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Fig. 1.

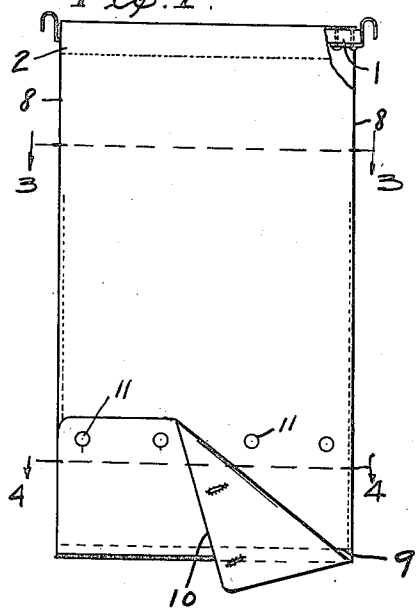


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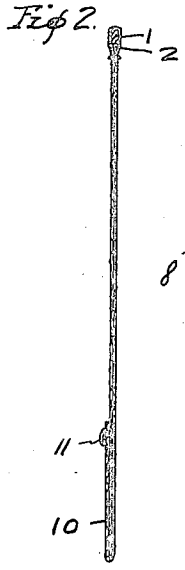


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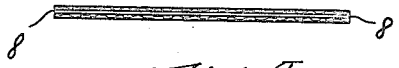


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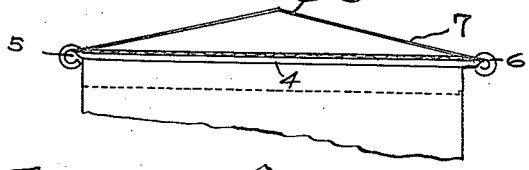
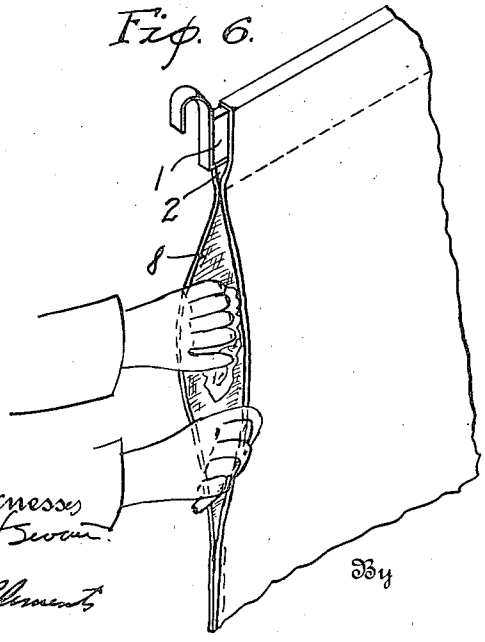


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NIMROD B. TICHENOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, Marion county, and State of Indiana, have invented and discovered certain new and useful Improvements in Laundry-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to laundry bags and its object is to provide an article of this kind of a convenient construction capable of being hung in flat condition in a closet or trunk and adapted to protect adjacent clothes or other articles from contact with or odor from the soiled material in the bag, while at the same time dispensing with the use of a draw string or similar closing means and permitting the ready insertion of the articles into the bag without the necessity of unfastening the end of the same or removing it from its suspending means, and which shall also enable the bag to be readily emptied of its contents, when desired.

With these objects in view, my invention is embodied in preferable form in the article hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In these drawings, Figure 1 is a front view in elevation; Fig. 2, a central vertical section; Fig. 3, a cross section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, Fig. 4, a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5, a detail side elevation of an alternative form of suspending and shape retaining means adapted to be mounted in the upper end of the bag; and Fig. 6, a perspective view of the upper part of the bag, illustrating the mode of inserting an article into the same.

Referring to the drawings, the bag is preferably made flat and is held in such condition by means of a rigid member 1, adapted to be inserted through a casing 2, formed in the upper end of the bag and extending transversely of the same. The rigid supporting and shape-retaining member may be either a trolley bar provided with hooks at the end as shown in Fig. 1, whereby the bar may be mounted upon double trolley rods in a wardrobe trunk, or such member may consist of a rod 4 such as is illustrated in Fig. 5, which rod may be provided with eyes 5 and 6 at the ends thereof adapted to receive a suspending cord 7.

The bag is provided at the upper part thereof on each side adjacent its upper end with vertical slits or openings 8 preferably formed by leaving the front and rear sections of the body of the bag separated for some distance from the upper end thereof. When the bag is suspended these openings will be held closed by the weight of the articles therein, while at the same time ready access to the interior of the bag for the insertion of the soiled articles is permitted, this mode of insertion through the side of the bag being particularly advantageous in the example of use of the bag in wardrobe trunks.

The body of the bag is provided at its bottom with an opening 9 which is adapted to be closed by a flap 10, preferably forming a continuation of the rear section of the body of the bag and adapted to be folded upwardly over the opening 9 and to be releasably secured along its upper edge to the front section of the body of the bag by means of buttons or similar means of fastening, 11. When it is desired to remove the contents of the bag it is merely necessary to unfasten the flap 10 whereupon the articles will fall from the bag.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A laundry bag made of flexible material closed at its upper end and provided at such upper end with a rigid member extending transversely thereof adapted to hold the bag in substantially flat condition, said bag having a side slit near its upper end and below said rigid member and providing an entrance opening and being open at its lower end, and a flap forming a continuation of the bag and adapted to close said lower end and means for releasably fastening said flap to the body of the bag.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 7th day of April, A. D. nineteen hundred and sixteen.

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