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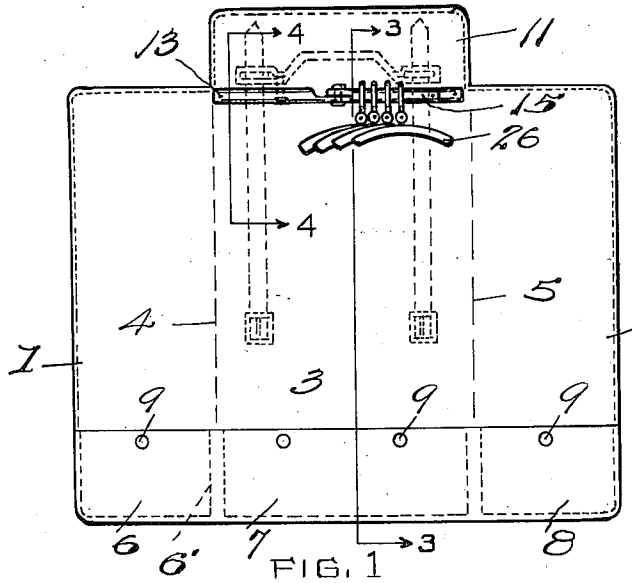


FIG. 1

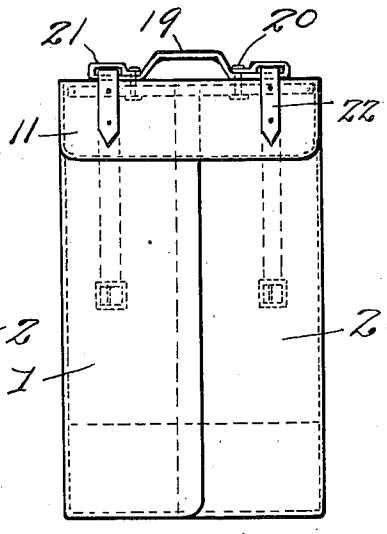


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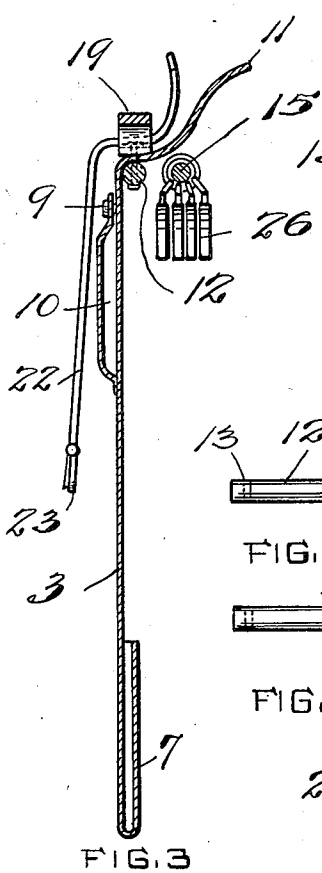


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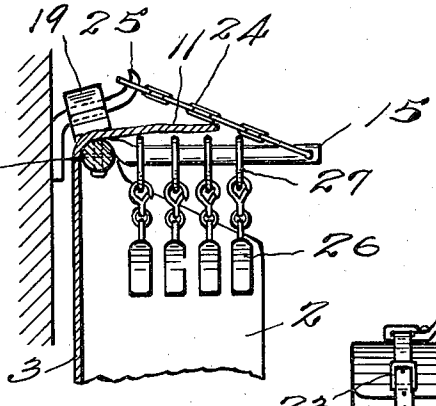


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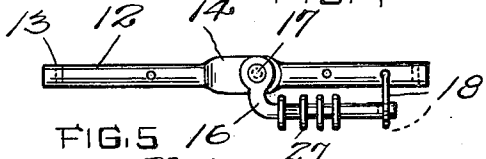


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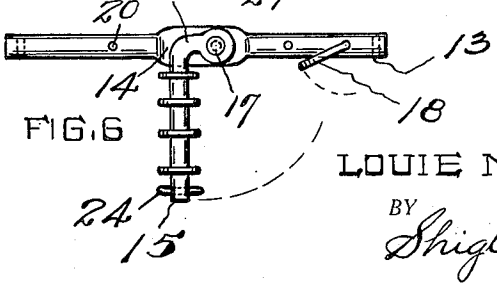


