

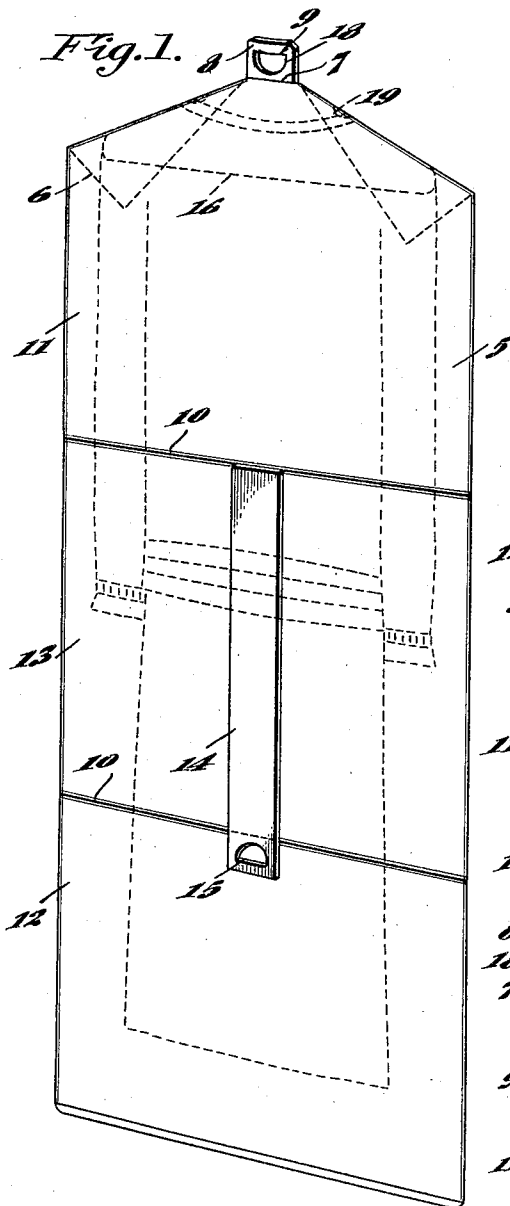
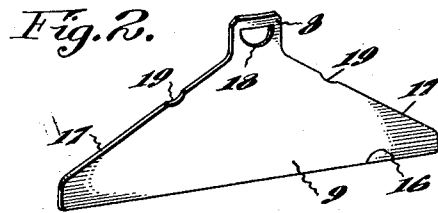
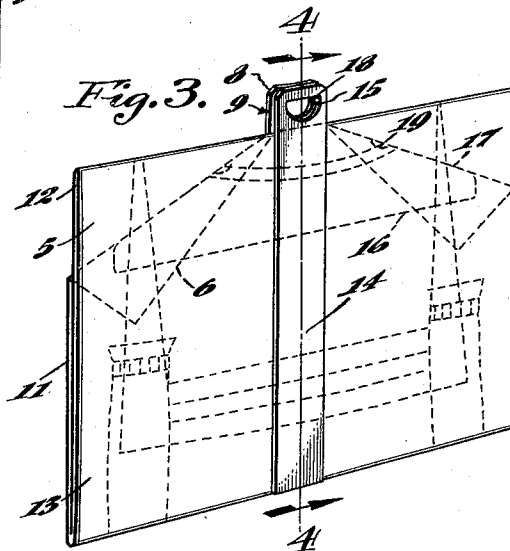
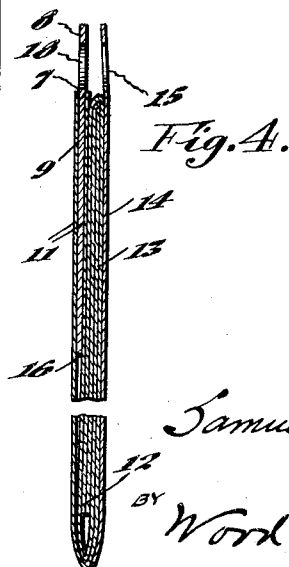
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This invention relates to containers or bags and is particularly directed to an improved bag for containing and protecting wearing apparel which bag is exceedingly adaptable for convenient transportation of pressed garments without destroying the press or crease of the garments.

