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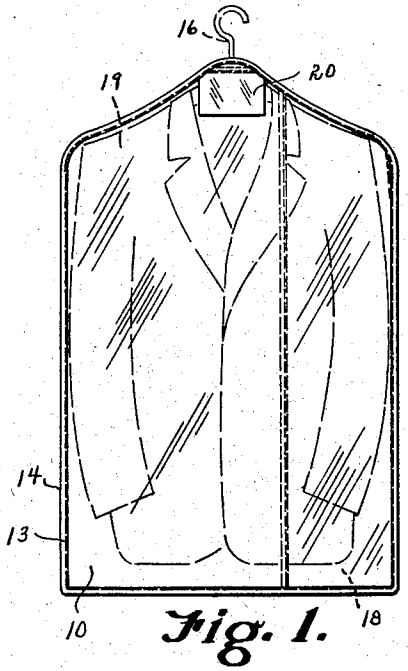


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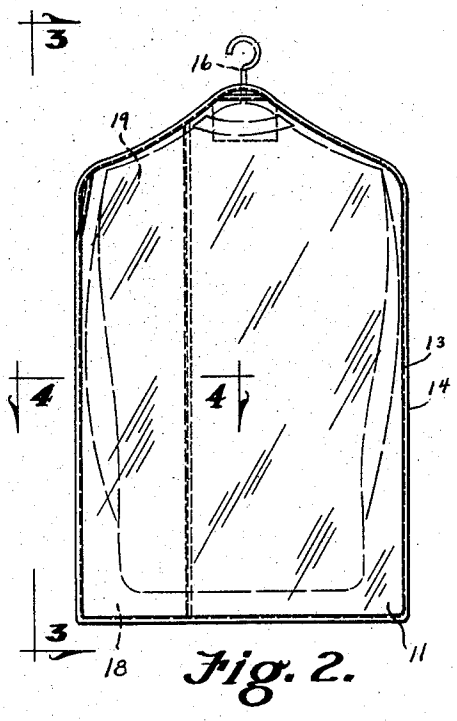


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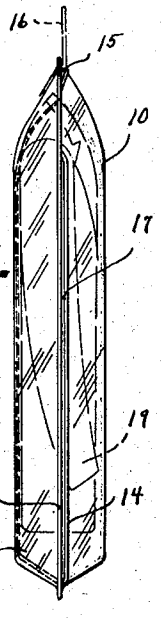


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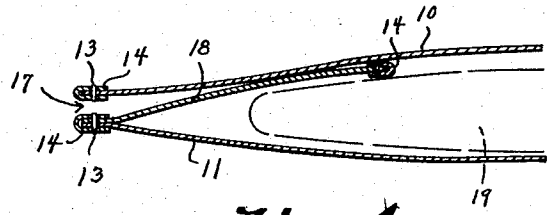


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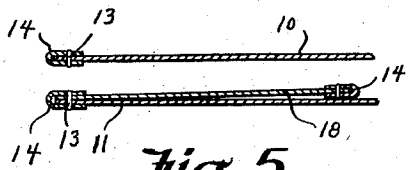


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This invention relates to clothes containers and more particularly to garment bags for holding suits, dresses and like and which are supported by use of a coat hanger.

Germent bags are now in universal usage. They usually take two distinct forms, i. e., ones of paper envelope style having clasp fasteners and ones of plastic sheet material having an elongated zipper, for closing the entrance slot. In either case the item is rather expensive and a certain amount of time is expended in the closing of the bag opening after the clothes have been deposited therein. Another disadvantage of the paper type bag is that one can not see through it to observe its contents.

Therefore, one of the principal objects of my invention is to provide a garment bag that is self closing.

A further object of this invention is to provide a transparent or translucent plastic garment bag that is so inexpensive as to permit its use by clothiers, cleaners, and like.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a garment bag that permits easy and rapid placement of the garment into the bag or its removal from the bag.

A still further object of this invention is to provide an envelope type garment bag that hangs evenly and smoothly on a coat hanger even when clothes are in the bag.

Still further objects of my invention are to provide a garment bag that is economical in manufacture, durable in use, and refined in appearance.

These and other objects will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangements, and combination, of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained as hereinafter more fully set forth, specifically pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front view of my device with a garment therein shown by broken lines,

Fig. 2 is a back view of my garment bag,

Fig. 3 is a side view of the bag taken from line 3—3 of Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross sectional view taken from line 4—4 of Fig. 2 of the open side structure of the bag when a suit or like is in the same, and

Fig. 5 is an enlarged cross sectional view of the open side structure of the bag when not holding clothing and further illustrates its construction.

My bag consists of a plastic sheet front **10** and a plastic sheet back **11**. These two sheet portions are secured together at top, bottom, and left side by stitching **13**, as shown in Fig. 1. Binding **14** is used around the sewn edges for strength. At the extreme center top of the bag is a small opening **15** through which the hook portion of a coat hanger **16** protrudes, as shown in Fig. 3. The entire right side of the bag is left open to provide the entrance and exit opening **17** as shown in Fig. 3. The free right side edge of both the front **10** and back **11** are also strengthened by binding **14** and stitching **13**. The numeral **18** designates an opening sealing strip or panel. This panel **18** rests on the inner right side area of the back **11**, as shown in Fig. 5, and is approximately of a width one third of the width of the garment bag. Its right side edge is sewed and bound to the right side edge of the back **11** and its top edge is bound and sewed between the top of both the front **10** and back **11**. This panel runs the complete vertical length of the bag and has its bottom edge sewed between the bottom of the front **10** and the back **11**. Thus, the panel **18** is fastened at top, at bottom, and at its right side edge with its left side edge free. This free edge of the panel flap **18** is strengthened by binding **14** and stitching **13**.

