to fold on the area 2 about score lines 7. A flap 8 is provided at the bottom of the area 2 and adapted to fold about a transverse score line 9, and a transverse score line 10 may be provided on the flap 8 if desired.

A suitable handle is provided at the top of the area 2 and is preferably integral with a hanger or support for a garment or other merchandise. As illustrated, the handle and hanger are made from a single piece of sheet material having a lower portion 11 forming the hanger, laterally extending attaching lugs 12 and an upwardly extending part 13 which projects upwardly through a transverse slit 14 and is formed with a finger hole or slot 15. The hanger is secured to the upper part of the area 2 by any suitable means such as staples 16, but stitching, gumming or other equivalent means may be employed for the same purpose. It will be seen that the slit 14 is formed in the score line 3.

When a garment or other merchandise is to be packaged it is placed on the hanger 11 and folded to lie neatly and as compactly as possible over the area 2. The side flaps 4 are then folded inwardly about the score lines 5 on to the area 1 and the flaps 6 are similarly folded about the scored or weakened lines 7 on to the folded merchandise on the area 2, as indicated in Figure 2. The area 1, with its infolded flaps 4, is then hinged forward about the score line 3 on to the folded merchandise lying on the area 2, as shown in Figure 3, thus exposing the handle or grip 13—15 which projects upwardly substantially in the central plane of the package.

Finally the bottom flap 8 is folded up about the score line 9 and the free edge of this flap is inserted as far as possible between the area 1 and the intumed flaps 4, into the closed position shown in Figures 4 and 5. During this operation the flap 8 may bend about the score line 10 if it is provided, but this is necessary only when relatively stiff material is used in the construction of the package.

The merchandise 11a within the package is now in a compressed condition which ensures that the flap 8 will remain squeezed between the flaps 4 and the merchandise on the one side and the area 1 on the other. The flap 8 is thus frictionally held in closed position with ample

security until it is manually withdrawn for the purpose of opening the package.

It will be seen that the device may be used either as a package for carrying merchandise or as a garment hanger. When used as a hanger the device is supported by any suitable hook or peg and the garment hangs down at full length from the hanger 11, while the areas 1 and 2 hang down over the upper part of the garment and protect it from dust.

In the form of the invention according to Figures 6 and 7 the material at the top of the package is folded inwardly to provide double thickness flaps 17 between the front and rear areas 1 and 2. The material is suitably slit and the central part is folded outwardly to form a double thickness flap formed with registering slots 18 to provide a handle. Staples, stitching or the like are indicated at 19, to connect the areas 1 and 2 and the inwardly folded material 17 together.

If desired the material 17 may be extended downwardly, as shown at 21 in Figure 8, and be formed in the shape of a hanger, in which case the handle is formed by two upwardly extending lugs 22 provided with registering finger slots. Alternatively, a hanger may be stapled or otherwise connected to the material 17, or a hanger shaped as indicated in chain dotted lines at 20 in Figure 7 may be provided. This hanger would have an upwardly projecting part inserted between the folded material 17 and be formed with a slot registering with the slots 18. The hanger 20 would be held in position between the areas 1 and 2 by means of staples or the like, not shown.

The closing flap 8 may be used in Figures 6, 7 and 8 but are not illustrated in Figure 8.

It will be understood that the foregoing description and accompanying drawings are given by way of example only and that any modifications within the scope of the appended claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim is:

1. A folder for merchandise and the like, comprising a one-piece blank having a fold line defining a pair of similar sections foldable one upon the other, merchandise supporting means carried

by one of said sections and housed between them when folded, opposed side flaps hingedly connected integrally to the sides of each section to fold inwardly over a part of the section surface and extending the length thereof, the flaps on each section being in face contact with the other section flaps when the folder is folded, a locking flap on one section and extending along the free edge thereof, said locking flap being foldable and insertable between the other section and its side flaps to close the folder, the first named fold line being slotted along a portion of its length, and a handle for said folder projected through said slot and connected to one of said sections.

2. A folder for merchandise and the like, comprising a one-piece blank having a fold line defining a compartment section and a cover section foldable thereon, opposed side flaps hingedly connected integrally to the sides of each section to fold inwardly over a part of the section surface and extending the length thereof, the flaps on each section being in face contact with the other section flaps when the folder is folded, a locking flap on one section and extending along the free edge thereof, said locking flap being foldable and insertable between the other section and its side flaps to close the folder, and a carrying handle member secured to said blank and projected through the body thereof externally of the folder.

3. A folder for merchandise and the like, comprising a one-piece blank having a fold line defining a compartment section and a cover section foldable thereon, opposed side flaps hingedly connected integrally to the sides of each section to fold inwardly over a part of the section surface and extending the length thereof, a hanger secured in and to the compartment section and overlapped by its side flaps, the flaps on each section being in face contact with the other section flaps when the folder is folded, a locking flap on one section and extending along the free edge thereof, said locking flap being foldable and insertable between the other section and its side flaps to close the folder, and a carrying handle member on said hanger and projected through the body thereof externally of the folder.

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