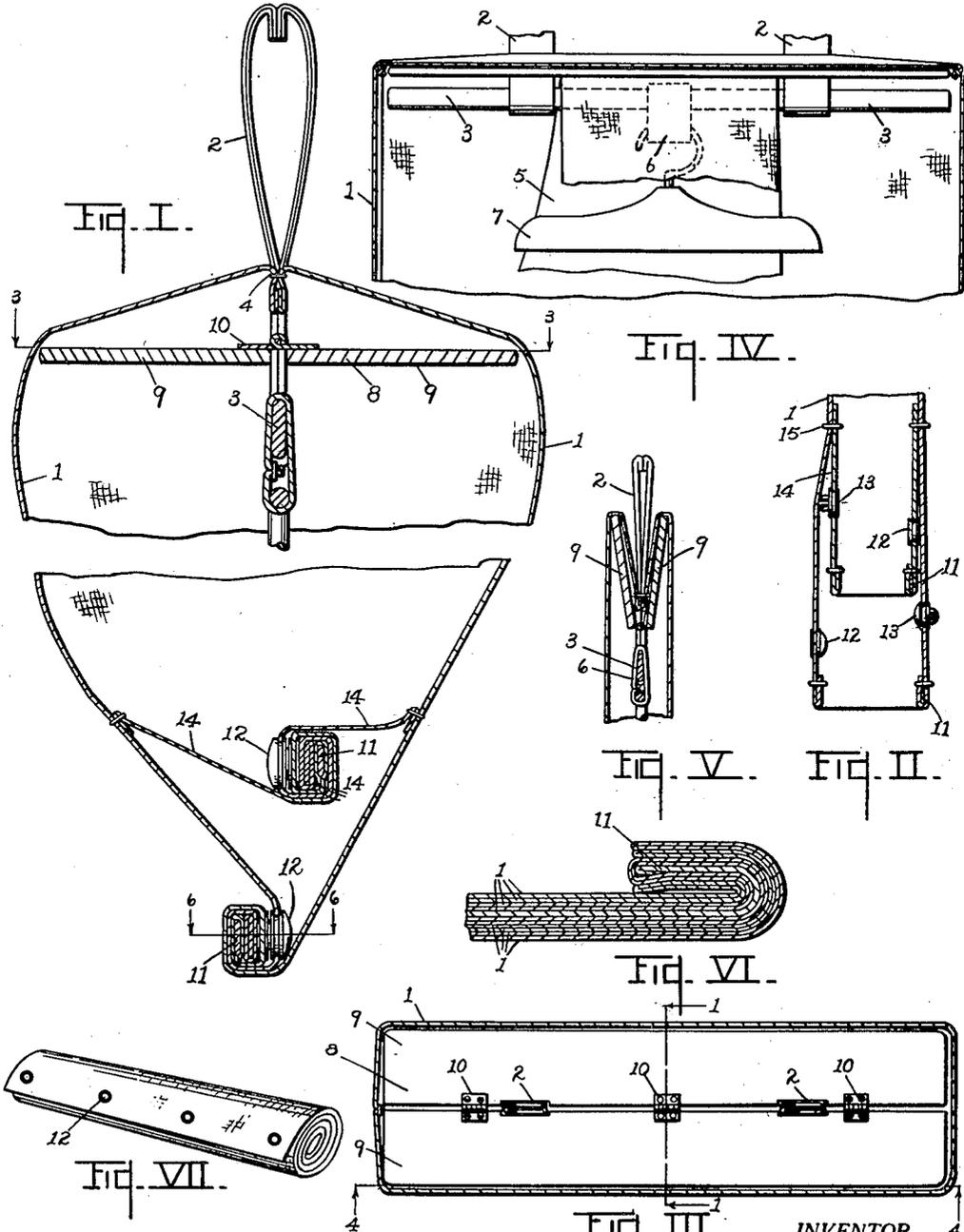


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SILAS C. RAND, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garment bags.

The main objects of this invention are:

First, to provide an improved moth and dust excluding garment bag.

Second, to provide an improved moth and dust excluding garment bag adapted for adjustment to permit the quick and convenient introduction or removal of the garments.

Third, to provide in a garment bag an improved closure means.

Further objects, and objects relating to structural details, will definitely appear from the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification. The invention is clearly defined and pointed out in the claims.

A structure which is a preferred embodiment of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which:

Figure I is a detail vertical section of my improved garment bag on a line corresponding to line 1—1 of Fig. III.

Fig. II is a detail vertical section through the mouth of the bag with the closure open.

Fig. III is a detail horizontal section on a line corresponding to line 3—3 of Fig. I.

Fig. IV is a detail vertical section on a line corresponding to line 4—4 of Fig. III.

Fig. V is a detail vertical section through the upper portion of the bag showing the spreader collapsed.

Fig. VI is a detail horizontal section on a line corresponding to line 6—6 of Fig. I, showing details of the closure.

Fig. VII is a perspective view of my improved garment bag rolled up.

In the drawing similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views, and the sectional views are taken looking in the direction of the little arrows at the ends of the section lines.

For convenience in illustration I have shown the fabric material conventionally.