In use the coat or dress **19** on the hanger is slipped into the bag through the slot opening **17** and the hook portion of the hanger placed through the small top opening **15**. The garment is permitted to have its trailing side portion pass to a position back of the panel flap **18**, as shown in Fig. 4. With this side portion of the garment between the back **11** and flap **18**, the free side of the flap will be held against the inside surface of the front **10**, thereby automatically sealing the bag opening and eliminating zipper closing means, snaps, buttons, catches, clamps, and like. As the flap **18** is secured at top, bottom, and outer side edge, it will stay in proper position, and with the back **11** will produce a compartment in the bag for the right side portion of the garment. This feature aids in holding the garment against lateral swinging movement on the hanger.

To remove the garment it is only necessary to move the right side portion of the garment from back of the flap **18** at which time the garment may be easily and quickly slid from the bag through the opening **17**. The numeral **20** designates a name tag secured in the top portion of the bag.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of my garment bag without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claims, any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents which may be reasonably included within their scope.

I claim:

1. In a garment bag, a front sheet, a back sheet, a means for permanently securing the top edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing the bottom edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing one of the side portions of both of said front and back sheet members together; said other side portions of said front and back sheet members being unsecured together to provide an opening, a panel flap between said front and back sheet members adjacent said opening, and a means for permanently securing the top of said panel, the side of said panel adjacent said opening, and the bottom of said panel to the top, side, and bottom, respectively, of one of said sheet members.

2. In a garment bag, a front sheet, a back sheet, a means for permanently securing the top edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing the bottom edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing one of the side portions of both of said front and back sheet members together; said other side portions of said front and back sheet members being unsecured together to provide an opening, a panel flap between said front and back sheet members adjacent said opening and having a width substantially one third of that of the widths of said front and back sheets, a means for permanently securing the top of said panel, the side of said panel adjacent said opening, and the bottom of said panel to the top, side, and bottom, respectively, of one of said sheet members, and a passageway

in the upper portion of said bag for the passage of the hook portion of a coat hanger.

3. In a garment bag, a front plastic sheet, a back plastic sheet, a means for permanently securing the top edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing the bottom edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing one of the side portions of both of said front and back sheet members together; said other side portions of said front and back sheet members being unsecured together to provide an opening, a panel flap between said front and back sheet members adjacent said opening, and a means for permanently securing the top of said panel, the side of said panel adjacent said opening, and the bottom of said panel to the top, side, and bottom, respectively, of one of said sheet members.

4. In a garment bag, a front transparent plastic sheet, a back transparent plastic sheet, a means for permanently securing the top edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing the bottom edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing one of the side portions of both of said front and back sheet members together; said other side portions of said front and back sheet members being unsecured together to provide an opening, a panel flap between said front and back sheet members adjacent said opening, and a means for permanently securing the top of said panel, the side of said panel adjacent said opening, and the bottom of said panel to the top, side, and bottom, respectively, of one of said sheet members.

5. In a garment bag, a front plastic sheet, a back plastic sheet, a means for permanently securing the top edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing the bottom edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing one of the side portions of both of said front and back sheet members together; said other side portions of said front and back sheet members being unsecured together to provide an opening, a panel plastic flap between said front and back sheet members adjacent said opening having a width substantially that of one third of the widths of said front and back sheets, and a means for permanently securing the top of said panel, the side of said panel adjacent said opening, and the bottom of said panel to the top, side, and bottom, respectively, of one of said sheet members.

6. In a garment bag, a front sheet, a back sheet, a means for permanently securing the top edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing the bottom edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing one of the side portions of both of said front and back sheet members together; said other side portions of said front and back sheet members being unsecured together to provide an opening, a panel

flap between said front and back sheet members adjacent said opening, and a means for permanently securing the top of said panel, the side of said panel adjacent said opening, and the bottom of said panel to the top, side, and bottom, respectively, of one of said sheet members; said panel flap extending the complete length of said bag.

7. In a garment bag, a front flexible sheet, a back flexible sheet, a means for permanently securing the top edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing the bottom edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing one of the side portions of both of said front and back sheet members together; said other side portions of said front and back sheet members being unsecured together to provide an opening, and a panel flap between said front and back sheet members adjacent said opening, and a means for permanently securing the top of said panel, the side of said panel adjacent said opening, and the bottom of said panel to the top, side and bottom, respectively, of one of said sheet members.

8. In a garment bag, a front sheet, a back sheet, a means for permanently securing the top edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing the bottom edge portions of said front and back sheet members together, a means for permanently securing one of the side portions of both of said front and back sheet members together; said other side portions of said front and back sheet members being unsecured together to provide an opening, a panel flap between said front and back sheet members adjacent said opening, and a means for permanently securing the top of said panel, the side of said panel adjacent said opening, and the bottom of said panel to the top, side, and bottom, respectively, of said back sheet member.

9. In a garment bag, a front sheet, a back sheet, means for securing the top, bottom and one side edge of said respective front and back sheets together, a flap member secured to the free side edge of said back sheet and extending inwardly between said front and back sheets, said flap member secured at its top and bottom edges respectively of said front and back sheets.

10. In a garment bag, a front flexible sheet, a back flexible sheet, means for securing the top, bottom and one side edge of said respective front and back sheets together, a flexible flap member secured to the free side edge of said back sheet and extending inwardly between said front and back sheets; said flap member secured at its top and bottom edges respectively of said front and back sheets.

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