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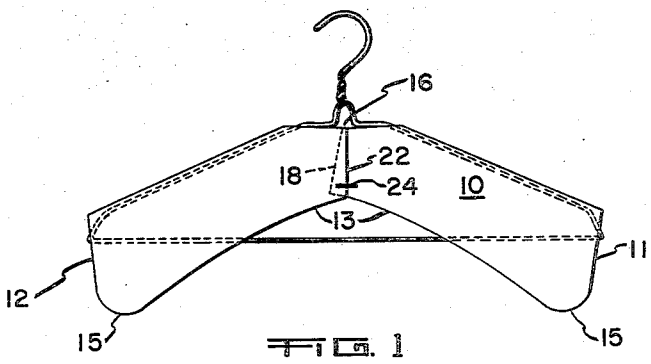


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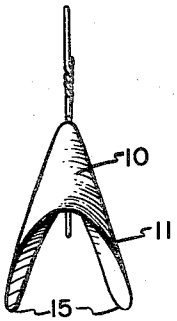


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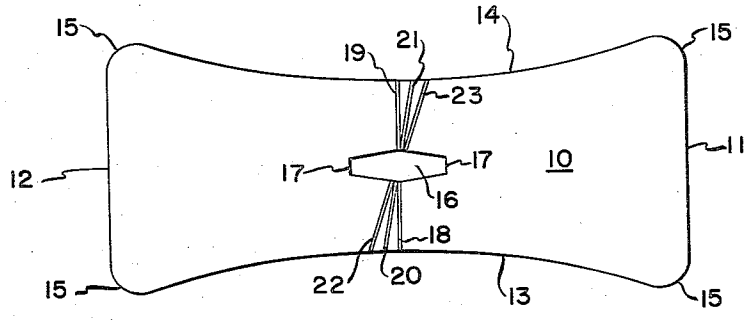


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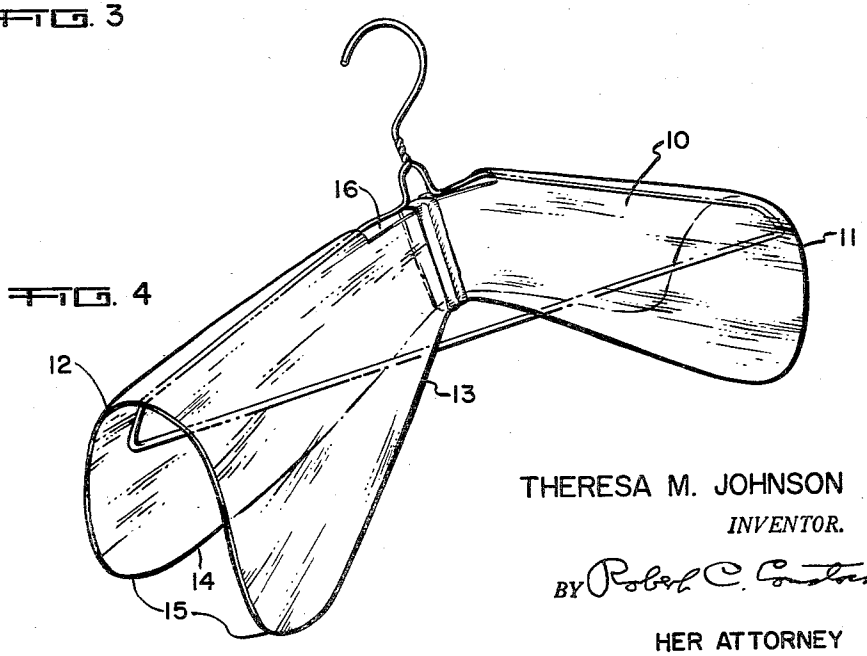


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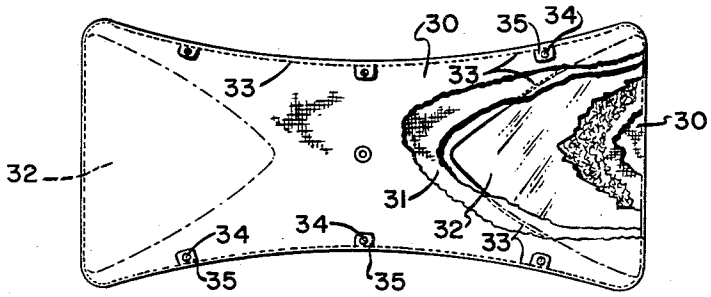


