

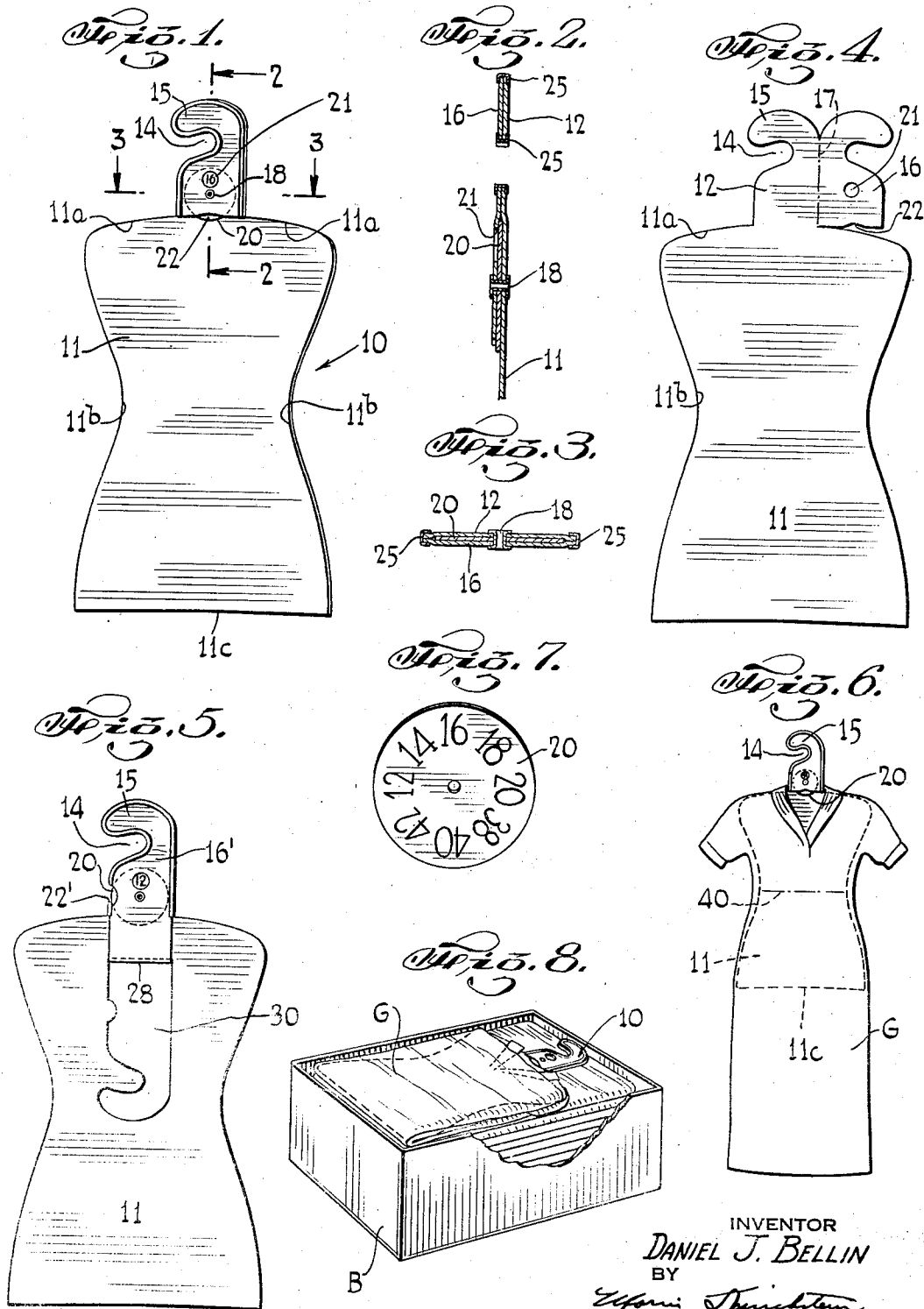
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This invention relates generally to garment devices. More particularly, my invention relates to a combination garment device adapted for multiple purpose use.

