Sept. 1, 1936. H. LONDON 2,052,932

GARMENT BAG

Filed July 16, 1935 2 Sheets-Sheet 1

Fig. 3.

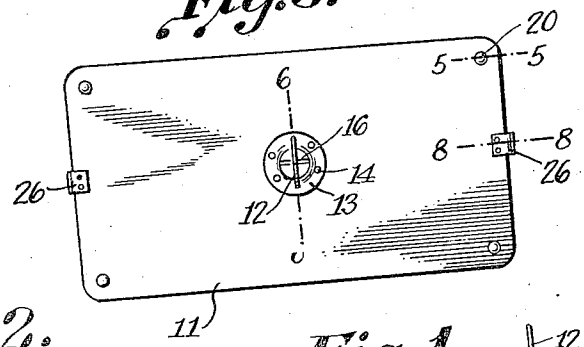


Fig. 2.

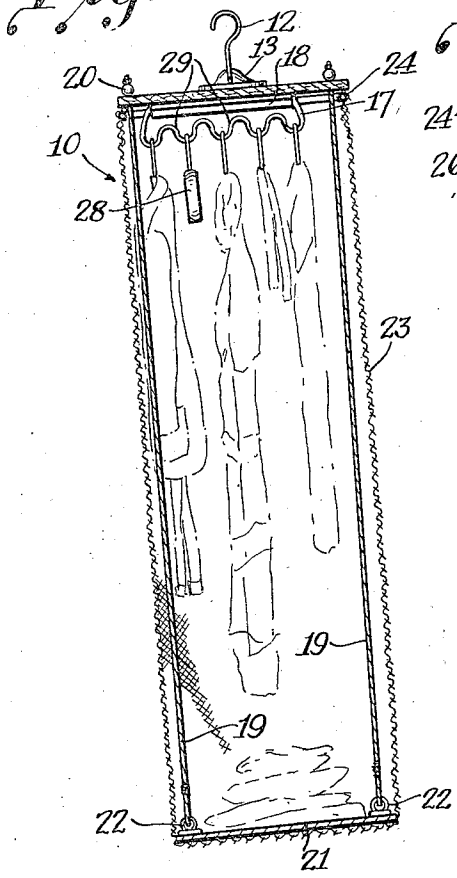
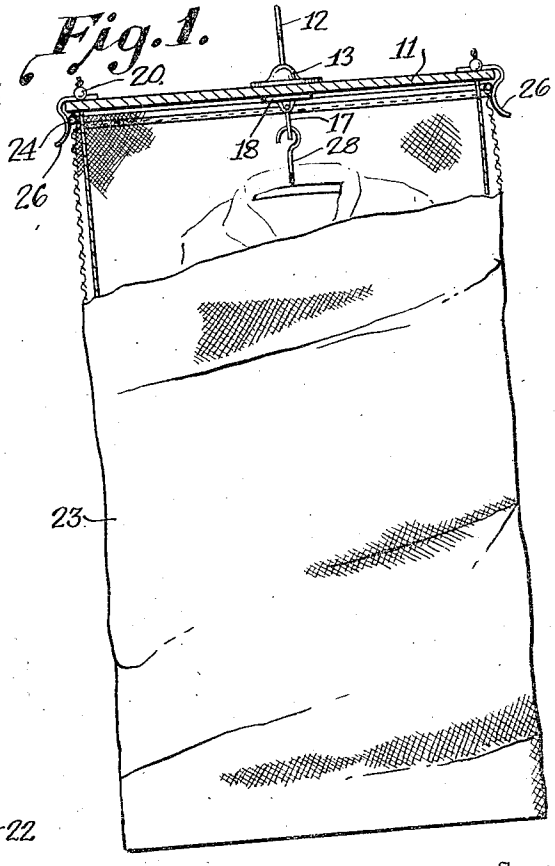


Fig. 1.



Inventor

Harry London.

By Miller & Miller

Attorneys

Sept. 1, 1936. H. LONDON 2,052,932

GARMENT BAG

Filed July 16, 1935 2 Sheets-Sheet 2

Fig. 4.