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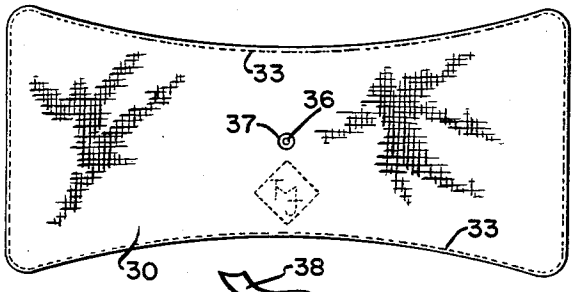


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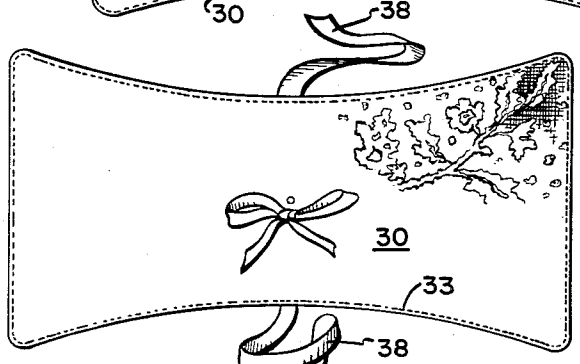


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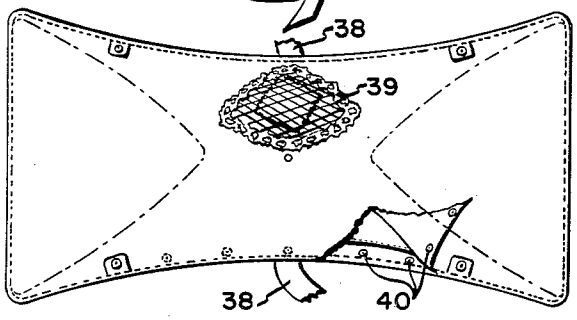


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This invention relates to a garment hanger cover.

It is an object of my invention to provide a garment hanger cover which is adapted to be attached to substantially any garment hanger now in commercial use to provide support for the shoulders of a garment and prevent wrinkling of the garment or unsightly hanger creases. My garment hanger cover may be formed of cardboard, textiles, plastic or metal, as later more fully set forth.

It is a further object of my invention to provide such a cover which in one embodiment of my invention is adapted to be manufactured at an extremely low price from a single piece of commonly available economical material such as cardboard, which is adapted to be easily and quickly attached to any conventional hanger and which provides space for advertising. My cover is thus adaptable for use by dry cleaning establishments, garment manufacturers and similar large quantity commercial users.

It is also an object of my invention to provide a cover which in another embodiment of my invention is preferably made of textile material and is adapted to be carried by the user in a flat, compact form and quickly and easily attached to or detached from the hangers furnished by hotels and lodging places.

My invention also comprises such other objects, advantages and capabilities as will later more fully appear and which are inherently possessed by my invention.

While I have shown in the accompanying drawings preferred embodiments of my invention, it should be understood that the same are susceptible of modification and change without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Referring to the drawings, Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a cardboard embodiment of my garment hanger cover in use;

Fig. 2 is an end elevational view of the same;

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of a blank which forms my garment hanger cover;

Fig. 4 is a top perspective view of a transparent plastic embodiment of my invention in use;

Fig. 5 is a bottom plan view of a textile embodiment of my invention, partly broken away to show the inner construction;

Fig. 6 is a top plan view of the same;

Fig. 7 is a top plan view of another textile embodiment of my invention;

Fig. 8 is a bottom plan view of the same, with some parts broken away for purposes of illustration.

One embodiment which has been selected to illustrate my invention comprises a blank 10 which is preferably formed of cardboard, although other suitable materials may also be used. The blank 10 may be described as having an hour-glass shape, with the ends 11 and 12 being straight and the sides 13 and 14 being concave, curving inwardly from the ends to provide a narrow portion adjacent the longitudinal center of the blank. The four corners 15 of the blank 10 are rounded. If the

blank 10 is formed of cardboard, the grain of the cardboard should preferably extend lengthwise along the blank.

