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Fig. 1

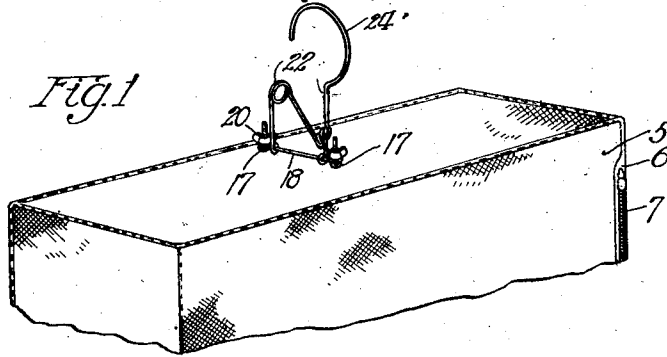


Fig. 2

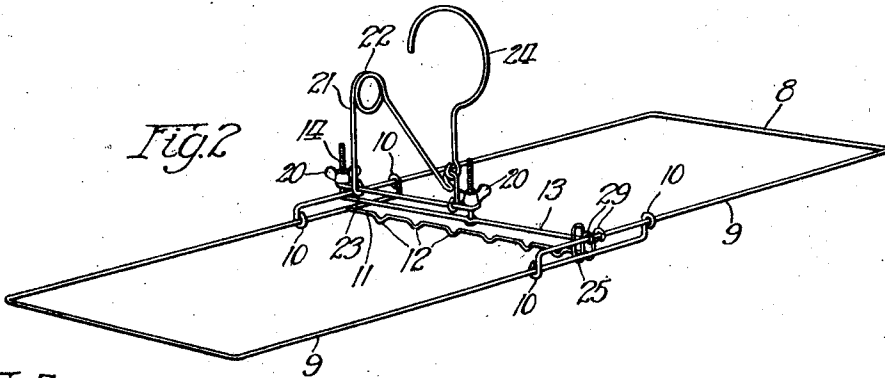


Fig. 4

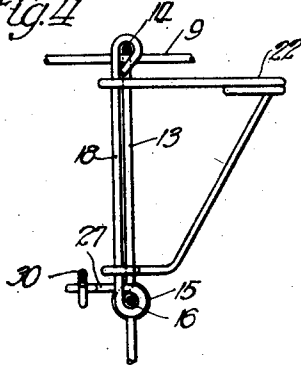


Fig. 3

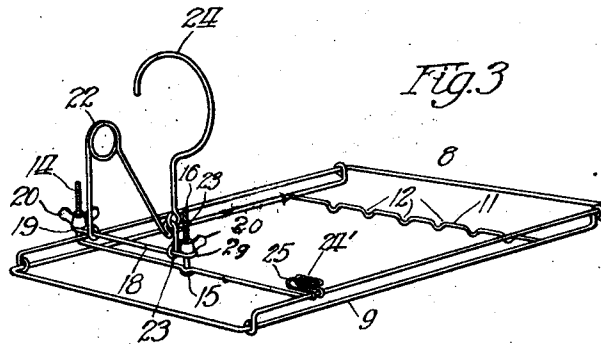
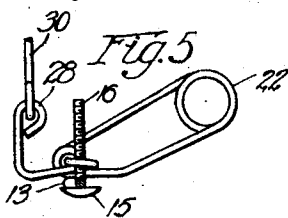


Fig. 5



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My invention relates to garment bags and hangers and particularly comprehends improvements in that class of garment bags embodying a flexible garment bag and hanger frame for suspending the bag.

With garment bags of this type it is desirable to take them as an article of baggage while touring, but owing to their bulkiness and general construction it is impractical to carry them in a trunk, traveling bag, etc. It is the principal object of my invention to obviate this objection by the provision of a garment bag and hanger which may be collapsed to reduce its area and folded into a relatively small flat compact package so that it will merely occupy a minimum of storage space.

Further, the invention contemplates a garment bag and horizontally collapsible hanger frame from which the garment bag is suspended and removable to permit washing or repairing of the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment retaining bag embodying a collapsible frame for suspending the bag and which includes a plurality of slidably connected frame sections, and means for retaining the frame sections in extended position against accidental collapsing.

The invention also comprehends attaching or suspension means for the hanger frame which is detachable therefrom so as to facilitate the removal of the garment bag when it is desirable to remove the latter.

On the drawings—

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective of a garment bag and hanger constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective of the collapsible hanger or frame embodied in the invention and illustrating the same in extended or normal position;

Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating the frame in collapsed position;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary top plan view of a modification of the invention with parts in section; and

Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the same with parts in section.

Referring to the drawing in detail, and wherein corresponding characters of reference denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 5 designates a flexible dust-proof and preferably rectangular garment bag constructed from any desirable flexible material. As shown in Fig.

1, this bag 5 is provided with a longitudinal opening extending along one of the corners thereof as indicated at 6, normally closed by a conventional fastening 7.

Received in the bag or container 5 at the upper end thereof is a collapsible supporting frame 8 comprising a pair of opposed U-shaped frame sections 9, each of which being constructed from a length of rod. The legs of each of the frame sections 9 are formed with laterally disposed eyes 10 at their extremities. As illustrated in Fig. 2, the eyes of each frame section extend in opposite directions and slidably receive the legs of the adjacent frame section to permit the latter to occupy the positions shown in Figs. 2 and 3, respectively.

