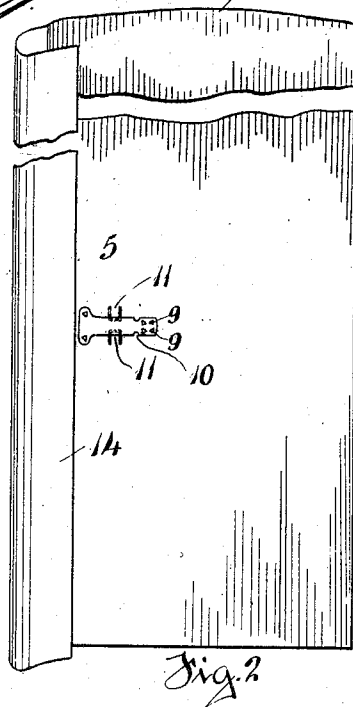
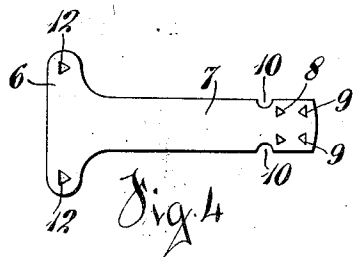
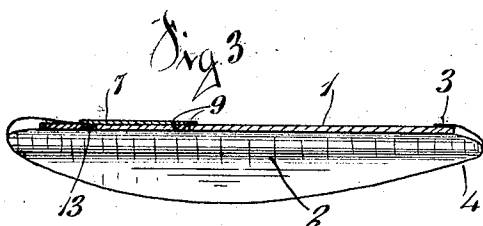
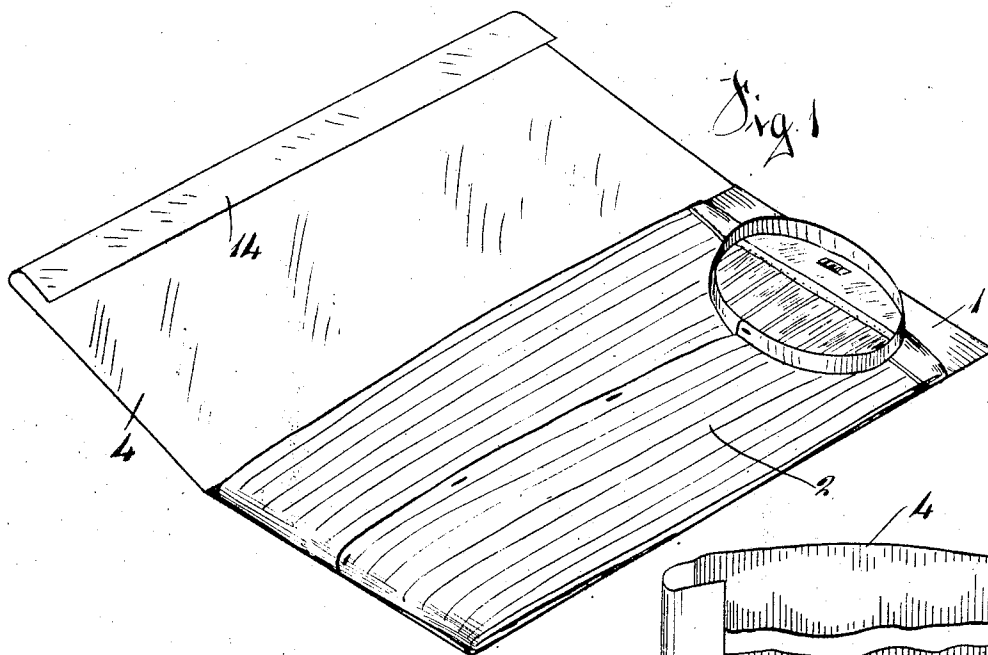