The blank 10 is provided adjacent its center with a hexagonal opening 16 which extends lengthwise of the blank 10, having narrow opposite ends 17 and being wider at its center than adjacent the ends 17.

The blank 10 is provided with a pair of creases 18 and 19, which extend from opening 16 to the sides 13 and 14 on a line which bisects blank 10. A second pair of creases 20 and 21 extends at an acute angle with respect to creases 18 and 19 on opposite sides of opening 16. These creases 20 and 21 are used when my cover is attached to a plastic or wood hanger. A third pair of creases 22 and 23 extends at a less acute angle with respect to creases 18 and 19 on the opposite sides of opening 16. These creases 22 and 23 are used when my cover is attached to a wire hanger.

In use, my blank can be shipped, packaged and stored in a completely flat condition or when folded along creases 18 and 19. When ready for use, the opening 16 is placed over the hook of a hanger with the blank 10 disposed so that it extends substantially parallel to the hanger. The center portions of the blank are then brought together beneath opening 16 by folding the blank along creases 18 and 19 and one pair of creases 20 and 21 or 22 and 23. The two sets of creases are provided to accommodate different shapes of hangers, as previously set forth. The folding of blank 10 should be such that the creases 18 and 19 are at the bottom of the fold. This will provide a line which extends along the second set of creases substantially perpendicular to opening 16 and on a line which is vertical when the hanger is in use.

The two sides of blank 10 are then attached together by means of a staple 24, which extends through all of the layers of the blank 10 along a line which is transverse to the vertical crease. When this is done, the opening 16 assumes a substantially rectangular shape which surrounds the upper part of the hanger beneath the hook. The creases extend directly downwardly on opposite sides of the blank and the two sides of the blank are joined together by the staple 24 beneath the hook portion of the hanger.

The opposite halves of the blank 10 extend downwardly and outwardly from the hook of the hanger on a line substantially parallel to the arms of the hanger. They are narrowest adjacent the hook of the hanger and have an increasing flare extending outwardly toward their ends.

When a garment is placed on the hanger, the blank 10 provides shoulder support which prevents wrinkling of the garment or creasing of the garment by the hanger. If the garment is heavy, such as a top coat, two covers may be used. It may be noted that my cover will fit conventional wood hangers, plastic hangers, wire hangers and hangers of the type used by garment manufacturers.

This embodiment of my invention may be modified as desired by forming the blank 10 of plastic or other suitable material and by providing alternative folding and fastening means adjacent the center of the blank, such as using adhesive tape, heat sealing or other suitble fastening means. Metal foil paper may also be used to form the blank 10, if desired. The blank 10 can be opaque, transparent or translucent.

Another embodiment of my invention is formed of two outer layers 30 of textile material which may be cotton, silk, rayon, velvet or any other suitable material. The shape of the cover is substantially the same as that previously described. Disposed between the outer layers 30 is a pad 31, which is formed of cotton or other suitable padding material. Disposed within pad 31 adjacent

each end thereof is an insert which preferably comprises a vinylite plastic triangle **32**. Suitable stitching **33** extends around the edges of the plastic triangle **32** to hold them in place within pad **31**.

The outer layers **30** are stitched together around their entire edges by stitching **33**. The opposite sides of the cover can be attached together by means of snap fasteners. A plurality of snap fastener halves **34** are mounted on short loops of cloth tape **35**. The ends of the loops of tape **35** are held by the stitching **33** to hold the fastener halves **34** in place. The fastener halves **34** are disposed so that matching halves for three pairs of fasteners are provided, one pair being adjacent the center of the cover and one pair adjacent each end of the cover.

Extending through the center of the cover is an opening **36**, which extends through the complete cover. Opening **36** is bordered with a metal eyelet **37** or with a machine worked cloth eyelet.

In use, the hook of the hanger is inserted through opening **36**. The matching pairs of snap fastener halves **34** are attached together and the cover is then securely mounted on the hanger. The plastic triangles **32** provide the necessary flare and strength adjacent the ends of the cover to provide the proper shoulder support for the garment.

A more feminine version of this embodiment of my invention is provided by replacing the center pair of snap fastener halves with two strands of ribbon **38**, which are held at one end by stitching **33**. A sachet holder **39** holds a removable sachet. One side of the cover is closed by snap fasteners **40** so that the inner pad **31** can be removed. The outside of the cover is suitably embroidered or decorated.

