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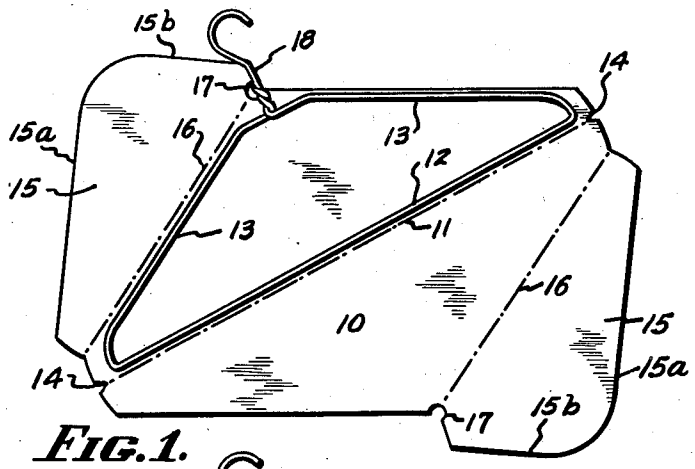


FIG. 1.

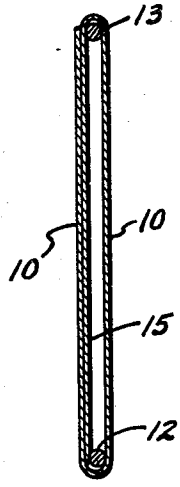


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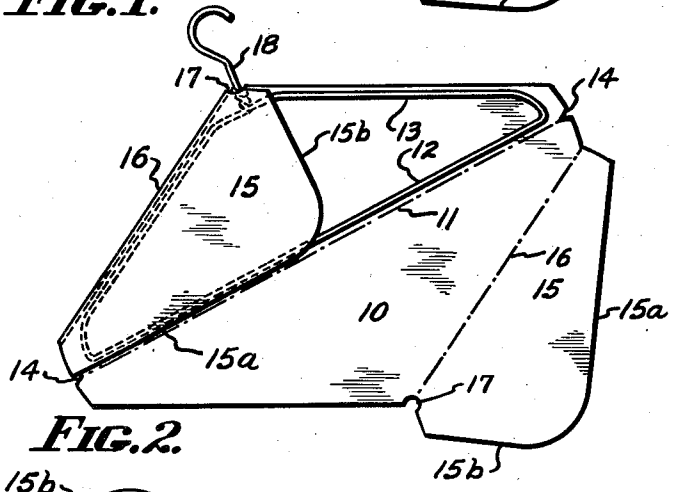


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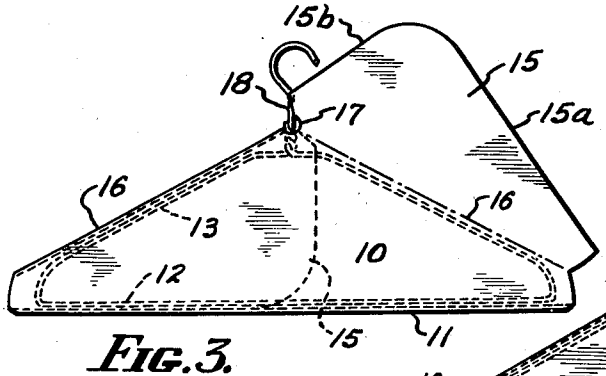


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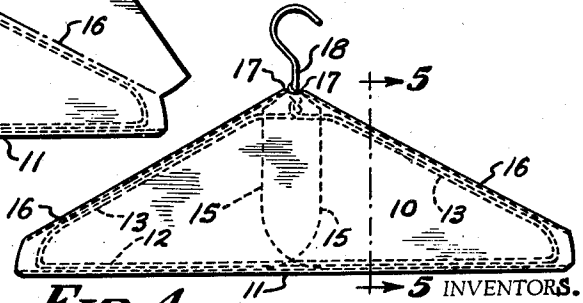


FIG. 4.

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This invention relates to covers for garment hangers such as are generally used in dry cleaning establishments, hotels, and the like, and which are generally constituted of a piece of wire bent into the shape of a low isosceles triangle twisted together at the apex and formed with a hook. Such garment hangers are apt to get dirty and soil clothes hung thereon unless means are provided to cover them.

It has been the practice heretofore to cover such garment hangers with paper covers or envelopes which can be replaced from time to time for cleanliness. Such covers have been made in various ways, but all covers with which we are familiar have involved the provision of some sort of fastening means, generally an adhesive strip.

It is an object of our invention to provide a garment hanger cover which may be made from a single sheet of flexible material, such as paper, cut to a certain form, and which may be folded about a garment hanger and fastened thereto simply by interleaving of the cover member, thus eliminating any use of adhesives or other extraneous fastening elements. Such blanks may be produced much more cheaply than was heretofore possible and such covers are simpler to use than those which have been known in the past.

