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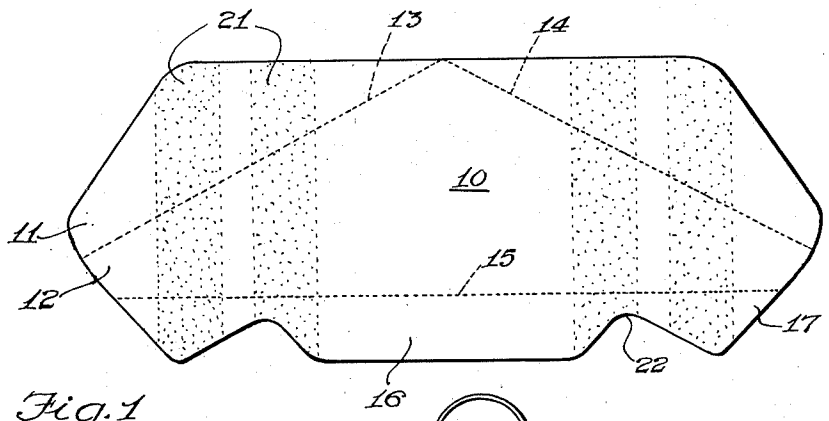


Fig. 1

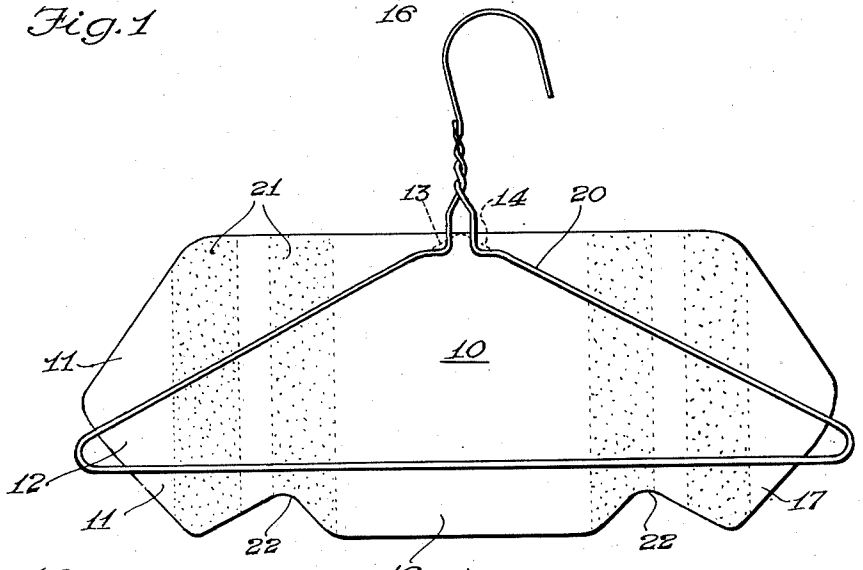


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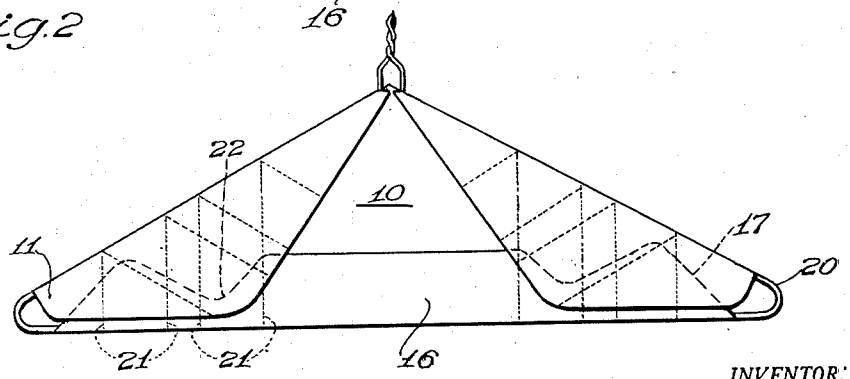


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to garment hangers of the conventional wire type, and more particularly to paper covers mountable thereon to protect garments from soiled areas or rust spots on the surface of the hanger. Various forms of covers have been devised for the above purpose, some more efficient than others. In some cases the method of securing the cover in place is unsatisfactory, to the end that the cover is loose and easily subject to tearing, or that it bulges in one place or another, rendering the hanger clumsy and unattractive. It is therefore one object of the present invention to provide a cover for the purpose outlined which is formed after it has once been mounted and secured, rendering the hanger neat and compact.