It has been the conventional practice to enclose suits, dresses, etc. in paper bags, which bags, due to their required length for containing the garments, are quite cumbersome and difficult to carry. The usual method of mounting and covering the garments, is to place them on the conventional wire or wooden hanger and to insert them upwardly or laterally into a bag with the hook of the hanger protruding through an orifice in the peak of the bag for attachment to a support. This custom suffices for service boy delivery, delivery in wagons or trucks or for the storage of clothing. However, the present invention even more particularly considered relates to a conveniently transportable bag having characteristics which permit it to be arranged to take up less space and to be readily handled at the side of the person as suspended from the hand in normal easy position of the arm at the side.

An object of this invention is to provide an improved garment bag especially adaptable for use by dry cleaners in conducting what is termed the "cash and carry" type of business, where it is necessary, because of the scale of prices, that the customer call for the pressed garments and remove the same personally. To this end, it is necessary that the bag be compact and of relatively small area so as not to be tiresome to the person nor bulky.

It is a further object to provide a bag of this nature which is exceedingly economical to produce, and therefore usable by the cleaners, from the financial standpoint, as a gratuitously dispensed article given away

with each job. The bag is preferably formed of light paper and the reinforcing and carrying means of cardboard, although it will be understood that since the primary features are the foldable bag and the reinforcing and carrying means, any material permitting the functions and utilities as explained will be adaptable. It is another object to provide a bag of this nature, which may be suspended from a hanger, if desired, in fully extended position with the enclosed garment entirely outstretched. The particular type of hanger herein disclosed and claimed in combination is also disclosed in a co-pending application which contains claims directed entirely to the hanger.

Another object of this invention is to provide a bag of the conventional shape for fully covering the hung garments which provides facilities for folding the bag evenly to reduce its length without causing derangement of the garments.

It is another object of this invention, to provide a hanger in the bag and a reinforcing strip on the bag, which are brought into association when the bag is properly folded to form a handle as well as a closure means for maintaining the bag in its folded condition, which handle and closure means is comfortable to the hand and extremely effective in lending rigidity to the folded bag.

Other objects and certain advantages will be more fully apparent from a description of the drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bag, illustrating the bag in fully extended position showing a fully extended garment, therein, this position being illustrative of the bag as used in dry cleaning establishments, storage, etc.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a garment hanger, which is adaptable for use in this type of garment bag.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the bag illustrating it in fully folded condition as it

is disposed when delivered to the customer in the store so that he may personally carry away the pressed garments with convenience and without derangement of the pressed job.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4-4, Figure 3 detailing the folds of the bag and illustrating the relative arrangement of the reinforcing strip and hanger.

Describing the bag of the present invention, in general, it comprises an elongated flattened tube which is foldable longitudinally on transverse lines of fold and which includes a reenforcing element cooperating with a hanger element, the hanger element normally supporting the garments in the bag but cooperating in folded position of the bag with the reenforcing strip to provide a handle.

Referring specifically to the parts as illustrated in the drawing, the bag is indicated at 5. It is preferably formed of a sheet of paper having its longitudinal edges joined to make up a tube which is creased into a flattened tube. The upper end of the bag has its corners lapped over as at 6 to provide inclined shoulder portions for the bag inclined to fit the conventional shape of garments at the shoulders as well as the shape of the conventional hanger. At the apex of this triangularly shaped upper end, an opening 7 is provided through which the attaching member 8 of the hanger 9 may extend. In the instance shown, the bag is open at the bottom although it is arbitrary whether the opening be as shown or be located at the side edge of the bag.

These envelopes or bags for garments may be of any weight of paper or material desired. The ordinary delivery bags are of a relatively light cheap paper; whereas the storage bags and bags which are used for travelling or greater distance of transportation are formed of heavier and tougher sheet material.

The folding for the purpose of reducing the length of the bag may be described as taking place longitudinally of the bag. Transverse lines of crease or fold 10 are formed on the bag to divide it into three panels which will be referred to hereinafter as upper panel 11, lower panel 12 and intermediate panel 13. It will be understood that these panels are double representing the front and rear walls of the bag. Reenforcing and carrying means are arranged on the bag in such manner as to swing into cooperative position as the folding is completed.

A strip 14 is disposed longitudinally and medially of the central panel being attached thereto by gluing or any other convenient means. This strip in conjunction with a paper bag may be formed of cardboard. Its upper end is disposed on the upper line of fold and its lower end extends beyond the

power line of fold, this lower end providing an aperture 15.

The hanger used and illustrated in conjunction with this reenforcing strip may be formed of the same material as the strip such as cardboard. This hanger is formed from a sheet of material to provide a triangular piece having a straight lower edge 16 and inclined upper edges 17 joining an upwardly extending hanger attaching or mounting portion 8 at their apex.