These and other objects of our invention which will be described in more detail hereafter, or which will be apparent to one skilled in the art upon reading the specification, we accomplish by that construction and arrangement of parts of which we will now describe an exemplary embodiment. Reference is now made to the drawing forming a part hereof in which Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank according to our invention showing the first step in applying the same to a garment hanger. Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing the first folding operation. Figure 3 is a similar view showing the second folding operation. Figure 4 is a similar view showing the cover fully applied to the hanger. Figure 5 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Briefly, in the practice of our invention, we provide a blank of flexible material, such as paper. This blank has a major portion of rhombic shape indicated at 10. It will be noted that the major diagonal 11 is substantially the length of the base 12 of the hanger, and it will also be noted that the acute angles of the rhombic portion are substantially equal to twice the angle between the base portion 12 and the sloping portion 13 of the hanger. Thus, when the blank 10 is folded on its major diagonal, it will generally cover both sides of the hanger. If desired, notches 14 may be provided in the blank to facilitate folding thereof in that the base portion 12 of the hanger may be aligned with the notches 14 prior to folding.

Attached to opposed sides of the rhombic portion 10 are the flaps 15 which are adapted to be folded along the lines 16 forming the opposed edges of the rhombic portion of the blank. It will be noted that portions 15 are roughly of right triangular shape and are of such extent that when they are folded over the hanger as shown in Figure 2 the longer edge 15*a* lies substantially on the major diagonal 11 of the blank, and the shorter edge 15*b* overlaps the shorter diagonal of the blank. Notches 17 are provided to accommodate the neck portion 18 of the hanger.

The cover is applied to the hanger as follows. The hanger is placed on the blank as shown in Figure 1. The upper flap 15 is folded down over the portion 13 of the hanger with the notch 17 surrounding the neck portion 18 of the hanger as shown in Figure 2. Thereupon, the lower half of the rhombic portion 10 is folded up on the major diagonal 11 of the blank, as shown in Figure 3, and finally the second flap 15 is tucked in between the portion 13 of the hanger and the blank 10. By this operation the neck 18 of the hanger is completely encircled by the notches 17 and the hanger is completely enclosed. By virtue of the fact that the flaps 15 extend substantially to the base of the hanger, the interleaving of the cover provides a very permanent fastening which is not likely to become loose so as to expose the hanger. It will also be seen that no adhesive or fastening means of extraneous nature are required, and that the operation of encasing the hanger may be performed by three simple folding operations.

It is to be understood that the material of which the cover is made forms no limitation upon our invention, and that specific details of form or size do not form limitations except in so far as pointed out in claims which follow.

Having now fully described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A garment hanger cover comprising a single sheet of flexible material having a major portion of substantially rhombic shape, the major diagonal of said rhombus being substantially the same length as the base of a hanger with which said cover is to be used, and the acute angles of said rhombus being substantially twice the angle between the base and sloping portion of said

hanger, flaps extending from opposed sides of said blank, said flaps being of generally right triangular shape and of such extent that when they are folded over on to said rhombus their longer edges will lie substantially along the major diagonal of said rhombus, and their shorter edges will overlap the minor diagonal of said rhombus.

2. A garment hanger cover comprising a single sheet of flexible material having a major portion of substantially rhombic shape, the major diagonal of said rhombus being substantially the same length as the base of a hanger with which said cover is to be used, and the acute angles of said rhombus being substantially twice the angle between the base and sloping portion of said hanger, flaps extending from opposed sides of said blank, said flaps being of generally right triangular shape and of such extent that when they are folded over on to said rhombus their longer edges will lie substantially along the major diagonal of said rhombus, and their shorter edges will overlap the minor diagonal of said rhombus, said blanks being notched at the points where the shorter edges of said flaps meet the major portion of said blank.

3. A cover for use with a garment hanger, said cover being constituted of a single piece of flexible material, and comprising sequentially four portions: the first of a size to cover slightly more than half of one side of said hanger, the second of a size to completely cover the other side of said hanger, the third of a size to completely cover the first side of said hanger, and the fourth of a size to cover slightly more than half of the second side of said hanger.

4. A cover for use with a garment hanger, comprising a single piece of flexible material, a major portion of said piece being of approximately rhombic shape and of a size to be folded centrally about the base of a hanger and completely cover both sides thereof, opposed edges on opposite sides of each of the diagonals connecting the corners of said rhombic major portion being provided with flaps adapted to be tucked in between said hanger and said major portion.

5. A cover for use with a garment hanger, comprising a single piece of flexible material, a major portion of said piece being of approximately rhombic shape and of a size to be folded centrally about the base of a hanger and completely cover both sides thereof, opposed edges on opposite sides of each of the diagonals connecting the corners of said rhombic major portion being provided with flaps adapted to be tucked in between said hanger and said major portion, said flaps where they meet the major portion of said piece being notched to accommodate the neck of said hanger.

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