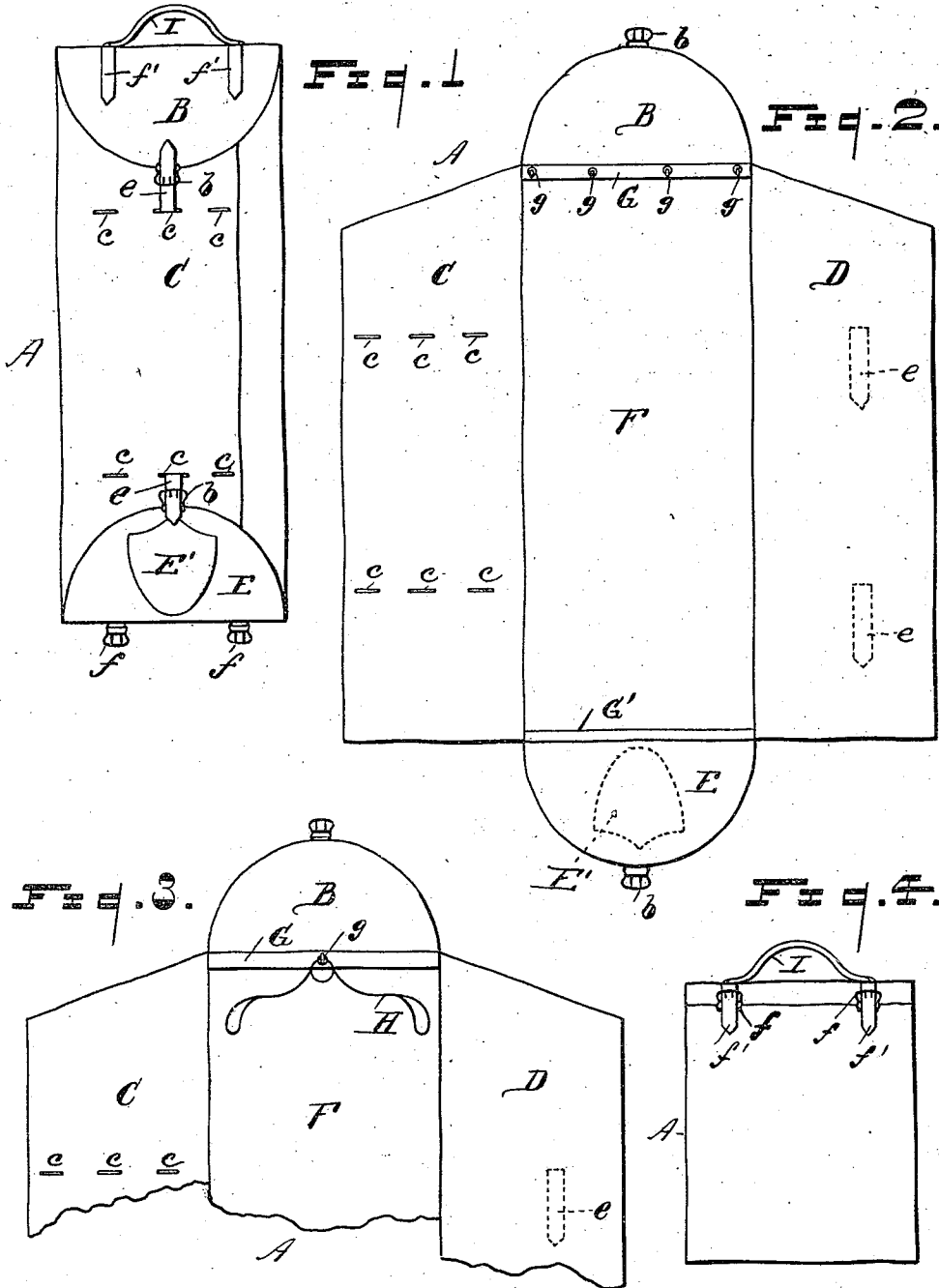


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA G. SPEED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Envelopments for Clothing; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to the construction of an inwrapping envelope for clothing; and my object is to provide a flexible case or envelope for protecting articles of clothing from dust, &c.; and it consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the same, as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims, reference being had to accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front view of the envelope closed, but not folded; Fig. 2, the same open; Fig. 4, the same closed and folded, and Fig. 3 a detail showing a modification adapted more especially for coats and cloaks.

A represents the entire structure and is constructed, preferably, of cloth, rubber, strong paper, or other suitable material and has a back portion F, provided at each end with bars G and G' for keeping the same stretched or expanded to its proper form and dimensions, longitudinal or side flaps D C, and end flaps B E, all arranged to fold inward. The flap D has secured to its front side straps *e e*, and the flap C has one or more slits *c c c*, arranged opposite to said straps *e* and through which said straps are passed when the flaps are closed, C overlapping D, as will be noted. The end flaps B and E have at their outer ends buckles *b b*, which when all of the flaps are closed engage the straps *e*, as will be seen in Fig. 1. At the point where flaps B and E are joined to back F are placed buckles *f f* and straps *f' f'*, engaging the same for holding the device closed when folded, as seen in Fig. 4. The upper bar G is provided with hooks *g g*, from which various articles of clothing may be suspended; or, if preferred, a single hook may be used and a stretcher H suspended therefrom for coats or cloaks, as stated. I

represents the handle, by which the device is suspended or carried. The flap E is provided with a pocket E' for handkerchiefs and other small articles.

When the device is in use, articles of clothing are attached to hooks *g* in any suitable manner. The flaps are closed and secured by straps and buckles *e b*, the flaps overlapping each other, as shown in Fig. 1, thus excluding dust and insects from the contents. When reduced to smaller compass for carrying in the hand or other purpose, it is folded transversely and the opposite ends secured together by buckles and straps *f f'*, as shown in Fig. 4.

I claim—

1. An envelopment for clothing, having the following parts in combination, viz: back F, parallel side flaps D and C and end flaps B and E, and bar G, having one or more hooks *g*, arranged substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In an envelopment for clothing, in combination with a back portion F, provided with a stretching-bar G, having hooks *g*, side flaps C and D, having slits *c* and straps *e*, respectively, and end flaps B and E, having buckles *b*, engaging said straps when the flaps are closed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, an envelopment for clothing, constructed of paper, cloth, rubber, or other suitable material, having a back portion F, provided with bars G and G', arranged, respectively, at upper and lower ends thereof, the bar G, having hooks attached thereto, as set forth, side flaps C and D, having slits, and straps passing through said slits, as described, end flaps B and E, having buckles *b*, engaging said straps *e* for holding the said flaps closed, and buckles *f* and straps *f'*, engaging therewith, attached to the outside of and near the intersection of flaps B and E with said back F for holding the envelopment folded when closed and folded, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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