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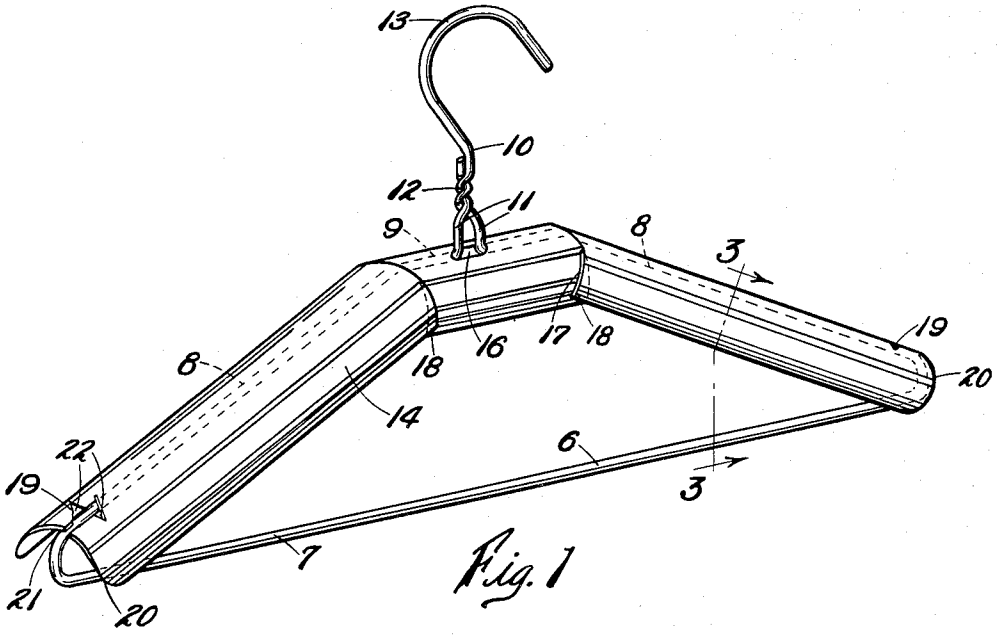
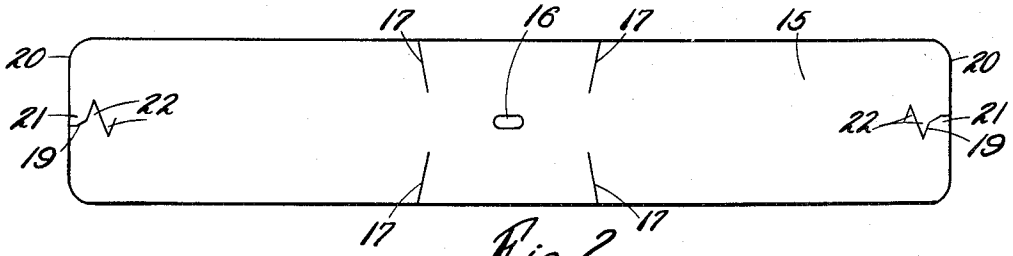


Fig. 1



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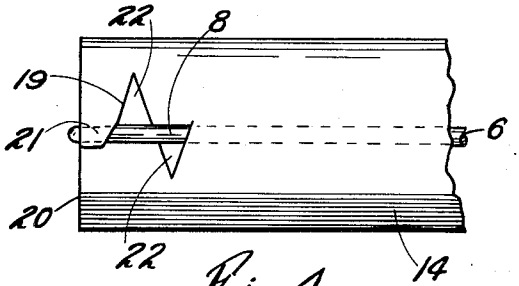

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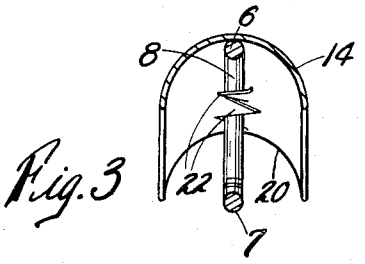

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The present invention relates to a garment protector for garment hangers.