The shape of the plastic members **32** may vary, so long as they serve the purpose of conforming to the shoulder pads of the garment when my cover is in use.

I claim:

1. A garment hanger cover comprising a blank having a substantially hour-glass shape, with its ends being substantially straight and its side edges curving inwardly from said ends to provide the narrow portion adjacent the longitudinal center of the blank, said blank comprising two outer layers of textile material, a pad disposed between said layers, a pair of inserts comprising substantially triangular pieces of plastic, one of said inserts being disposed within each end of said pad, with the bases of the triangles extending along the ends of the pad and the apices of the triangles pointing toward the center of the pad, said inserts being held in position by triangular stitching extending into said pad, said outer layers being stitched together around the edges of said blank, said blank having an opening therethrough, said cover adapted to be attached to a hanger so that the hook of the hanger extends through said opening, the opposite sides of said blank adapted to be attached to each other so that the upper part of opposite halves of said cover on the opposite sides of said hook extend parallel to the arms of the hanger and said plastic inserts cause said halves to flare outwardly toward the ends of said cover to provide shoulder support for a garment mounted on the hanger.

2. A garment hanger cover comprising a blank having a substantially hour-glass shape, with its ends being substantially straight and its side edges curving inwardly from said ends to provide a narrow portion adjacent the longitudinal center of the blank, said blank comprising two outer layers of textile material, a pad disposed between said layers, a pair of plastic inserts disposed within the opposite ends of said pad, said outer layers being attached together around the edges of said blank, said cover having

an opening extending through its center, said cover adapted to be attached to a hanger so that the hook of the hanger extends through said opening, the opposite sides of said blank adapted to be attached to each other so that the upper part of opposite halves of said cover on opposite sides of said opening extend parallel to the arms of the hanger and said inserts cause said halves to flare outwardly toward their ends to provide shoulder support for a garment mounted on the hanger.

3. A garment hanger cover comprising a blank having a substantially hour-glass shape, with its ends being substantially straight and its side edges curving inwardly from said ends to provide a narrow portion adjacent the longitudinal center of the blank, said blank comprising outer layers of textile material, a pad disposed between said layers, a pair of inserts comprising substantially triangular pieces of plastic substantially stiffer than said textile material, one of said inserts being disposed within each end of said pad, with the bases of the triangles extending along the ends of the pad and the apices of the triangles pointing toward the center of the pad, said inserts being held in position by triangular stitching extending around each insert and through said pad, said outer layers being stitched together around the edges of said blank, a plurality of snap fastener halves, each of said halves being mounted on a loop of cloth, the ends of said loops being held by said latter stitching to position said snap fastener halves adjacent the opposite sides of said blank in matching pairs, the center of said blank having an opening therethrough, said cover adapted to be attached to a hanger so that the hook of the hanger extends through said opening, said matching snap fastener halves adapted to be attached together to mount said cover on a hanger so that the upper part of opposite longitudinal halves of said cover extend parallel to the arms of the hanger and said plastic inserts cause said cover halves to flare outwardly toward their ends to provide shoulder support for a garment mounted on the hanger.

4. A garment hanger cover comprising a somewhat elongate blank having straight substantially parallel ends and inwardly curved sides formed of outer layers of textile material having a hole therethrough substantially centrally located, and a pair of substantially identical substantially triangularly shaped inserts disposed one in each end of said blank between said layers, said inserts being made of sheet material having a stiffness substantially greater than that of said textile material, and being disposed with the base of each insert adjacent and parallel to the opposite parallel ends of the blank, means for securing the opposite sides of said blank together adjacent said hole, said opposite sides of said blank adjacent said ends being unattached, whereby, when said cover is placed over a garment hanger, said sides diverge increasingly outward toward said ends, to provide a gently rounded shoulder support for a garment mounted over the hanger and cover.

5. Garment hanger cover in accordance with claim 4, wherein said blank is formed in an hour-glass shape with its ends substantially straight and its side edges curving inwardly from said ends to provide a narrow portion adjacent the longitudinal center of the blank.

6. Garment hanger cover in accordance with claim 5, wherein said inserts are made of plastic.

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