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SERVICE HANGER

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Fig. 1.

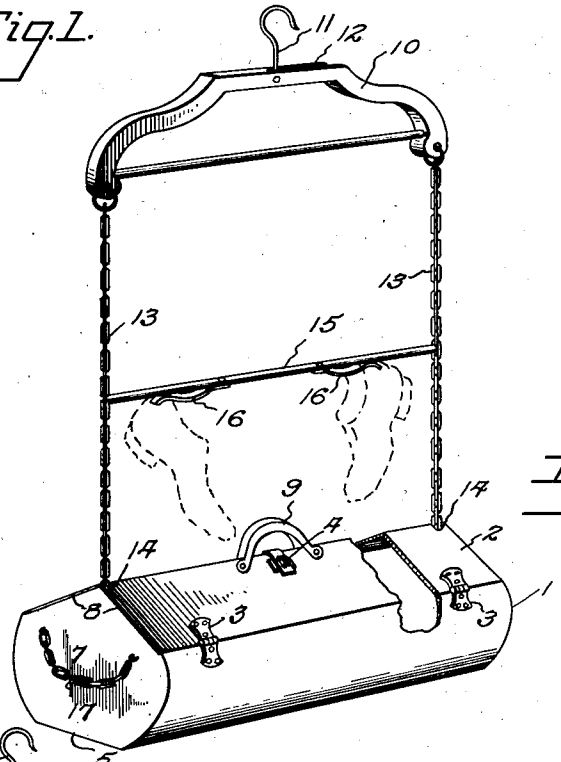


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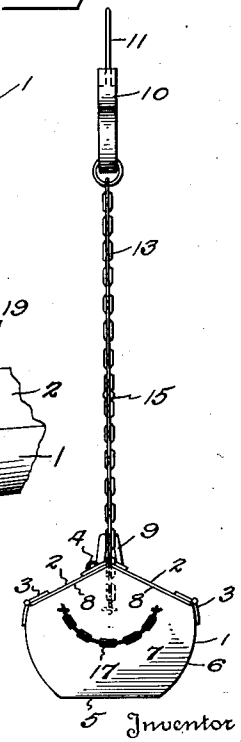
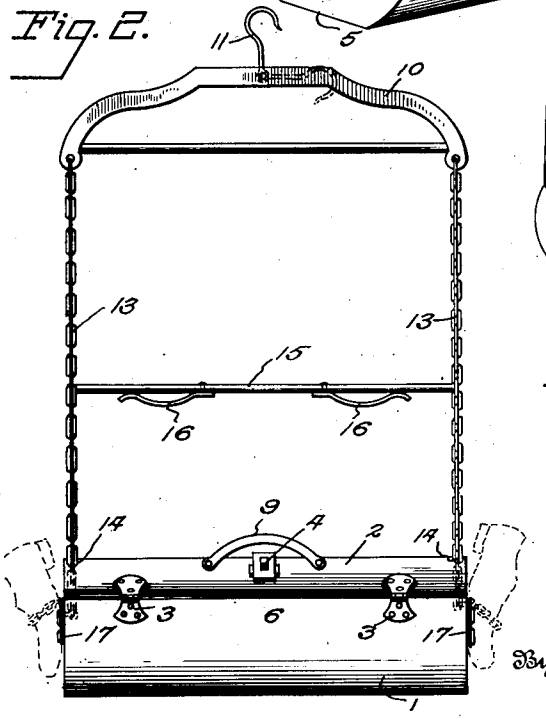


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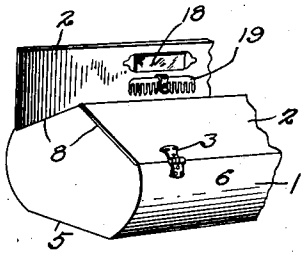


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This invention is directed to an improvement in service hangers designed more particularly for use by bathers in bathing establishments, and constructed with a view to providing for the compact and proper support of all the clothing of the bather, while at the same time providing for more or less secure storage of any usual valuables carried by the bather.