Extending transversely of one of the frame sections 8 adjacent the inner end thereof is a horizontal rod 11 having a plurality of spaced depressions or seats 12 adapted to accommodate and support garment hanger hooks (not shown).

A rod 13 extends transversely across the other frame section adjacent its inner end and is attached thereto. One end of this rod 13 is formed with a vertical threaded extension 14 which is disposed at the rear of the frame. An offset or U-shaped member 15 is formed at the center of this rod 13, and extending through this offset or U-shaped member is a bolt 16 having its head welded or otherwise secured to the part 15. The threaded extension 14 and the bolt 16 pass through eyelets 17 in the upper end of the bag or container 5.

For the purpose of supporting the frame 8 I provide a supporting means which is wholly removable from the frame, thus permitting its removal from the bag or container for the purpose of washing or repairing the latter. This supporting means comprises a horizontal rod 18 arranged parallel and in vertical alignment with the rod 13. The rod 18 has its extremities bent to provide eyes 19 removably received by the bolt 16 and threaded extension 14. Wing nuts 20 are threaded upon the extension 14 and bolt 16 to securely retain the rod 18 in position. A supporting bracket is attached to the rod 18 and is generally indicated at 21. This bracket 21 is fashioned from a length of wire or rod which is convoluted or coiled intermediate its ends as at 22 to provide a suspension eye for engagement with a wall hook or the like. From the coil one of the

legs of the length of wire is extended longitudinally and terminates in an eye 23 loosely engaging the rod 18. The other leg of the length of wire extends forwardly and obliquely with respect to the longitudinal leg and has its inner extremity formed with a pair of aligned eyes 23, one of which loosely engages the rod 18 while the other is engaged by a suspension hook 24. In connection with the suspension hook 24 and eye 22 it is pointed out that the former is adapted to engage the usual horizontal closet rod or pole, while the latter is employed when it is desired to support the device from a wall. However, the frame will be supported effectively from either the hook 24 or eye 22.

When it is desired to remove the frame from the bag or container, it is only necessary to remove the two wing nuts 20 and disengage the eyes 19 of the rod 18 from the bolt 16 and vertical threaded extension 14 and subsequently withdraw the bolt and threaded extension from the eyelets 17.

In order to retain the frame section in extended position against accidental collapsing, a latch 24' is pivoted to one leg of the frame sections 9 and is adapted to be swung downwardly to straddle the rods 13 and 11, as illustrated in Fig. 2. This latch element 24' is formed from a length of wire which is first bent into U formation and then bent upon itself as at 25 to afford a pair of connected parallel U-shaped legs 26, which when the latch element is in operative position straddle the bars 13 and 11 as illustrated in Fig. 2 and positively latch the frame sections against movement.

The extremities 29 of the length of wire forming the latch element are bent around one leg of one of the frame sections 9 upon opposite sides of the rod 13 to pivotally support this latch element.

In Figs. 4 and 5 a modified embodiment of the supporting means is illustrated. In this instance the removable rod 18 is formed with a lateral L-shaped extension 27 at the eye 19 at the inner end of this rod. This lateral extension 27 terminates in an upstanding eye 28 to which a hook 30 is attached. The supporting bracket 21 is substantially the same as the bracket above set forth. That is, it is loosely or pivotally attached to the rod 18, but is not directly attached to the suspension hook.

When it is desired to collapse the bag preparatory to placing the same in a trunk or travelling bag, the latch element is dis-

engaged from the rods 11 and 13 and the frame sections slid or telescoped inwardly to the position illustrated in Fig. 3. The flexible container or bag is then folded or wound about the frame to provide a comparatively small flat package that will occupy but a minimum of space. It will be therefore apparent that the bag may be placed in a trunk or other receptacle and conveniently carried about by the owner.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

1. A suspension frame for flexible garment containers including a pair of slidably connected frame sections normally extended and capable of being telescoped to arrange them in superimposed relation, a transverse garment hanger hook engaging bar carried by one of the sections, a transverse notched bar for supporting a plurality of garment hangers connected to the other section, and a stop adapted to engage both of said transverse bars to prevent accidental longitudinal movement of the sections.

2. In a garment bag and hanger, a hanger frame including a pair of slidably connected frame sections normally extended and capable of being moved into superimposed relation, a flexible garment bag associated with the frame and supported by the latter, a transverse garment supporting bar carried by one of the sections, and a U-shaped latch pivoted to the other section and adapted to straddle the transverse bar and thereby latch the sections against accidental movement.

3. A hanger for garment bags comprising a frame from which the bag is adapted to be suspended, transversely aligned upstanding threaded elements carried by the frame, a transverse horizontal rod having its extremities received on the threaded elements, suspension means carried by the rod, and clamping nuts engaged with the threaded elements and serving to clamp the rod to the frame.

4. In a garment bag hanger, a frame including a pair of slidably connected sections, means for supporting the same in a horizontal plane, a clothes supporting bar carried by one of the sections, and a latch element carried by the other section adapted to engage the bar when the frame sections are extended whereby to retain the latter against accidental sliding movement.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 22nd day of March, 1926.

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