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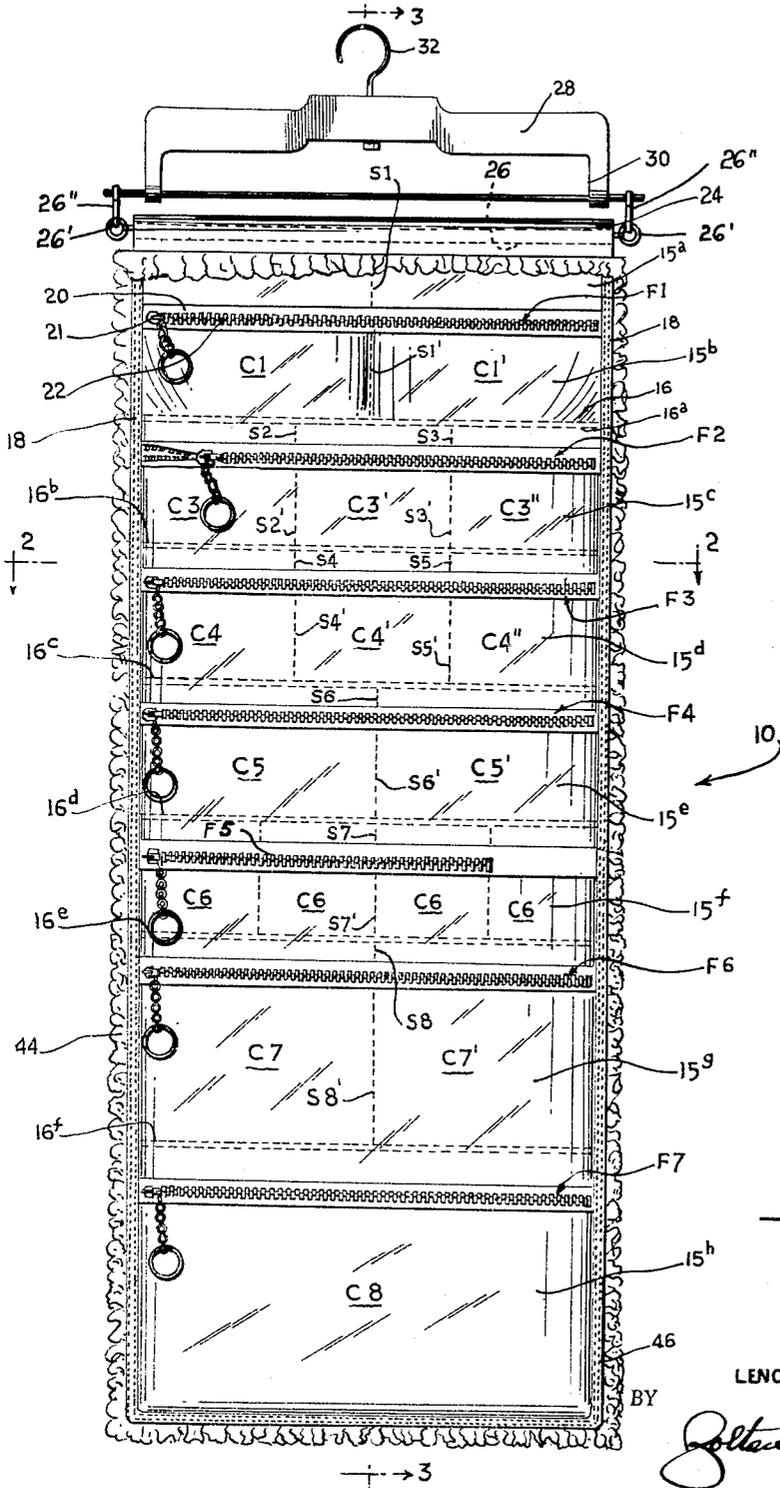