5 One of the objects of my invention is to provide a device of the character described which shall be a general improvement in the art, and which is designed to be used as an improved packing aid and which is also adapted for use as an improved garment hanger and improved garment size indicator.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described which shall comprise relatively few and simple parts, which shall be easy to assemble, which shall be inexpensive to manufacture, which shall be highly efficient and practical in use, and which shall be time saving to a high degree.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible embodiments of this invention,

30 Fig. 1 is a plan view, slightly in perspective, of a garment device construction in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

35 Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a development view of a portion of the device illustrated in Fig. 1 showing a form of construction thereof;

40 Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but illustrating a modified form of my invention;

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but of reduced size and illustrating one of the uses of the device;

45 Fig. 7 is an enlarged detail of a portion of the device illustrated in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 8 is a perspective view, partly sectional, illustrating another use of my device.

In manufacturing establishments where dresses and similar garments are manufactured, the general procedure heretofore practised after the dress was substantially completed was to mount the dress on a hanger and then hang the same on a rack. In order to distinguish the different sizes of the garments, they were generally arranged in 55 groups on the rack with a marker indicating the

particular size of each group, such marker being an independent member generally hung upon the rack between the groups of dresses. In filling an order, the dresses were then taken off the rack in accordance with the sizes required and packed 5 in cardboard shipping boxes of more or less standardized size. The method heretofore followed in packing was to take each dress off its hanger and then, after folding the same, place it inside the box, and to place upon the folded dress 10 in the box a flat sheet of cardboard slightly smaller than the box. Another folded dress was then placed upon the cardboard sheet and a second cardboard sheet placed upon the second folded dress, and so on until the desired number of 15 dresses was packed.

It was found that this procedure consumed much valuable time, since it was necessary in each instance to take the dress off the rack and carefully remove the same from the hanger, after 20 which the hanger had to be deposited in a receptacle or placed back again on the rack. Also, it was found that when packing the dresses as above described, upon arrival at their destination, the dresses were wrinkled and creased since they had 25 become shaken up and displaced during transportation. Also, according to the method heretofore practised, when the dresses were received by the retailer, it was necessary for him to separately remove each dress and each cardboard 30 from the box and to then mount the dress upon a hanger, so that they could be placed on suitable racks for sale.

By my invention, I have provided a garment device by means of which I am able to overcome 35 the above described disadvantages and which is, at the same time, attended with additional advantages which will become apparent as the description proceeds.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, there 40 is disclosed a garment device 10 constructed in accordance with my invention and comprising a flat sheet of material such as cardboard or the like, having a main body portion 11 and a portion 12 projecting outwardly from the center of 45 the top edge thereof. The portions 11 and 12 are preferably made of one piece of material. The portion 12 is provided with a notch 14 so disposed and designed as to form a hook member 15 adapted to be hung upon a suitable garment 50 rack. The body portion 11 is shaped, as shown in the drawing, to conform generally to that of the human figure, having shoulder portions 11a and restricted waistline areas 11b. Overlying the portion 12 is a layer 16 of the same material 55

as that of the said portion 12, and which is shaped to register with the contour of the portion 12. The layer 16 and the portion 12 may be made of one piece of material and folded over on a fold line 17 so as to be in superimposed and registered relationship, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawing. The layer 16 may be held in such relationship with the portion 12 by any suitable attaching means, such as for example, a hollow rivet or eyelet member 18. Mounted on the eyelet member 18, and disposed between the layers 12 and 16, is a rotatable registering dial 20 (see Fig. 7) which is suitably marked with size numbers arranged circumferentially. The portion 16 is provided with a window opening 21 through which one of the numbers on the dial 20 is visible. To facilitate the rotation of the dial 20, the lower edge of the layer 16 may be provided with a notch 22 so that access may be had to the said dial which may be manually operated.

It is thus seen from the above description that I have provided a multiple use garment device which is adapted for one of its uses, as a garment hanger and which is also adapted to be used as a size indicator so that in the factory, when the dress is finished and is hung upon a rack, it will merely be necessary to turn the dial 20 to register the proper size within the opening 21, and to leave the dress hanging until it is ready to be shipped out. It is also noted that the shaped contour of the body portion 11 will tend to maintain the garment G in proper shape, as shown in Fig. 6 of the drawing. To prevent wear on the hook member 15 due to the frictional engagement of the notch 14 with the rack, I prefer to reinforce the free edges of the portion 12 as well as the free edges of the layer 16 by a metallic channel-shaped strip 25, as shown. The reinforcing strips 25 will also tend to prevent the wearing away and separation of the folded edge 17.