In connection with bathing pools, it is customary to provide the bather with a convenient receptacle in which his clothing may be temporarily stored during the bathing period, and while individual bags or baskets have been heretofore employed, they have been found unsatisfactory incident to the fact that the storage of clothing therein required more or less undesirable folding, the storage of the shoes with the clothing was particularly objectionable, and there was no adequate provision for any safeguarding of ordinary valuables carried on the person.

The primary object of the present invention is the provision of a service hanger of a simple, inexpensive character, in the use of which all the noted objections to the present methods and means are avoided, and wherein provision is made for supporting the clothing in a manner to avoid objectionable folding or rumpling; for supporting the shoes free of contact with the clothing; and for providing for the convenient and secure storage of any desired valuables; with the further requisite that the parts of the hanger when not in use may be assembled and secured in a comparatively small compact package requiring a limited storage space.

The invention, structurally considered, includes a metal or other container adapted to be closed and locked against unauthorized entrance, and to provide a means for the convenient temporary storage of valuables and other requisites, which container is connected with a conventional coat hanger by flexible connectors so that with the coat hanger supported from a nail or a hook, the storage container or receptacle depends from the coat hanger a sufficient distance to accommodate the upper garments of the bather, the flexible connectors between the coat hanger and storage receptacle being connected by a transverse bar forming a further means of support for certain of the garments, with both the bar and storage receptacle provided with means for supporting the shoes in a manner to avoid undesirable contact with the supported clothing. The relation of the connected parts with the storage receptacle is such that all such parts may, when not in use, be conveniently housed in the storage receptacle to provide a comparatively small, compact package which will occupy but a very limited space until required for use.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved service hanger.

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the same.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the same.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the container, with the doors open, showing the application of a comb and mirror for the convenience of the user.

The service hanger of this invention includes a storage receptacle 1, preferably a metallic, box-like container, the upper wall of which is in the form of doors or closures 2 appropriately hinged at 3 to the body of the container and provided with means, conventionally illustrated at 4, whereby the doors may be locked, when desired. In the form illustrated, the storage receptacle body has a flat bottom 5, rounded side walls 6, and end walls 7 which extend above the side walls and present converging edges 8.

The doors or closures 2 are hinged to the upper edges of the side walls 6 and overlie and rest upon the converging edges 8 of the end walls 7 so that the free edges of the closures meet on a line longitudinally and centrally of the receptacle. This provides for convenient arrangement of the locking means 4, and also permits the provision of a handle section 9 on each closure adjacent the free edge thereof, which handle sections, when the closures are in closed relation, together form a convenient handle for the receptacle as a whole.

The service hanger includes a coat form hanger bar 10 having a hook 11 by which it may be suspended, the hook being preferably mounted for swinging movement with respect to the hanger bar so that it may be turned down into a slot 12 in such bar when not in use, as indicated in dotted lines in Figure 2. The overall length of the hanger bar 10 is less than the similar dimension of the storage receptacle 1 and the hanger bar and storage receptacle are connected by flexible connectors, preferably light chains, 13 terminally connected at one end to the hanger bar and secured at the opposite end to the end wall 7 of the storage receptacle within such receptacle, the doors or closures 2 being formed with cut-away portions 14 to permit the passage of the chains therethrough when the doors are in closed position.

Connecting the chains 13 an appropriate distance above the storage receptacle is a transverse

bar 15 providing a further support for articles of wearing apparel, such as socks, ties and the like. Secured to the bar 15 are spring strips 16, which strips underlie the bar and have their free ends extended in opposite directions relative to the center of the bar, such free ends of the strips being spring-pressed in normal contact with the bar, as illustrated in Figure 2. These strips provide a means for supporting the shoes of the bather, preferably by passing the rear or heel portion of the upper between a spring strip 16 and the bar 15, under which conditions the shoes will be supported with the soles extending outwardly relative to each other and toward the respective chains 13.

The end walls 7 of the storage receptacle are also provided with short lengths of chain or other flexible connectors 17, the terminal ends of which are secured to the end wall and the chains being of sufficient length to permit the introduction of the toe of a shoe therethrough to support a shoe at each end of the storage receptacle.