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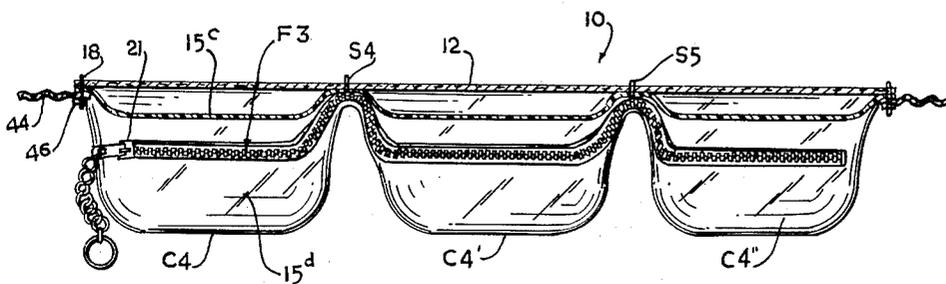


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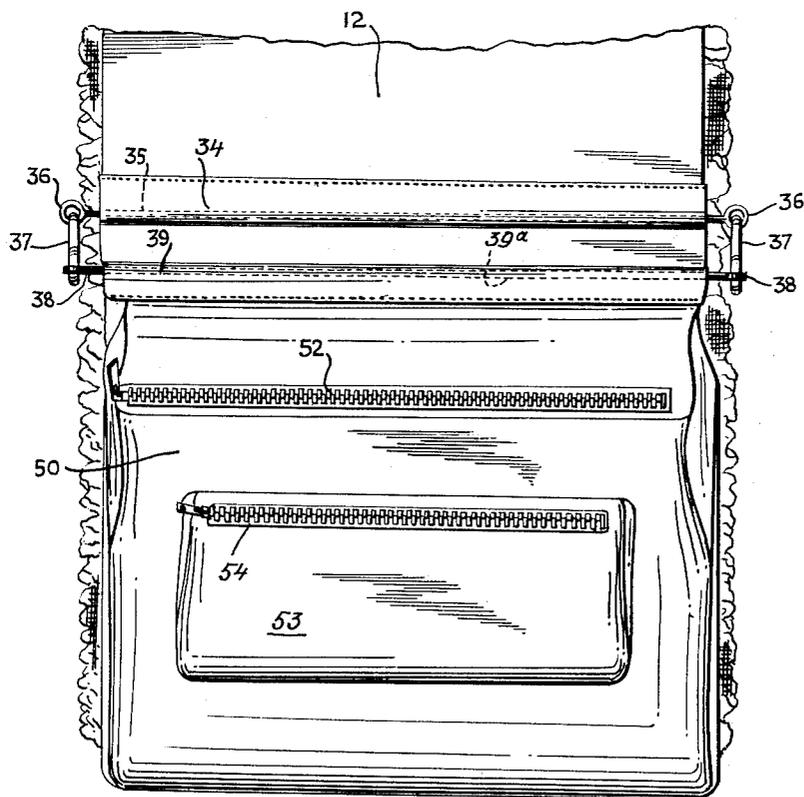


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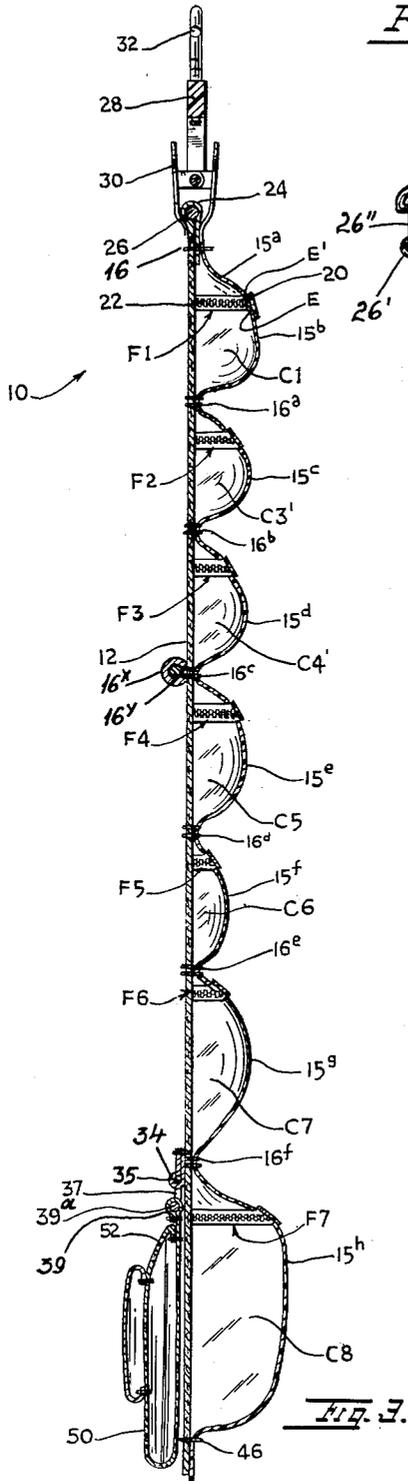