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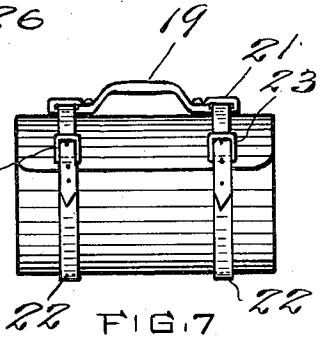


FIG. 7

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My present invention relates to improvements in traveling bags of the convertible type, adapted for packing articles of personal wear and also possessing wardrobe-features which permit display or storing of the unfolded or unrolled garments or other articles. The invention contemplates the use of a flexible wrapper which may be folded over to enclose the aritcles or garments, and, together with the enclosed articles, is adapted to be rolled into a compact bundle or "bag", for carrying the articles. A handle is provided as a carrier and straps are utilized for fastening the "bag" and retaining it in its compact formation. An enclosed supporting frame is provided for the flexible wrapper, and when the latter is unrolled and unfolded the frame is utilized to suspend the wrapper from a suitable support. The supporting frame includes means for suspending the garments on the well known type of suit or clothes hangers, and the foldable portions of the wrapper provide enclosing means for the garments when the wrapper is opened and the garments displayed in extended position for selective use.

The traveling bag of my invention thus insures convenience in packing; permits the garments to be packed without wrinkling; provides a handy carrier for the garments; and performs the functions of a wardrobe for displaying the garments where they are readily accessible when desired.

The invention consists in certain novel combinations and arrangements of parts for accomplishing the results and performing the functions indicated, as will hereinafter be more fully pointed out and claimed. In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention wherein the parts are combined and arranged according to the best mode I have thus far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a view of the traveling bag of my invention with its parts unfolded or opened for convenience of illustration.

Figure 2 is a view of the traveling bag, folded, and ready to be rolled and strapped for use as a carrier.

Figure 3 is an enlarged detail sectional view at line 3—3 of Figure 1 with the suspending bar of the supporting frame retracted.

Figure 4 is an enlarged, detail sectional view at line 4—4 of Figure 1 with the suspending bar extended and supporting a number of clothes hangers.

Figure 5 is a view of the supporting frame detached with the suspending bar retracted.

Figure 6 is a view similar to Figure 5 with the suspending bar extended.

Figure 7 is a view of the traveling bag rolled, strapped and fastened for traveling.

In carrying out my invention I utilize a flexible wrapper of rectangular shape, which may be made up in various sizes to suit different conditions and purposes, fashioned of one or more layers or thicknesses of material, which is preferably waterproof. The material may be light rubberized canvas, khaki cloth, oil cloth, silk, or other suitable material adapted for the purpose.

The rectangular wrapper comprises a pair of outer flaps or folds 1 and 2 and an intermediate section 3, the folds preferably being slightly wider than one half the intermediate section in order that their outer edges may overlap, as indicated in Figure 2 when they are folded and the wrapper ready for rolling. The lines of fold of the wrapper are indicated at 4 and 5 in Figure 1, and it will be apparent that, when the wrapper is laid flat, as on the floor or table, with the garments arranged in proper shape, these folds are folded over toward the center of the wrapper, to enclose the garments.

At the lower edge of the wrapper it is fashioned with a number of pockets 6, 7, and 8 formed by folding the material and stitching as at 6′, and the upper open ends of the pockets are closed or secured by fasteners 9 of the usual snap type. In addition to these inner pockets of the wrapper which are adapted to receive small articles, I provide an outer pocket 10 located near the top of the wrapper and provided with a snap fastener 9, and adapted to receive articles, as toilet articles, that may be needed while traveling, and are readily accessible without necessity for unpacking the strapped bag.

At the top edge of the rectangular wrapper is provided a cover-flap 11, of a length

corresponding to the width of the intermediate section 3, and of a width to sufficiently cover the rolled bag as a protection to its interior, as well as to form a top wall or covering for the enclosed garments when the device is used as a wardrobe, as indicated in Figure 4.