Generally my device is of a type comprising a semi-circular protector which is adapted to be placed over the inclined garment supporting portion of a commercial wire hanger and which is held thereto by a locking means. Particularly my device relates to a resilient blank which is provided with a central, longitudinal slot for receiving the hook member of a commercial wire hanger. The blank is also provided with a slit located centrally of each of its ends and which describes a series of alternating angles therein thus forming tabs which engage the underside of the inclined garment supporting portions of the hanger. When the blank is rolled to a semi-circular formation, the slot and the lock means cooperate to rigidly fasten the protector to the hanger.

An object of the invention is to provide a means for rigidly fastening a garment protector upon a hanger.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment protector which will completely cover the horizontal neck portion and the inclined garment supporting portions of a hanger.

Other objects will be apparent from the following specification in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a commercial wire hanger having my protector positioned thereon.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank from which the protector is made.

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a fragmental plan view of the locking means of the protector.

The embodiment of my invention consists of a commercial wire hanger 6 having a horizontal portion 7, two inclined garment supporting portions 8, a horizontal neck portion 9 and a hook portion 10, the latter comprising the two horizontally spaced vertically disposed wires 11, wound together at 12, one of which forms the circular hook 13.

The protector is preferably formed from a resilient cardboard blank 15 which has a longitudinal slot 16 located at its center. The slot is punched just large enough to receive the horizontally spaced, vertically disposed wires 11 of the hook member 10, thus providing a firm connection between the wires and the strip. A plurality of centrally converging slits 17 are cut intermediate the ends of the strip at the point where the horizontal neck portion 9 meets the inclined garment supporting portions 8 of the hanger. After the cardboard blank has been steam rolled to substantially a semi-circular formation in transverse cross section (Fig. 3), the slits allow the protector to be bent to conform with the hanger. A small section 18 of the strip, on either side of the slit 17 will overlap the arcuate sides of that part of the strip adjacent to the horizontal neck portion. This construction greatly increases the strength of the arcuate sides of that part of the strip adjacent to the inclined garment support portions of the hanger.

A lock means is provided for the strip or protector by a central slit 19 at each of its ends 20 which describes a series of alternating angles thus forming an outwardly disposed tab 21 and two inwardly disposed tabs 22. The tabs 22 extend in opposite directions so that when they engage the wire hanger, all side movement of the strip is precluded. The outwardly disposed tab 21 serves to protect a garment from the end of the wire hanger beneath it.

To place the protector upon the hanger it is only necessary to insert the hook member of the hanger through the slot 16, bend the strip to conform with the hanger and insert the wire into the end slits so that the tabs 22 engage the underside of the hanger. As has been said, the slot engages the hook member to preclude relative movement between the protector and the hanger, the lock means cooperating with the slot to form a rigid means of fastening the protector to the hanger.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a strip of resilient material having a central slot therein for engaging a hook portion of a suspension member, and a plurality of centrally converging slits intermediate the ends thereof, and having a slit at each of the opposite ends thereof which makes a series of alternating angles to form tabs in the strip for engaging the suspension member.

2. A garment protector for a garment hanger that has a central hook, a horizontal neck portion and an inclined garment supporting portion on each side of the hook, comprising a strip of resilient material substantially semi-circular in cross-section, and having a slot located centrally thereof to receive and engage the hook, a plurality of centrally converging slits located intermediate the ends of the strip and adapted to allow the strip to conform with the horizontal neck portion and the garment supporting portions of the hanger, and lock means located centrally of the strip at each of the ends thereof and comprising a slit in the strip making a series of alternating

angles to form tabs for engaging the under sides of the garment supporting portions of the hanger, said slot and said lock means cooperating to rigidly fasten the strip to the hanger, the middle portion of the strip between the slits acting to reenforce the portions of the strip adjacent the garment supporting portions of the hanger.

3. A garment protector for a garment hanger that has a central hook, a horizontal neck-portion and an inclined garment supporting portion on each side of the hook, comprising a strip of resilient material, substantially semi-circular in cross-section having a slot located centrally thereof to receive and engage the hook, a plurality of centrally converging slits located intermediate the ends of the strip and adapted to allow the strip to conform with the horizontal neck-portion and the inclined garment supporting portions of the hanger, and lock means located centrally of the strip and at each of the ends thereof and comprising a slit in the strip which makes a series of alternating angles to form tabs for engaging the undersides of the garment supporting portions of the hanger, said slot and said lock means cooperating to rigidly fasten the strip to the hanger.

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