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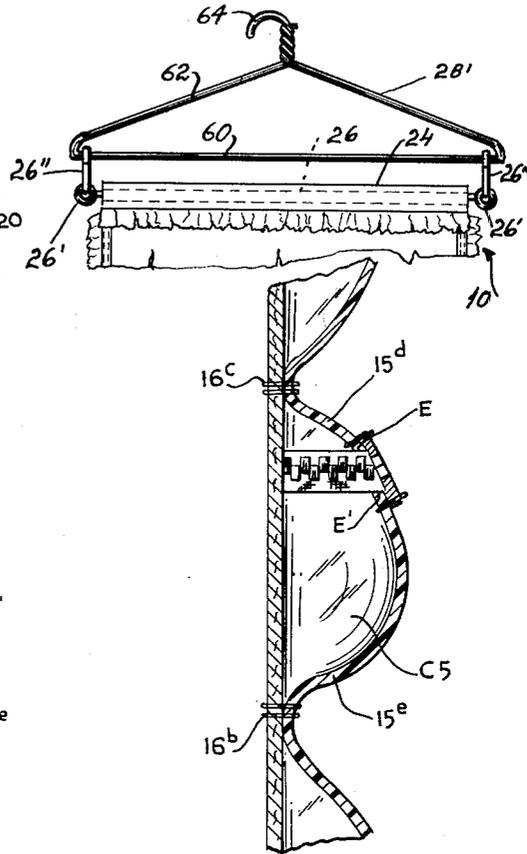


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This invention concerns a portable multiple compartmented holder or container for cosmetics, articles of clothing, accessories and the like.

The holder can be folded or rolled up without removing its contents for convenient transportation, and can be unfolded or unrolled and hung up for convenience in use ready to be used immediately. The holder embodying the invention includes a flexible fabric or plastic back and a transparent plastic face. The face is made up of strips or bands of transparent flexible plastic sheet material so sewn to the fabric back as to define a multiplicity of compartments. The upper part of all compartments have running crosswise slide fasteners so that the compartments can be completely closed and conveniently opened with one stroke. The contents of the compartments are visible due to the transparency of the facing. Since the compartments can be closed the contents of the compartments are kept free of dust and are prevented from falling out of the holder when packed.

It is therefore one object of the invention to provide a portable multiple compartmented holder or bag for storing and transporting various articles.

Another object is to provide a holder for articles of various sizes in which a transparent sheet plastic facing is secured to a fabric or plastic back, the facing being formed by a plurality of bands, each of which is so secured to the back as to define one or more pockets or compartments.

A further object is to provide a holder as described wherein a narrow marginal portion of each band cooperates with a wide marginal portion of an adjacent band to define a plurality of sizes of transparent closed compartments.

Still another object is to provide a holder of the character described with plastic bands having sinuous adjacent edges detachably secured together by slide fasteners to form closures for multiple compartments defined by the bands.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a holder embodying the invention, suspended from a conventional hanger.

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view on an enlarged scale taken on line 2—2 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on line 3—3 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a sectional view on an enlarged scale of a portion of FIG. 3.

FIG. 5 is a fragmentary rear view of the holder and an attached bag.

FIG. 6 is a front elevational view of the top of the holder suspended from a different type of conventional hanger.