Referring to the drawing, the bag 1 is

formed of dust and moth excluding fabric, cotton fabric, such as factory cloth or the like being suitable.

The bag is open only at the bottom. The suspending straps 2 are arranged through the top of the bag and project into the same to support the suspending bar 3. The suspending straps are, in the structure illustrated in the form of loops and stitched to the top of the bag at 4. The suspending bar is supported in a spaced relation to the top of the bag so that a garment, such as a pair of trousers, may be arranged over the bar between the suspending straps as shown in Fig. IV. The suspending bar is provided with a loop 6 with which the hook of a garment hanger, as 7, may be engaged.

The bag 1, being of fabric, is capable of being collapsed or turned inside out above the suspending bar to facilitate the arrangement of the garments on the suspending bar or hanger. After the garments are arranged the bag is drawn down over them. This is a matter of great convenience.

I provide a spreader 8 to support the bag when it is collapsed and also to hold its upper end properly distended. This, in the structure illustrated, comprises a pair of sections 9 connected by hinges 10, the suspending straps being arranged between the sections as shown in Fig. III. This permits the collapsing of the spreader so that when not in use the bag may be rolled into compact form as shown in Fig. VII.

To close the mouth of the bag I secure a strip 11 of bendable material in one edge so that the edges may be rolled or folded around this bendable strip as shown in Fig. I. The ends of the folded edges are then turned inwardly as shown in Fig. VI, the metal strip being stiff enough to retain them in this folded position.

To further secure the closure I arrange co-acting snap button fastener members 12 and 13 on the sides of the bag so that they may be engaged when the parts are folded as shown in Fig. I.

For further security against the entrance of moths I provide an auxiliary inner closure 14, the same being in the form of a tube of fabric stitched at 15 to the bag and provided with the metal strip 11 and the fastener members 12 and 13, so that the end of the auxiliary closure may be closed the same

as described for the mouth of the bag. In practice the auxiliary closure is first closed and then the mouth of the bag.

My improved bag is not only very effective for the purpose for which it is intended, but has the further advantage of being very convenient to use, that is, the garments may be conveniently arranged in or removed therefrom and further, it is durable, as the bag itself is not subjected to any of the garment suspending strains.

I have illustrated and described my improvements in detail in one form in which I have embodied the same. I have not attempted to illustrate or describe certain other adaptations or embodiments which I contemplate as I believe the disclosure made will enable those skilled in the art to which this invention relates to embody or adapt the same as particular uses may render most desirable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A garment bag formed of moth and dust excluding fabric open at the bottom, suspending straps disposed through the top of the bag, a suspending bar carried by said straps, the bar being spaced from the top of the bag so that a garment may be hung over the bar between the straps, said bar being provided with means with which a garment hanger may be engaged, a collapsible spreader comprising hinge sections engaged with said suspending straps above said suspending bar, said bag being adapted to be collapsed above said spreader, and means for closing the mouth of said bag.

2. A garment bag formed of moth and dust excluding fabric open at the bottom, suspending straps disposed through the top of the bag, a suspending bar carried by said straps, the bar being spaced from the top of the bag so that a garment may be hung over the bar between the straps, said bar being provided with means with which a garment hanger may be engaged, a spreader disposed above said suspending bar, said bag being adapted to be collapsed above said spreader, and means for closing the mouth of said bag.

3. A garment bag formed of moth and dust excluding fabric open at the bottom, suspending straps disposed through the top of the bag, a suspending bar carried by said straps, said bar being provided with means with which a garment hanger may be engaged, a collapsible spreader comprising hinge sections engaged with said suspending

straps above said suspending bar, said bag being adapted to be collapsed above said spreader, and means for closing the open end of said bag.

4. A garment bag formed of moth and dust excluding fabric open at the bottom, a suspending strap disposed through the top of the bag, a suspending bar carried by said strap, said bar being provided with means with which a garment hanger may be engaged, a spreader disposed above said suspending bar, said bag being collapsible longitudinally so that it may be disposed above said spreader and be supported thereby to expose said suspending bar and said garment hanger means, and means for closing the open end of said bag.

5. A garment bag formed of moth and dust excluding fabric open at the bottom, suspending straps disposed through the top of the bag, a suspending bar carried by said straps, the bar being spaced from the top of the bag so that a garment may be hung over the bar between the straps, said bar being provided with means with which a garment hanger may be engaged, said bag being collapsible longitudinally above said suspending bar to expose said bar and the garment hanger means, thereby facilitating the arrangement of garments and hangers thereon, and means for closing the mouth of said bag.

6. A garment bag formed of moth and dust excluding fabric open at its lower end, suspending and garment hanging means at the upper end of said bag, a collapsible spreader at the upper end of said bag, said bag being collapsible longitudinally so that it may be disposed above and supported by said spreader to facilitate the arrangement of garments upon the garment hanging means, and means for closing the mouth of said bag.

7. A garment bag formed of moth and dust excluding fabric open at the bottom, a suspending strap disposed through the top of the bag, garment supporting means carried by said strap, said bag being collapsible longitudinally so that it may be turned back or drawn across the garment supporting means to facilitate the arrangement of garments thereon, and means for closing the mouth of said bag.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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