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CLOTHES HAMPER

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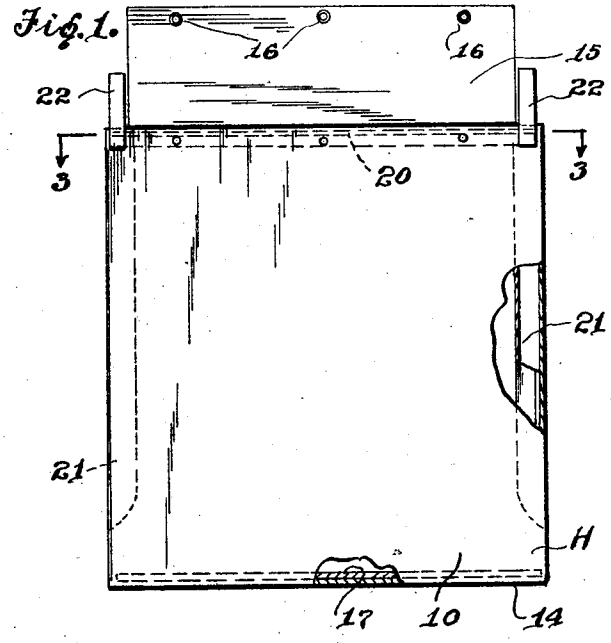


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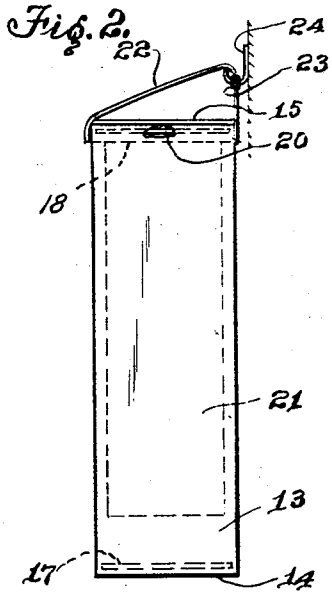


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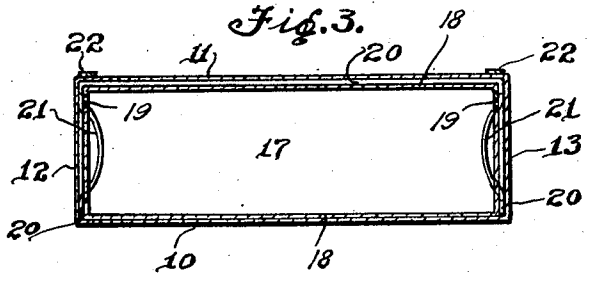


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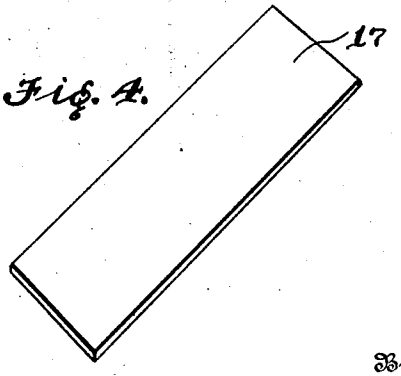
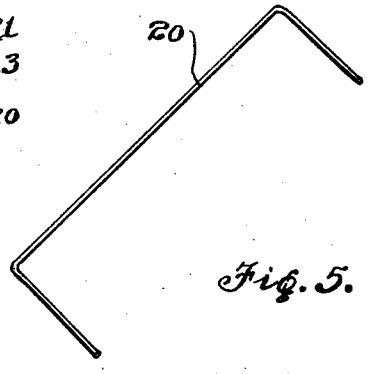


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This invention relates to a clothes hamper and has for its main object the provision of a hamper of improved construction and increased utility. Heretofore, clothes hampers of the general type contemplated by the present invention have not been altogether convenient in use more especially because no provision has been made in such hampers for the selective disposition of clothes therein. Such hampers have also been inconvenient in use and perhaps harmful in that delicate pieces of clothes or wearing apparel have been mixed with large pieces with the result that such delicate pieces are torn or otherwise deleteriously affected.

The present invention contemplates the provision of compartments or pockets in a clothes hamper for the reception of such pieces as are desired to be separated from the general mass of articles ordinarily placed in the hamper. The hamper embodying the present invention comprises, accordingly, a main compartment for the reception of the general mass of articles, and additional pockets or compartments for the reception of such articles that are intended to be separated from the general collection. The utility of these special pockets or compartments is an important feature of this invention. It frequently happens that certain articles are to be taken from the hamper before the collection as a whole is removed. Such articles, when placed in the special pockets, may be readily found and removed, whereas previously, in hampers of the old type, such articles could be removed only with great inconvenience. The present invention obviates all such disadvantages and inconveniences.

Other features of construction and advantages of the hamper disclosed herein will be apparent from the following description considered in connection with the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification.

In the drawings,

Fig. 1 is a front view of the hamper;

Fig. 2 is a side view of the hamper;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a rigid bottom member;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the top spreading member.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the reference character H designates the hamper generally made of any suitable cloth or other material. The hamper H is preferably of rectangular cross section and of suitable dimensions, and comprises the front and rear parts 10 and 11, sides 12 and 13, bottom 14, and upper closure flap 15. The flap 15 is preferably secured as by stitching to the top of the rear 11 of the hamper and is removably fastened to the front and sides at the top of the hamper by snap fasteners 16. Within the hamper and at the bottom thereof is positioned a rigid member 17 which shapes the hamper so that it presents a pleasing appearance and serves another purpose that will be apparent hereafter. The top of the hamper is provided with a downturned portion 18 therearound and is provided with openings 19 therein at the sides 13 so that a semi-flexible C-shaped metallic spreading member 20 may be placed therein. It will be understood that the lower shaping and spreading member 17 and the upper spreading member 20 will be removed when the hamper is to be washed or laundered.

As previously stated, an important feature of the invention is the provision of special or auxiliary pockets or compartments for the reception of certain articles that are desired to be kept separate from the general collection of articles. Accordingly, pockets 21 are provided, as shown more clearly by Figs. 1 and 3. These pockets 21 may be formed by stitching suitable pieces of cloth or other material to the sides 21 of the hamper preferably inwardly thereof. The two pockets as shown have been found sufficient, but additional pockets may be provided if desired. From the foregoing remarks, the utility of these pockets will be readily understood. It will be understood that any such articles that are to be separated from the general collection contained in the main compartment will be placed in these special or auxiliary compartments so that they can be readily and conveniently removed when desired.

At the top of the hamper H are preferably secured carrying or suspending loops or straps 22 provided with eyelets 23 to permit of the suspending of the hamper from any suitable means such as hooks 24.

The preferred embodiment of the inven-

tion has been described and illustrated, but certain changes may be made without departing from the invention disclosed and claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed and desired to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A clothes hamper comprising a bag having means at the upper sides of the bag for suspending the latter from supporting means, said hamper having an auxiliary compartment inside of said bag and a cover common to said bag and said auxiliary compartment, a removable spreading member at the top of the bag, and a removable relatively rigid member resting on the bottom of said bag, said upper spreading member and said lower rigid member serving to maintain the shape of the bag.

In witness whereof, I hereunto affix my signature.

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