Referring to the drawings, there is shown the holder 10 embodying the invention. The holder includes a long rectangular fabric sheet 12 which serves as the back of the holder. On the front side of the back are secured a plurality of transparent plastic bands 15^a—15^b, each of which has a length transversely of the holder considerably longer than the width of the back 12. The bands have different widths longitudinally of the holder. Transverse

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lines of stitching 16 are located intermediate the top and bottom edges of the bands and secure the bands to the back 12. Longitudinal lines of ruffling and stitching 18 are located at the lateral edges of the bands and secure these edges to lateral edges of the back.

Upper bands 15^a, 15^b have spaced adjacent edges E, E' to which is secured a stringer tape 20 of a slide fastener F1. This slide fastener has a slider 21 for opening the mutually engageable teeth 22 of the slider. Any other type of fastening means may be used. Two centrally located longitudinal lines of stitching S1, S1' divide the space between the back 12 and the two bands 15^a, 15^b into two compartments C1, C1'. These compartments are defined between the back 12 and the front bands 15^a, 15^b which have lengths greater than the width of the back 12 so that the band portions on opposite sides of stitching S1, S1' bulge outwardly. The slide fastener follows a sinuous course, as indicated in FIG. 2.

There is a tier of seven shelves. Each shelf has various sized compartments.

The bottoms of compartments C1, C1' terminate at transverse line of stitching 16^a, leaving a narrow band section between stitching 16^a and the bottom edge of band 15^b. This narrow band section completes three compartments C3, C3', C3'' with the wider upper portion of band 15^c. Two longitudinal lines of stitching S2, S3 in the lower narrow portion of band 15^b and two aligned lines of stitching S2', S3', respectively, define the three compartments which terminate at the next lower line of stitching 16^b near the lower edge of band 15^c. This forms the first shelf of two compartments.

A slide fastener assembly F2 is located between the lower edge of band 15^b and the top edge of band 15^c. The lower narrow end of band 15^c defines three compartments C4, C4', C4'', with the wider upper part of band 15^d, divided by longitudinal stitching S4, S4' and S5, S5'. Slide fastener assembly F3 serves as a closure for the three compartments. This construction constitutes an arrangement of three pockets C3, C3', C3'', C4, C4', C4'', of three pockets on the second shelf, and three pockets on the third shelf.

The narrow lower part of band 15^d below stitching 16^c and the wider upper part of band 15^e above stitching 16^c completes two compartments C5, C5' divided by central stitching S6, S6', constituting the fourth shelf of two compartments. Slide fastener assembly F4 is arranged as a sinuous closure for the sinuous adjacent edges of the bands 15^d, 15^e.

The narrow lower part of band 15^e below stitching 16^d, and the wider upper part of band 15^f complete four compartments C6 defined by three longitudinal lines of stitching S7, S7'. Three of the compartments are closed by the slider fastener F5, the other or fourth compartment is open at the top to facilitate insertion of a plastic glass or the like therein. This constitutes the fifth shelf.

The narrow lower part of band 15^f completes two compartments C7, C7' separated by central longitudinal stitching S8, S8' in the two band portions and closed by slide fastener F6. This completes the sixth shelf of two compartments.

The narrow lower part of band 15^g below stitching 15 and the wider upper part of band 15^h complete a single compartment C8 closed by slide fastener F7, forming one large pocket of a seventh shelf.

In all cases the transparent front compartment walls bulge outwardly to receive articles of various kinds useful to a person while traveling or in the home. The groups of compartments can be selectively opened by actuation of a fastener of any type.

At the top of the holder 10 is a fabric loop 24 in which a rod 26 is removably mounted. A screw eyelet 26' is secured to each end of the rod and forms an extension

thereof. A lanyard hook 26'' is loosely attached to each eyelet 26'. The lanyard hooks 26'' enable the holder 10 to be detachably supported on the crosspiece of any standard hanger, such as the conventional hanger 28 shown in FIG. 1 or the conventional wire coat hanger 28' shown in FIG. 6.

