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GARMENT PROTECTOR.

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Fig. 1.

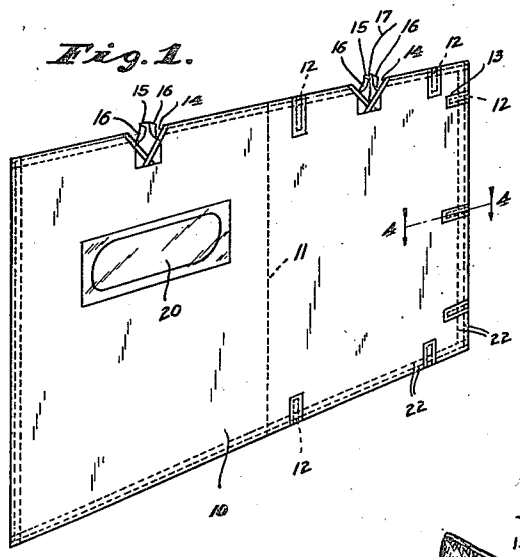


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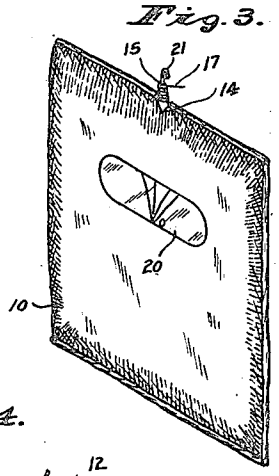


Fig. 2.

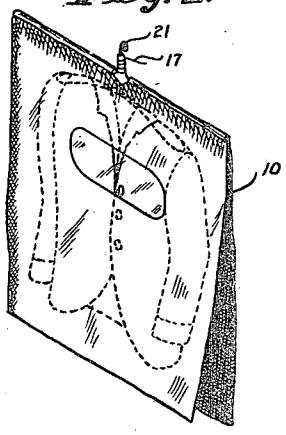


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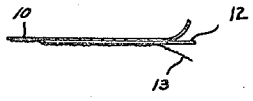


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LORA COMINGORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anderson, in the county of Madison and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Garment-Protector, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a device which will serve as a protection for a garment and of such character that it can at times be used conveniently as a protector for a garment which is currently in use and at other times can be used as a moth-proof protector for garments stored away for a season.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in extended, initial receiving, condition; Fig. 2 a perspective view of the device in the condition in which it is useful as a protector for garments currently in use; Fig. 3 a similar view showing the device in storage condition; Fig. 4 is a sectional view, on line 4—4 of Fig. 1, illustrating the construction of the fold-retaining means; Fig. 5 is a section showing the initial edge-fold; and Fig. 6 is a section showing the final edge-fold.

In the drawings 10 indicates a sheet of suitable material and size folded primarily along the medial fold line 11. The sheet 10 should preferably be of dust-proof and moth-repellent material and for this purpose I find it convenient to use paper which has been properly treated with some moth repellent substance. One section of the sheet 10, at its three free edges, is provided with a plurality of fold-retaining members 12, which when folded on themselves or otherwise bent remain so folded or bent; these fold-retaining members are preferably strips of flexible non-resilient metal laid at right angles to the adjacent edge of the sheet 10 and covered by a fabric strip 13 which thus forms a pocket for the fold-retaining strip 12. At its upper edge, at two points which will register when the sheet is folded on the fold line 11 the sheet 10 is notched as indicated at 14, 14, and secured to the sheet, adjacent each notch 14, is a tongue or strip 15 the free corners 16 of which may be readily turned inwardly toward each other. Secured to the sheet 10 adjacent one of the notches 14 is a wire or tie-string 17.

One section of the sheet 10 at a convenient point is made transparent as indicated at 20 in any well known manner, either by treating the body of the sheet or by making a sight opening therethrough and covering the same with a transparent sheet.

In use the sheet 10 may be spread out flat, as indicated in Fig. 1, and a garment, in which has been previously inserted an ordinary garment hanger, is indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 2, may be accurately laid with the hook 21 of the garment-hanger overlying and projecting beyond the tongue 15. With the sheet 10 extended the garment may be carefully and accurately laid so as to avoid undesirable creasing and the left hand section of the sheet then overlaid upon the garment, the free edges of this portion being brought into registry with the free edges of the other portion and the tongue 15 of this portion overlying the projecting portion of the garment-hanger. Thereupon the upper edges of the two sections are folded over as indicated in Fig. 5 and again folded as indicated in Fig. 6, the strips 12 retaining the folds and thoroughly closing the upper edge of the protector against dust and moths. The corners 16 of the lower tongue 15 are then folded over the stem of the hanger and the corners 16 of the upper tongue 15 are then folded around the stem of the hanger outside of the tongue 15 whereupon wire 17 may be wrapped a few turns around the two tongues 15 and thus thoroughly close around the stem of the hanger. The device will then be in the condition shown in Fig. 2 where the bottom and one side of the protector remain open so that the garment may be readily slipped off the hanger and out of the protector, the device in this condition being very useful for the ordinary daily protection from dust of garments which are in current use. Whenever it is desired to store away the garment the edge and bottom of the protector are folded over in the manner already described, the folds taking place along the dotted lines 22 (Fig. 1).

At any time one or more of the folded edges of the structure may be unfolded and the operation above described repeated.

I claim as my invention:

1. A garment protector comprising a sheet of suitable material foldable to bring one section overlying the other, fold-retaining members carried by said sheet adjacent

the free edges of one section thereof, whereby the free edges of the two sections may be folded together and retained in folded position, two coöperating edges on the two sections respectively having only certain parts which fold; leaving unfolded other parts which register when the two sections are folded together, thus forming an opening, a projecting tongue carried by each section of said sheet at the part left unfolded so that the two tongues register when the two sections are folded together, such projecting tongues having free corners foldable about a garment hanger stem projected from the interior of the protector, and a retaining wire carried by one section of the sheet adjacent the projecting tongue.

2. A garment protector comprising a sheet of suitable material foldable to bring one section overlying the other, fold-retaining members carried by said sheet adjacent the free edges of one section thereof, whereby the free edges of the two sections may be folded together and retained in folded position, two coöperating edges on the two sections respectively having only certain parts which fold, leaving unfolded other parts which register when the two sections are folded together, thus forming an opening, a projecting tongue carried by each section of said sheet at such unfolded part so that the two tongues register when the two sections are folded together, and such projecting tongues having free corners foldable about a garment hanger stem projected from the interior of the protector.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Anderson, Indiana, this 23d day of May, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

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