

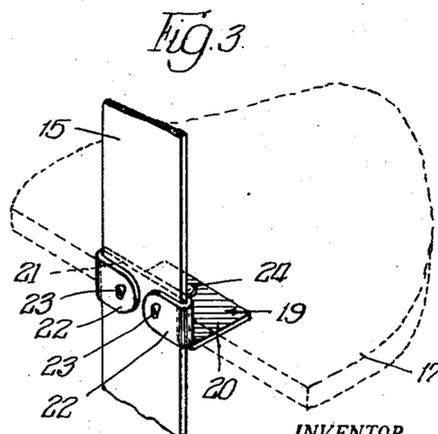
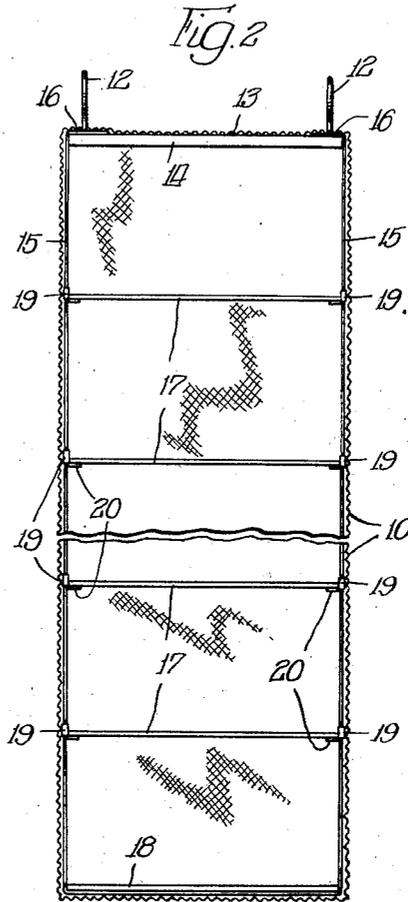
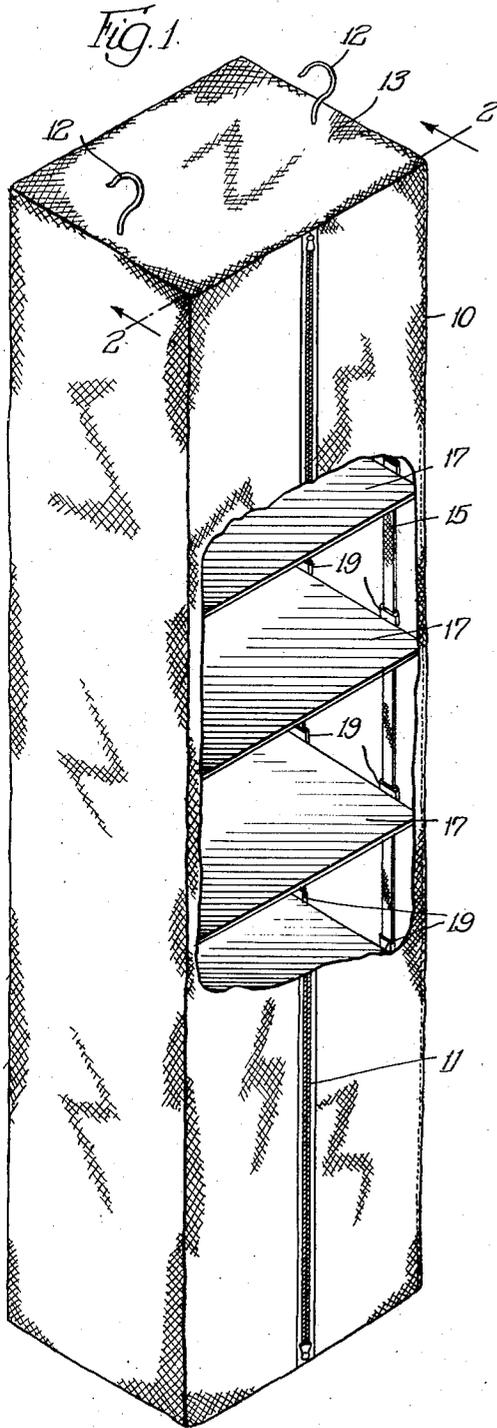
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My invention has to do with improvements in garment containers, or the like.

An object of my invention is to provide a neat, compact dust-proof clothing container which may be hung in a closet, or the like.

Another object is to provide in a garment container one or more shelves which may be readily adjusted.

Another object is to provide a garment container which when in use may be supported in a closet or the like out of contact with the floor and when not in use may be collapsed and stored in a relatively small space.

Another object is to provide a garment container having adjustable shelf structure and flexible frame and wall structures to minimize damage to the contents from bumping.