Approximately midway the ends of the holder 10, a fabric loop 16^c is formed for supporting a removable wooden rod 16^v. The rod serves to rigidify and reinforce the holder, preventing the holder from collapsing or buckling.

Adjacent the bottom of the holder 10 opposite the stitching 16^f at the rear of the holder there is a fabric loop 34 in which a rod 35 is removably mounted. A screw eyelet 36 is secured to each end of the rod and forms an extension thereof. A lanyard hook 37 is loosely attached to each eyelet 36 (FIG. 5).

The lanyard hooks 37 detachably support a rectangular leather bag 50. The bag opens at the top and the opening is closable by a slide fastener 52. A loop 39 is formed at the top of the bag and removably mounted in the loop there is a rod 39^a, the ends of which project out from the ends of the loop. Eyelets 38 project from the ends of the rod 39^a. The lanyard hooks 37 are hooked into the eyelets 38 serving to swingably support the bag 50.

A gusseted pocket 53 is formed on the outside of the bag 50 with a zipper closure 54.

The back 12 can be made of any suitable sheet material such as cloth, rubberized fabric or sheet plastic. The front walls of the compartments should all be made of transparent plastic sheet material made of polyethylene, vinyl or the like.

The holder 10 is light in weight and can be rolled up or folded for convenient transportation. The several compartments closed by the slide fasteners keep their contents free from dust and dirt. The contents of the holder are visible at all times through the transparent walls of the compartments. When the compartments are closed the contents cannot accidentally fall out regardless of the position of the holder 10.

The holder will serve as a useful travel and closet accessory. It can be made up in various colors. If desired, ruffles 44 and binding 46 can be applied at edges of the holder to improve its appearance and to reinforce the edge structure.

The modified form of hanger 28' shown in FIG. 6 is formed completely of wire and has a cross piece 60, upwardly slanting shoulder supports 62 and a top hook 64 for hanging on a support.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A holder or container for articles of various sizes, comprising a long rectangular fabric sheet defining a back,

a plurality of flexible plastic bands, each of said bands being longer than the width of said sheet, opposite ends of said bands being secured to opposite lateral edges of one side of said sheet so that the bands bulge outwardly of the sheet, at least some of the bands having longitudinal stitching spaced transversely of the lateral edges of the sheet to define multiple compartments bulging outwardly of the sheet, and lines of stitching extending transversely across the sheet between opposite top and bottom edges of the bands, so that the bottom marginal portion of each band and the top marginal portion of the next lower band cooperate to form a plurality of said compartments, said bands being formed of transparent material so that contents of the compartments are visible, and an auxiliary bag detachably secured to the other side of the sheet, said bag having an openable closure providing access to the interior of the bag, and a gusseted pocket on the exterior of the bag, said pocket having a zipper closure.

2. A holder or container for articles of various sizes, comprising a long rectangular fabric sheet defining a back, a plurality of flexible plastic bands, each of said bands being longer than the width of said sheet, opposite ends of said bands being secured to opposite lateral edges of one side of said sheet so that the bands bulge outwardly of the sheet, at least some of the bands having longitudinal stitching spaced transversely of the lateral edges of the sheet to define multiple compartments bulging outwardly of the sheet, lines of stitching extending transversely across the sheet between opposite top and bottom edges of the bands, so that the bottom marginal portion of each band and the top marginal portion of the next lower band cooperate to form a plurality of said compartments, a plurality of slide fasteners, each of said slide fasteners being attached between the bottom edge of each band and the top edge of the next lower band to form a closure for said plurality of compartments, each slide fastener extending in sinuous fashion across the longitudinal stitching defining the plurality of compartments, said bands being formed of transparent material so that contents of the compartments are visible through the bands, a hanger secured to one end of the sheet for hanging the holder on a vertical support, ruffles secured to opposite ends and lateral edges of the sheet to reinforce the same, an auxiliary bag detachably secured to the other side of the sheet, said bag having an openable closure providing access to the interior of the bag, and a gusseted pocket on the exterior of the bag, said pocket having a zipper closure.

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