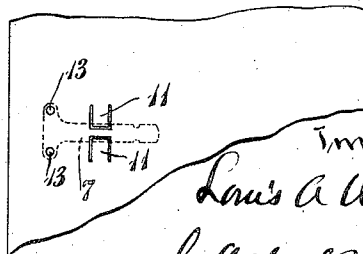
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS A. WATERS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Newport, in the county of Campbell and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Merchandise-Wrappers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to wrappers for merchandise, especially for laundried shirts, vests and the like, which embody a stiff cardboard back, with a flexible sheet, usually of thin semi-transparent paper attached along one edge to the back and adapted to be passed over the front of the goods and to be secured to the cardboard back to close the wrapper. Heretofore such wrappers have been in use, in which the flexible sheet is secured in place by locking tongues and slits, which are difficult to properly secure to the thin transparent sheet, and which, in any event, limit the amount of the flexible sheet that can be taken up, so that, whether the merchandise, shirt or other article to be wrapped is thick or thin, a uniform amount of the wrapping sheet can only be taken up, so that if there is a proper amount arranged for a thick or bulky article, the material will be entirely too loose for merchandise of substantially less bulk.

It is the object, therefore, of my invention to furnish a wrapper in which provision is made for taking up the flexible sheet, so that it may be drawn tightly across the shirt or other article, and in which the locking means is entirely attached to the cardboard, obviating the necessity of gluing, or otherwise securing a portion of the locking means to the thin transparent wrapper.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved wrapper with the flexible wrapping sheet opened out, and showing the laundried shirt in position to be wrapped. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the wrapper. Fig. 3 is a transverse section. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the locking clip. Fig. 5 is a plan view of a portion of the cardboard back viewed from inside, and showing the clip in dotted lines.

The wrapper comprises a sheet of cardboard or other suitable stiff material 1, of a size and shape to conform to the size of the merchandise to be wrapped, and as illus-

trated of the size of a laundried shirt 2. Secured along one side edge 3 of the cardboard back by adhesive material, or in any other suitable way, is a sheet of flexible wrapping paper 4, preferably paraffined, or of thin transparent, or semi-transparent material, so that the front of the shirt or other article will be visible through the wrapper. This wrapping sheet 4 is of a width to inclose the package and to partially overlap the cardboard back, where it is suitably held and locked in position by the clip 5. This clip is formed of suitable sheet metal, with a T-head 6 and a flexible body portion 7. The clip is attached to the cardboard at the end 8 by the tangs 9, 9, and the body portion of the clip is preferably grooved at 10, 10, to render the outer portion more flexible. Loose tongues or flaps 11 are formed in the cardboard on each side of the body of the clip to allow the fingers of the user to readily grasp and raise the body of the clip, and tangs 12, 12, are formed at each end of the head 6 of the clip, which take through corresponding holes 13, 13, in the cardboard.

To use the wrapper, the shirt or other article is placed on the cardboard and the flexible sheet 4 folded over the article and the free edge 14 of the sheet is passed in under the clip 5 which is raised slightly by inserting the fingers in the openings presented by depressing the flaps 11 and lifting the clip. The tangs 12, 12, are then pushed down through the material into the openings 13, 13, and the package is securely wrapped.

As there is an inch or more of space between the head of the clip and the point where it is secured to the cardboard, it will be evident that within these limits the flexible covering 4 may be drawn upon to form a tight wrapper. It will also be noticed that it is not necessary to attach a locking strip to the flexible sheet 4, and that the locking clip is entirely secured to the cardboard back. The T-shape of the clip is also of advantage in that but very little waste is incurred in cutting the clips from the sheet, and a series of clips can be cut with the T-heads of each clip arranged in opposite directions, and the body of one clip can be formed from the material between the adjoining clips on each side.

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

A wrapper for merchandise, comprising a

stiff, supporting back section of suitable cardboard material and a wrapping section of comparatively thin, flexible material, permanently secured along one side edge to the back section, with its free portion adapted to be folded over the merchandise to be wrapped, and a flat clip of thin sheet metal permanently secured to and flat with the back section for locking the free edge of the flexible section to the back, said clip comprising a T-shaped body, with the T-head free and extending toward the free edge of the back with the ends of the T-head provided with teeth projecting inwardly to engage and hold the flexible section in place, with openings in the cardboard back to register with and receive the teeth of the T-head, and finger openings on either side of the T-body of the clip to facilitate raising the clip for the reception of the flexible section.

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