A more specific object of my invention is to provide a garment container having shelves adjustably supported on flexible tapes and an outer dust-proof container, or bag, having an opening therein which provides ready access to the shelves and which may be closed by a slide fastener, or the like.

A further object of my invention is to provide a garment container having shelves adjustably mounted in a dust-proof bag with a slide fastening closure, or the like, adapted to be used for storing clothing such as women's hats, shoes and other apparel where they will be readily accessible.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will be apparent from the preferred form which is illustrated, by way of example, in the drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the garment container with a portion of the front broken away to show the shelves;

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a detail in perspective showing the clasp by which the shelves are adjustably attached to the supporting tapes.

In the preferred form of my invention as shown in Fig. 1 my container comprises a flexible dust-proof bag 10 of cloth, leather, rubber or any similar flexible material. An opening the full length of the front of the bag is provided with a slide fastener 11 or similar closure fastener. At the top 13 of the bag hook-like members 12 are provided to support the container on the hanger bar in a closet or the like. As shown in Fig. 2 the supporting members 12 extend through the top of the bag and are anchored in a relatively stiff reinforcing member 14 inside the bag. Tapes or straps 15 are attached to the reinforcing mem-

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ber 14 at 16 and support one or more intermediate shelves 17 and a bottom shelf 18. The tapes 15 may be of any flexible material such as cloth, leather, plastic or the like. They are arranged around the inside walls of the bag to provide sufficient points of support for the shelves, the number depending upon the shape of the container and the shelves. As illustrated in the preferred form, the shelves are rectangular, conforming to the rectangular cross-sectional shape of the bag. Obviously, it is not necessary to make the container the particular shape shown. Other shapes may be adopted. The shelves 17 are of relatively rigid material such as plywood, heavy cardboard or similar relatively stiff material.

As shown in Fig. 3, the tapes 15 support the shelves by means of small clasp members 19. Each clasp 19 comprises a portion 20, which is attached to the shelf in any desired manner, such as by a rivet 24, and a portion 21 having turned-back ends 22 forming a channel to receive the tape 15. Tangs 23 struck from the turned-back portions 22 provide gripping engagement with the tape. The clasp 19 may be made of a tough somewhat springy metal or the like. In order to adjust a shelf on the tape to a different position the turned-back ends 22 of each of the clasps which support the shelf are pulled away from the portion 21 of the respective clasp to free the tangs 23 from engagement with the tape. The shelf may then be moved to the desired position. When in the desired position the turned-back portions 22 of the clasp are then moved back sufficiently to engage the tangs 23 with the tape 15 and thus retain the shelf in the desired position. Any similar engaging means may be employed in cooperation with the turned-back portions 22 of the clasp to secure the clasp in position on the tape 15.

The container bag is made of flexible material and may be collapsed. The shelves being supported by flexible tapes or straps may also be collapsed. Thus, in using the container, it may be suspended from a support by the hooks 12, or it may be collapsed and stored in a relatively small space. This collapsibility of the container permits the user to readily transport the container as desired. On a trip or the like the container may be collapsed and carried along in a small bag so that it may be used in a hotel or any other temporary residence.

My container is particularly desirable for use by women who have various articles of clothing which they desire to keep in a dust-proof place and yet have them readily accessible. The

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shelves may be adjusted to adapt the container to receive almost any kind of apparel or the like.

While I have illustrated a particular embodiment of my device using specific details of construction and specific materials, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that other details may be devised and other materials used within the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. In a garment receptacle comprising a flexible bag, a shelf structure and flexible tapes secured to said bag adjacent the top thereof and supporting said shelf structure therein, clasp members for adjustably attaching the shelves to the supporting tapes, each of said clasp members comprising a portion attached to the shelf, a portion at an angle thereto having turned-back ends which form a channel slidably receiving the tapes and tangs extending into the channel from the turned-back ends which engage the tapes and retain the shelves in adjusted position.

2. A garment receptacle comprising a flexible bag, flexible supporting tapes secured to said bag adjacent the top thereof, one or more shelves within said bag, means adjustably connecting the edges of the shelves with the tapes comprising clasp members, each of said clasp members having a portion connected to a shelf, a channel portion receiving a tape and tape engaging tangs in the channel portion and operable to secure the clasp to the respective tape.

3. A garment container comprising a flexible bag, means at the top thereof for suspending said

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bag from a support, a plurality of relatively rigid shelves adjustably supported in said bag, a plurality of flexible tapes having their upper ends secured to said bag, and metal clasp members secured to the edges of the shelves, said clasp members having channel-like portions for receiving the tapes, said channel-like portions being provided with projecting tang-like members adjustably engaging the tapes to support the shelves by the tapes in readily adjustable positions in the bag, said bag having an opening in a wall thereof to provide access to the shelves and a closure fastener for said opening.

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