An aperture 18 in this attaching portion or handle 8 is of the same shape as the aperture in the extending end of the reenforcing strip, which apertures 15 and 18 described in the position of joint use have a straight upper edge and a semi-circular lower edge. The lower orifice in the reenforcing strip is swung into perfect registry with the hanger opening when the bag is folded as will be hereinafter set forth.

The hanger includes a pair of notches 19, one on each inclined shoulder portion of the hanger, spaced midway on the inclined edges. These notches are semi-circular and their utility is to provide niches in which the margin of the throat portion of the dress or garment supported on the hanger will lie. There is no tendency for the garment to slip from side to side on the hanger due to the provision of these notches since the margin of the neck opening of the garment fits therein and is maintained against displacement (see Figure 3, dotted lines). This result occurs because the notches provide edges lying on a horizontal plane or which are inclined inwardly slightly tending to urge the engaging neck margin of the dress inwardly on the hanger.

After the dress or garment has been suspended from the hanger, the hanger and garment are inserted upwardly or laterally into the bag which is in the fully extended position shown in Figure 1 and the attaching or hanging portion of the hanger is inserted through the aperture in the apex of the bag. After the dress or suit is neatly in place the bag may be placed on a table with the reenforcing strip disposed downwardly. The lower panel is then folded over onto the intermediate panel on the upper side or side opposite to the reenforcing strip. The upper panel is then folded over the lower panel, this disposing the aperture in the attaching portion of the hanger immediately adjacent the aperture in the extending end of the reenforcing strip (see Figure 3).

The registering apertures provide the necessary finger clearance whereby the adjacent handle portions may be conveniently gripped. It will be seen that the length of the bag when folded is about one-third the total length of the fully extended bag. This folded length has been accurately determined so that when carried in the hand with the hand at rest at

the side, the bag will not drag on the ground. The reenforcing strip prevents buckling or rumpling of the bag acting as a stay maintaining all three panels in extended position in their overlapping relation.

5 The hanger additionally cooperates, lying parallel to and adjacent the reenforcing strip, to reenforce the folded bag. In gripping the two joined handle elements the person is able to prevent unfolding of the bag and to maintain the garment in a definitely fixed position therein.

Having described my invention, I claim:

15 1. A delivery bag for garments, comprising, a longitudinally foldable flattened tube, a reenforcing strip disposed longitudinally of a central panel, and a hanger disposed within one end of the bag for supporting the garments therein, said hanger and reenforcing strip cooperating to form a double handle for the folded bag.

20 2. In a device of the class described, a flattened tube, said tube foldable on transverse lines to reduce its length, a reenforcing and carrying strip attached to one side of the folded bag and a garment hanger disposed within the bag and cooperating with the reenforcing strip to provide a handle.

30 3. A garment containing means, comprising, a hanger for supporting garments, an elongated bag adapted to be suspended from said hanger, said bag of the full length of the garment adapted to be supported on the hanger and foldable to reduce its length, and an element on said bag brought into position adjacent said hanger when the bag is folded for cooperating with the hanger to provide a carrying means.

40 4. A garment bag of elongated shape and of the form of a flattened tube, said bag adapted to be supported on a hanger and foldable to reduce its length and stiffened longitudinally disposed reenforcing and fold maintaining element for the bag.

45 5. In a containing and carrying means of the class described, an elongated flattened tube, a hanger disposed in the upper end of said tube, said hanger having a handle portion, said tube providing an orifice through which the handle of said hanger extends, said tube having transverse creases, a reenforcing strip disposed longitudinally and medially of a central panel formed by the creasing, the lowermost panel foldable on the opposite side of the central panel relative to the reenforcing strip, and the upper panel folded over the folded lower panel, the lower end of said reenforcing strip extending beyond the central panel and having a finger clearance opening therein, said hanger when the upper panel is folded disposing its handle adjacent the extension of the reenforcing strip, and said handle having an orifice corresponding to and registering with the above mentioned orifice whereby the handle of the

hanger and the end of the reenforcing strip may be gripped to provide a carrying means and a means for maintaining the tube in folded condition.

6. In a container means of the class described, an elongated bag having transversely extending lines of fold forming a plurality of panels, the upper and lower panels foldable against an intermediate panel, and means on said intermediate panel for reenforcing the panels.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name.

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