In Fig. 8 of the drawing, I have shown how my improved multiple use garment device may be employed to save time and also to more efficiently pack a number of dresses for shipment. In packing for shipment, the packer need only take the dresses of required size off the rack, as they are hung on the device and in the condition as shown in Fig. 6 of the drawing, and to merely fold over the bottom portion of the dress G to overlie the upper portion thereof, using the bottom edge 11c of the main body portion 11 as a fold line and to then place the folded dress in the standard size packing box B, as shown. In this way, it is seen that the dresses which are packed in the packing box cannot shift out of position during transportation, and will therefore be received at their destination in unwrinkled condition, suitable for hanging upon the racks for sale without the necessity of pressing the same. Also, it is seen that much time is saved in not having to remove each dress from its hanger either at the place of shipment or at the destination.

In Fig. 5, I have shown a modified form of my invention, in which the overlying layer 16', instead of being folded over on a vertical fold line 17, as in Fig. 4, is cut out from the body of the material of the portion 11 and folded over on a horizontal fold line 28, leaving the cut out portion 30 conforming to the contour of the portion 16'. In this form of construction, instead of the bottom notch 22 to facilitate the operation of the dial, there is provided a notch 22' disposed adjacent one side edge of the layer 16'. In other respects, the modification illustrated in Fig. 5 is the same as that shown in Figs. 1-4.

While in the drawing I have shown one size of device 10, it is understood that my invention may be applied to any other suitable size, designed to fit in larger or smaller packing boxes. Also, if desired, the device 10 illustrated in the drawing may be provided with a fold line 40 in the body portion 11 (see Fig. 6) so that when packing the same in a smaller size shipping box, it may be twice folded over.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiments above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

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

1. A garment device of the character described comprising a flat sheet of cardboard or similar material so designed as to have a main body portion having top, bottom and side edges and a portion narrower than said body portion, extending outwardly from said top edge, said extending portion being provided with a notch adapted to form a hook for hanging, a second layer of said cardboard material overlying said extending portion, the free adjacent edges of said extending portion and said second layer being reinforced with metallic material, and a manually rotatable dial mounted on said extending portion between said first and second layers.

2. A garment device of the character described comprising a flat sheet of cardboard or similar material so designed as to have a main body portion having top, bottom and side edges and a portion narrower than said body portion, extending outwardly from said top edge, said extending portion being provided with a notch adapted to form a hook for hanging, a second layer of said cardboard material overlying said extending portion, the adjacent edges of said extending portion and said second layer being reinforced with metallic material, and a rotatable dial member mounted between said extending portion and said second layer.

3. A garment device of the character described comprising a flat sheet of cardboard or similar material so designed as to have a main body portion having top, bottom and side edges and a portion narrower than said body portion, extending outwardly from said top edge, said extending portion being provided with a notch adapted to form a hook for hanging, a second layer of said material overlying said extending portion, the adjacent edges of said extending portion and said second layer being reinforced with metallic material, and a rotatable dial member mounted between said extending portion and said second layer, said dial member being provided with indicia adapted to be visible through a window opening in said second layer.

4. A garment device of the character described comprising a flat sheet of cardboard or similar material so designed as to have a main body portion having top, bottom and side edges and a portion narrower than said body portion, extending outwardly from said top edge, said extending portion being provided with a notch adapted to form a hook for hanging, a second layer of said material overlying said extended

portion, the adjacent edges of said extending portion and said second layer being reinforced with metallic material, a rotatable indicating dial, and means comprising an eyelet for mounting said dial on said extending portion.

5 5. A garment device of the character described comprising a flat sheet of cardboard or similar material so designed as to have a main body portion having top, bottom and side edges and a
10 portion narrower than said body portion and extending outwardly from said top edge, said extending portion being provided with a notch adapted to form a hook for hanging, a second
15 layer of said material overlying said extending portion, the adjacent edges of said extending portion and said second layer being reinforced with metallic material, said second layer being in-

tegral with said flat cardboard sheet, and cut out from the said main body portion thereof.

6. A garment device of the character described comprising a flat sheet of cardboard or similar material so designed as to have a main body portion having top, bottom and side edges and a
5 portion narrower than said body portion and extending outwardly from said top edge, said extending portion being provided with a notch adapted to form a hook for hanging, a second
10 layer of said material overlying said extending portion, the adjacent edges of said extending portion and said second layer being reinforced with metallic material, said second layer being in-
15 tegrally connected to said extending portion by a folded edge.

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