A further object is to include pressure-adhesive means in the cover to facilitate its formation and sealing without the use of paste or other applied adhesive.

Another object is to produce the cover with stripes of the pressure-adhesive material so located as to facilitate its application by machine methods.

An additional object is to design the cover in a manner to secure a maximum sealing area consistent with the amount of paper employed.

With the above objects in view, and any others which may suggest themselves from the description to follow, a better understanding of the invention may be had by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the cover in the blank form;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the application of the garment hanger; and

Fig. 3 is a view showing the cover folded and sealed over the garment hanger.

Referring specifically to the drawing, 10 denotes the sheet from which the cover is made, the same being elongated laterally. The end portions 11 and 12 of the sheet are tapered to terminate with round ends; and folding lines 13 and 14 rise from the junction of said end portions to meet at the top center of the sheet.

The lower portion of the sheet has a horizontal folding line 15; and the bottom of the sheet is divided laterally with a wide medial section 16 and pointed terminal tabs 17.

Means are provided for sealing the sheet when folded over a typical garment hanger 20. The sealing medium is applied crosswise of the sheet and in the form of two pairs of stripes 21 of pressure-adhesive substance, the latter coating the frontal side of the sheet when the same is

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applied behind the hanger as shown in Fig. 2; and the stripes 21 are in parallel pairs as shown.

The folding of the cover first involves the section 16 and tabs 17. Thus, this section and the tabs are jointly folded upwardly over the bottom bar of the hanger; and it follows that the adhesive portions involved become directly sealed upon each other on pressure in order to retain the folded unit in the position shown in Fig. 3.

The folding of the upper portions of the sheet 10 is on the angle formed by the side bars of the hanger 20. Thus, when the side portions of the sheet are folded as suggested, they will assume the positions indicated in Fig. 3. In this event the edge portions of the folded sections will overlap the tabs 17 and adjacent portions of the section 16 as shown in Fig. 3. This figure also shows by means of finely dotted lines the directions in which the adhesive stripes extend when the cover is in the folded position. It is apparent that the upper portions of the stripes will lie in part on the medial portions and on some of the uncoated portions of the sheet 10 and tabs 17. Ordinarily, the sealing of the cover as stated should hold the same together, but the sheet is formed in a manner to define pockets 22 which form clearances to permit the upper and medial adhesive portions to secure a greater area of contact with the back sheet 10. The cover is therefore more compactly and firmly sealed.

It will now be evident that the novel cover not only provides the bottom and lateral units necessary to form the folds over the bars of the hanger, but also utilizes the stripes of adhesive substance in a manner to seal both the folding portions and the back portion along a maximum area. Further, the adhesive stripes are directed in a manner to facilitate their application by means of rollers or other machinery continuously as the sheets are fed in the direction of the stripes. Finally, the construction of the cover employs a minimum amount of material consistent with the necessary amount of covering required for the hanger, while exposing practically the entire sheet on both sides for the application of identifying or advertising data.

While I have described the invention along specific lines, various minor changes or refinements may be made therein without departing from its principle, and I reserve the right to employ all such changes and refinements as may come within the scope and spirit of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A cover for wire garment hangers of the

conventional triangular type, comprising a sheet designed for application to the hanger from one side to lie flatly against the same, said sheet having a bottom section which is folded over the bottom bar of the hanger along substantially the full length of such bar and adhesively secured to the sheet portion above such bar, and the sheet having top corner portions which are folded over the inclined upper bars of the hanger and adhesively secured to the sheet portion inwardly of said upper bars and upon the folded bottom portion of the sheet.

2. The structure of claim 1, said bottom section having a recess near each end to present a clearance for extended adhesive access by said top portions to the inner portion of the sheet.

3. The structure of claim 1, the face of the sheet opposite the hanger being coated with stripes of pressure-adhesive material running transversely of the bottom bar of the hanger, whereby to facilitate the continuous coating of a ribbon from which the sheets are cut in consecutive order.

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