When the service hanger is in use, the coat form bar 10 is removably connected to a support, as a hook or the like, and the storage receptacle 1 depends from this bar 10 through the medium of the chains 13. The length of the chains is such that the ordinary wearing apparel of the bather, such as the coat, vest and shirt, may be conveniently grouped over the bar 10 and depend immediately above or partially envelop the storage receptacle. As the bar 10 is of the form-fit contour, the articles of clothing supported thereby are held in unwrinkled, natural condition and thus supported to the best advantage to avoid wrinkling or objectionable folding of such articles. The smaller articles of wearing apparel may be grouped over the bar 15, and the shoes either supported by the spring strips 16 or in the chains 17. In the use of either shoe supporting means, the soles are obviously held out of contact with the clothing supported from the hanger and, therefore, the dirt on the shoe soles cannot be transferred to the clothing through contact. Any valuables or small articles carried by the bather may be placed loosely within the storage receptacle and the latter locked against unauthorized opening.

Thus in a single article provision is made for storing the valuables of the user under lock and key and for conveniently supporting in proper shape and relation the various articles of clothing of the user, and all through the medium of a single support, namely the hook 11. Any and all articles are conveniently accessible to the user, and the articles of outside clothing may be supported in a manner to avoid wrinkling or folding, while valuables or other small articles are maintained under lock and key.

It is, of course, to be understood that the interior of the container at convenient points may be provided with means for supporting any convenient or conventional accessories liable to be used in connection with the use of the apparatus as a whole, there being shown for this purpose, more particularly in Figure 4, the provision on the inside of one of the doors 2 of a mirror 18 and a strip or the like for the reception of a comb 19. Of course, this illustration is intended to cover the provision of any conventional means for removably supporting a brush or any desirable toilet accessory within the container so that such accessories are protected against loss when the container is closed and conveniently accessible to the user when the container is open.

When the service hanger is not in use, all extended parts, i. e. the bar 10, chains 13 and bar 15, are conveniently and readily stored within the receptacle itself, and there is thus presented a small, compact package which may be stored in a very limited space until required for use. The invention provides a particularly desirable equipment for the use of patrons of bathing pools and beaches, in that it insures an efficient and sanitary means for handling and carrying the wearing apparel of the bather, together with a means accessible to the user only for the storage of valuables.

The parts may be strongly and simply constructed, and there are no complications which would in any way tend to render the device as a whole ineffective for the purpose.

I claim:—

1. A service hanger including a storage receptacle, a coat form hanger bar, and flexible connectors for supporting the storage receptacle from the hanger bar, said hanger bar and connectors being of a size to provide for their being housed within the receptacle when not in use.

2. A service hanger including a storage receptacle, chains connected at their inner ends to the inside of the receptacle and extending above the same, and a coat form hanger bar connected to the upper ends of the chains.

3. A service hanger including a coat form hanger bar, chains depending from the ends athereof, a storage receptacle carried by the lower ends of the chains, and an intermediate hanger bar connecting the chains, and tending to prevent entangling of the chains, when the hanger is not in use.

4. A service hanger including a coat form hanger bar, chains depending from the ends thereof, a storage receptacle carried by the lower ends of the chains, and means carried by the form hanger for directly supporting the form hanger and thereby the chains and receptacle pendent from the hanger.

5. A service hanger including a storage receptacle having door closures at the upper portion, chains connected to the inside of the receptacle and rising through the door closures, and a coat form hanger bar connected to the upper ends of the chains, said bar having a length less than the similar dimension of the storage receptacle.

6. A service hanger including a storage receptacle having door closures at the upper portion, chains connected to the inside of the receptacle and rising through the door closures, a coat form hanger bar connected to the upper ends of the chains, and an intermediate bar connecting the chains above the storage receptacle, said intermediate bar serving to prevent entangling of the chains when the service hanger is not in use.

7. A service hanger including a storage receptacle having door closures at the upper portion, chains connected to the inside of the receptacle and rising through the door closures, a coat form hanger bar connected to the upper ends of the chains, and an intermediate bar connecting the chains above the storage receptacle, said hanger bar and intermediate bar having a length less than similar dimensions of the storage receptacle.

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