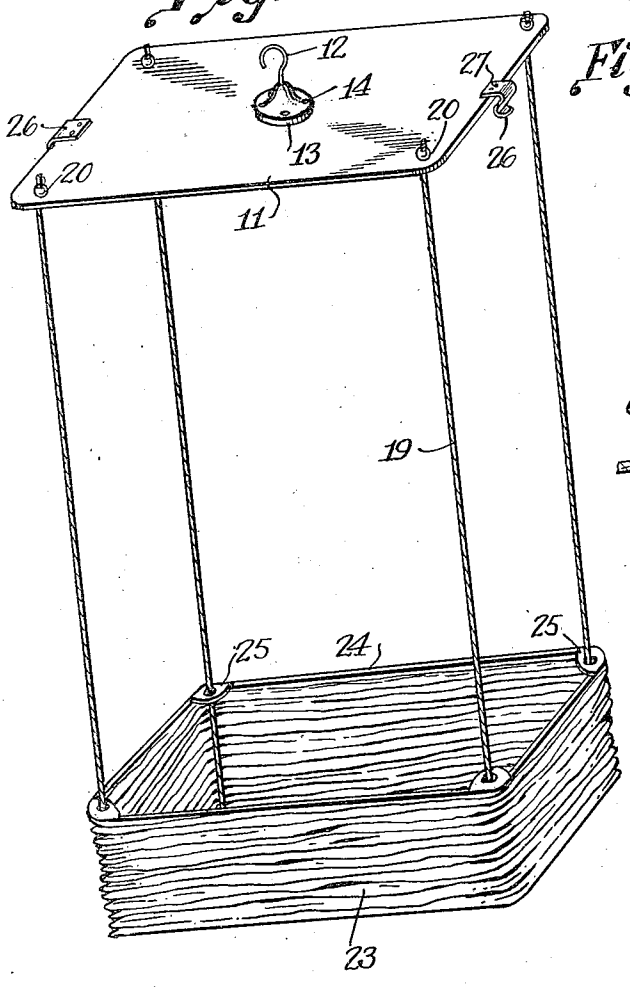


Fig. 5.

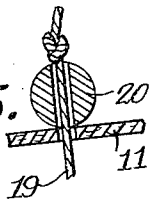


Fig. 6.

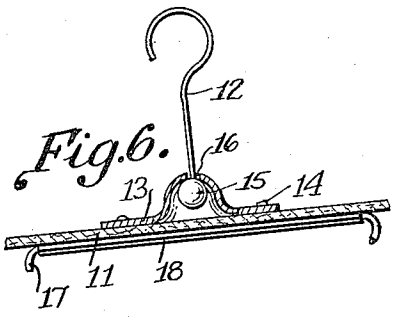


Fig. 7.



Fig. 8.

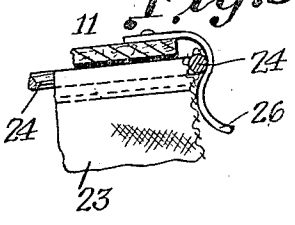


Fig. 9.



Inventor

Harry London.

Miller & Miller

By Attorneys

Patented Sept. 1, 1936 2,052,932

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,052,932

GARMENT BAG

Harry London, New York, N. Y., assignor to Al-lon Manufacturing Co., Inc., Baltimore, Md.

Application July 16, 1935, Serial No. 31,687

10 Claims. (Cl. 206—7)

This invention relates to a garment bag and has for its object to provide a garment bag especially intended for supporting articles of clothing to protect them from the dust. An important feature of this invention is that the protective covering may be completely collapsed away from the supporting arm so as to allow easy access thereto for removing or replacing garments.

Garment bags of this general nature are well known in the art, one common form being the provision of a slit along the side of the bag which is closable either by buttons or separable fasteners of the slider type. An important disadvantage of such former bags is, however, that the opening is extremely limited and that it is difficult and inconvenient to remove and replace garments within the bag.