For maintaining the shape of the rolled and strapped traveling bag and for properly supporting the device when used as a wardrobe, I provide a supporting frame comprising an inside supporting bar 12 located at the top of the wrapper and extending the width of the intermediate section, beneath the cover-flap 11. The bar is securely attached to the inner side of the wrapper, as by stitches or cords passed through the holes 13 of the bar, and at the center of the bar its upper face is recessed and flattened as at 14 to form a notch for the connection therewith of the suspending bar 15 of the supporting frame. This suspending bar is fashioned with an angular inner end 16 which, together with the flattened central portion of the supporting bar, is perforated for accommodation of the pivot or hinge pin 17. Because of its angular pivot-end the suspending bar may readily be turned to retracted position of Figure 5, parallel with the supporting bar, to form a compact arrangement of these parts for the purpose of insuring a small bundle or packet when the bag is rolled for traveling. In Figure 6 it will be apparent that the suspending bar may readily be extended at right angles to the supporting bar when the device is to be used as a wardrobe. In retracted position, a ring 18 may be utilized for retaining the suspending bar in parallelism with the supporting bar, as indicated in Figure 5.

A handle, preferably of the bag-fastening type, as 19, is secured at the outside of the wrapper, and attached to the supporting bar 12 by rivets 20, which pass through the ends of the handle, which are formed as loops 21, through the wrapper and through the supporting bar to insure a strong support for the handle and impose the weight of the bag upon the supporting frame within the bag when the latter is folded and rolled. The usual form of straps 22 are passed through the loops and around the rolled wrapper, and buckles 23 are provided on the straps for fastening them around the wrapper as indicated in Figure 7.

When the device is used as a wardrobe, as in Figure 4, a suspending or brace chain 24 is used to connect the outer end of the pivoted suspending bar with a suitable hook 25 over which hook the handle 19 is also slipped. The hook may be secured to the wall of a cupboard, or the chain and handle may be suspended from other suitable support, it being apparent that the frame as thus suspended maintains the device in braced, upright position, with the suspending bar projecting horizontally and outwardly from the center of the unfolded wrapper. A number of clothes-hangers 26, having the usual rings or hooks 27, are used on the suspending bar to support the garments, and as indicated in Figure 4 the cover flap and the two side flaps are turned to position to afford protection for the suspended garments.

It will be apparent that the wrapper may be folded, rolled and fastened, without necessity for removal of the clothes hangers from the suspending bar. Thus, when packing, the pivoted suspending bar is turned parallel with the supporting bar, carrying with it the clothes hangers thereon and the clothes or garments on the hangers. The garments may be smoothed out and their hangers are arranged as indicated in Figure 1, on lines nearly or substantially parallel with the supporting bar, after which the side flaps 1 and 2 are folded inwardly to position of Figure 2. The folded wrapper is then rolled upon itself, under the cover-flap 11, and the straps are passed around the roll and cover-flap and secured by the buckles to form a compact, handy and convenient traveling bag.

The wrapper may be fashioned of stiff material, or of foldable boards or sections with flexible joints or connections, in order that it may be folded into the form of a flat packet, and the straps and handle then used in the same manner as shown for the round packet.

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

1. A wrapper having an intermediate section and side flaps and a cover flap, a rigid supporting bar secured to the intermediate flap and a suspending bar pivoted on the supporting bar, clothes supporting means carried on the suspending bar, a handle at the outside of the wrapper and fastened to said supporting bar, and fastening straps carried by the handle for encircling the rolled wrapper.

2. A traveling bag comprising a rectangular, flexible wrapper comprising an intermediate section and a cover-flap extended therefrom and a pair of side flaps, a series of pockets fashioned along the free, inner edge of the wrapper, and an outer pocket formed at the opposite end of the intermediate section, a supporting bar at the inner side of the wrapper, a handle at the outerside of the wrapper and secured to said bar, a pivoted suspending bar on said supporting bar, and clothes supporting means carried on the suspending bar.

3. The combination with a flexible foldable wrapper, of a supporting bar and a handle fastened thereto adapted to form a support when the wrapper is used as a wardrobe, a pivoted suspending bar on the sup-

porting bar, and a brace chain connected to the free end of the suspending bar and adapted to be anchored to a suitable support.

4. The combination with a flexible foldable wrapper, a rigidly connected supporting bar at one side thereof, a suspending bar having an angular end pivoted on said supporting bar, and clothes supporting means slidably mounted on the suspending bar whereby when the wrapper is folded the suspending bar lies in parallel spaced relation to the supporting bar to prevent jamming of the clothes supporting means thereon.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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