A further important feature of the invention is that the garment bag, when emptied, can be folded to a very small volume and lie substantially flat so that it may be easily transported or stored, occupying a minimum amount of space.

A further important feature is that the bag in open position allows access to the garment from all sides instead of merely through a slit in the side of the bag. In open position, the bag is guided by a plurality of flexible supports to rest at the bottom of the bag. The bag is easily closed by merely raising the bag along the flexible supports to the top member where it is quickly secured.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, as will hereinafter become apparent, this invention comprises the constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts hereinafter set forth, disclosed and claimed.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is an elevational view partly broken away, of the garment bag of this invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view through Fig. 1,

Figure 3 is a top plan view of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the bag in open position,

Figure 5 is a sectional view on line 5—5 of Figure 3,

Figure 6 is a sectional view on line 6—6 of Figure 3,

Figure 7 is a detailed view showing the garment bag supporting hook in folding position,

Figure 8 is a section on line 8—8 of Figure 3, and

Figure 9 is a perspective view of the bag in folded position for storage transportation.

There is shown at 10 the garment bag of this invention. This garment bag 10 includes a top rectangular panel 11 to the center of which is secured a supporting hook 12 by means of a hollow socket 13 which as shown, is fastened to the panel 11 by any suitable means, such as rivets 14. The hook 12, terminates in an enlargement or ball 15 thereby securing the hook to the socket and thus to the panel.

The socket 13, it will be observed, is provided with a slot 16 thereby permitting the hook 12 to lie over flat in collapsed position as shown in Fig. 7. On the bottom of the panel 11 there is provided a clothes hanger hook receiving bar 17 which is pivoted to a supporting plate 18 secured to the bottom of panel 11. As it will be observed from Figure 7, this arm 17 may be pivoted to a plane substantially parallel to the plane of the panel 11, thereby permitting the folding up of the garment bag 10 as in Figure 9. Extending through each corner of the rectangular panel 11 is a flexible member 19 which may be in the form of a fabric string or braided wire or the like. The flexible member 19 extends through the panel 11 and is anchored thereto by means of beads 20.

A similar rectangular panel 21 is secured to the lower ends of the flexible members 19, which are sufficiently long to permit a full length garment to be supported on the usual clothes hanger 23 depending from the supporting arm 17. The flexible members 19 may be secured to the panel 21 in any suitable manner either by beads similar to the bead 20 or by eyelets 22 fastened at each corner thereof as shown. A fabric bag 23 will have its lower edge secured under the panel 21. A stiffening rectangular frame 24 is secured within a hem formed at the upper edge of the fabric bag 23 and guiding eyelets 25 are formed at each corner of the frame 24 and edge of the bag 23. At opposite sides of the panel 11 are located a pair of snap fingers 26, the fingers being secured to the tops of the panel 11 as at 27.

In operation, the garment bag is supported by means of the hook 12 by any convenient overhead support, such as a clothes bar in a closet or the like. By merely pulling either snap finger 26 outwardly the rectangular frame 24 will be released therefrom and carry the bag 23 downwardly to the collapsed open position shown in Fig. 4, the guiding eyelets 25 causing the frame 24 to remain in the plane substantially parallel to the planes of the panels 11 and 21. Loose articles of clothing may be placed on the panel 21 as shown in Figure 2 and other articles of cloth-

ing supported on clothes hangers 28, it being observed that the clothes hanger supporting bar 17 is bent into the form of a plurality of waves 29 spaced apart a sufficient distance to allow each clothes hanger 28 and its supported article of clothing to remain substantially out of contact with the adjoining article of clothing. When the article of clothing has been removed and replaced and it is desired to make the garment bag dustproof again, the frame 24 is merely grasped at its short sides and raised vertically until brought into contact with the snap fingers 26. It will then hold it in raised position as in 21. When necessary to remove or replace another article it is again released and replaced.

It will be observed from Figure 4 that when the bag 23 is in the collapsed open position full access is allowed for removing and replacing the articles of clothing so that each article may be hung smoothly without creasing the same while removing or replacing it. Furthermore, any one of the articles of clothing may be removed without disturbing the remaining articles of clothing due to the easy access from all four sides.

The novel features and the operation of this device will be apparent from the foregoing description. While the device has been shown and the structure described in detail, it is obvious that this invention is not to be considered limited to the exact form disclosed and that changes may be made therein within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

1. A fabric bag comprising an upper panel having means for supporting clothing thereto, a lower panel, flexible securing means supporting said lower panel in spaced relation to said upper panel, a fabric bag having its lower edge secured to said lower panel, and means for detachably securing the upper edge of said fabric bag to said upper panel, means on the upper edge of said fabric bag cooperating with said flexible supporting means to guide the upper edge of the fabric bag in its movement between the closed and opened position, said cooperating means including a stiffening frame about the upper edge of the fabric bag, and eyelet means extending from the stiffening frame about said flexible supporting means.

2. A fabric bag comprising an upper panel having means for supporting clothing thereto, a lower panel, a flexible securing means supporting said lower panel in spaced relation to said upper panel, a fabric bag having its lower edge secured to said lower panel, means for detachably securing the upper edge of said fabric bag to said upper panel, means on the upper edge of said fabric bag cooperating with said flexible supporting means to guide the upper edge of the fabric bag in its movement between the closed and opened position, said cooperating means including a stiffening frame about the upper edge of the fabric bag, said detachable securing means comprising a pair of spring fingers secured to opposite edges of said upper panel and adapted to snap over the stiffening frame on the upper edge of said fabric bag to hold said upper edge in bag closing position.

3. A dust proof garment protection bag comprising an upper panel member and a lower panel member, flexible means securing said panel members together in spaced apart relation, and a fabric bag having one edge secured to one of said panels and having the other edge detachably securable to the other of said panels, said other edge having a stiffening frame secured thereto, said stiffening frame being in cooperative relation to said flexible members to guide said edge between opened and closed position, said stiffening frame including eyelet members embracing said flexible supporting means.

4. A dust proof garment protection bag comprising an upper panel member and a lower panel member, flexible means securing said panel members together in spaced apart relation, and a fabric bag having one edge secured to one of said panels and having the other edge detachably securable to the other of said panels, said other edge having a stiffening frame secured thereto, said stiffening frame being in cooperative relation to said flexible members to guide said edge between opened and closed position, said stiffening frame including eyelet members embracing said flexible supporting means, and spring fingers cooperating with said stiffening frame and one of said panel members for holding said garment bag in closed position.

5. A garment bag comprising an upper member, a lower member, means for supporting the lower member in spaced relation to said upper member, a collapsible bag operatively confined between the members, a rigid frame carried by the upper edge of the bag, said frame being releasably secured to said upper member when said bag is in fully extended condition.

6. A garment bag comprising an upper member, a lower member, means for supporting the lower member in spaced relation to said upper member, a collapsible and slidable bag operatively confined between the members, a rigid frame carried by the upper edge of the bag, said frame having guide means cooperating with said supporting means, and releasable means for supporting the frame on the upper member.

7. A receptacle comprising an upper member, a lower member, means for supporting the lower member in spaced relation to said upper member, a collapsible bag operatively enclosing the space between said members, said bag having a mouth releasably secured to one of said members for movement relative thereto, and means slidably connecting the bag to said supporting means.

8. A receptacle comprising an upper member, a lower member, means for supporting the lower member in spaced relation to said upper member, a collapsible bag operatively enclosing the space between said members, said bag having a mouth releasably secured to one of said members for movement relative thereto, and guide means on said bag slidably connected to said supporting means.

9. A receptacle comprising a pair of members and means for supporting same in spaced relation, a collapsible bag operatively enclosing the space between said members and having a mouth movable relative to one of said members, guide means carried by said mouth, said guide means slidably connected to said supporting means and releasably secured to said one member.

10. A receptacle comprising a pair of members and means for supporting same in spaced relation, a collapsible bag operatively enclosing the space between the members, said bag having a mouth and a guide frame carried thereby, said frame being slidably connected to said supporting means, and releasable means securing said frame to one of said members.

HARRY LONDON.