

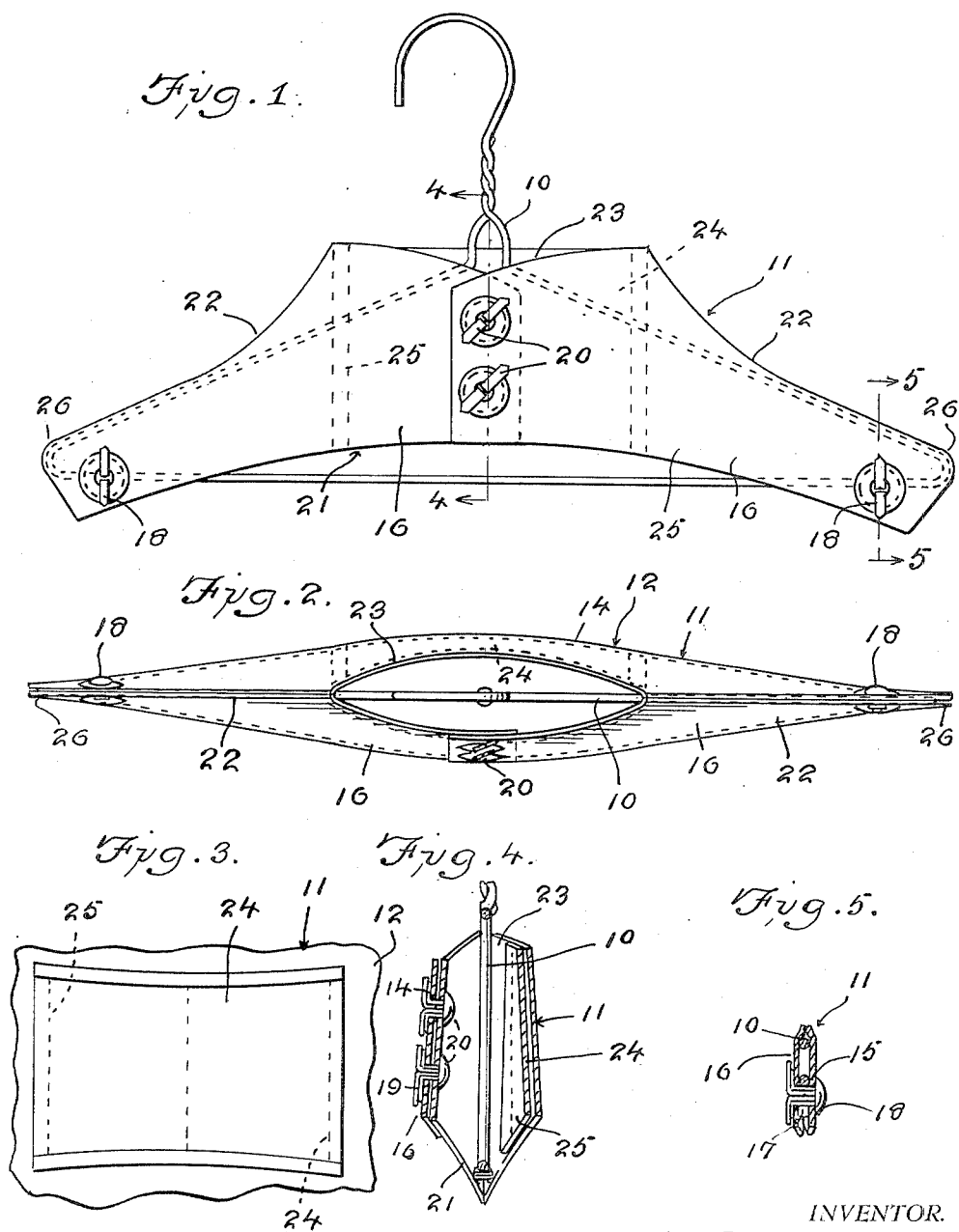
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This invention relates to a clothes hanger, and more particularly to a cover or jacket for such a hanger.

The object of the invention is to provide a jacket which can be readily applied to existing clothes hangers such as clothes hangers made of wire, whereby clothes, such as coats that are supported on the hanger will be supported in such a manner as to make sure that the coat is supported in good safe condition.

Another object of the invention is to provide a jacket which is prevented from accidentally slipping from the hanger, the jacket being reinforced and adapted to be shipped in collapsed condition so that it will occupy a minimum amount of space.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hanger jacket which is extremely simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this application, and in which like numerals are used to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the jacket, constructed according to the present invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the jacket mounted on a coat hanger.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary elevational view showing the stiffening element in the back of the jacket.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates a conventional coat hanger which may be made of wire or other suitable material, and the numeral 11 designates the jacket for surrounding the hanger 10. The jacket 11 may be made of any suitable material such as cardboard or reinforced cloth or canvas, and the jacket 11 includes a back portion 12 which is provided with an intermediate rounded section 14, Figure 1. The back portion 12 is further provided with openings 15 for a purpose to be later described.

Secured to the top edges of the back portion 12 in any suitable manner, as for example by stitching is a pair of overlapping front portions 16 which are each provided with an aperture 17 adjacent their ends. The apertures 17 register with the openings 15 and suitable securing elements 18 are adapted to be extended through these registering openings 15 and 17 so as to secure the jacket 11 onto the hanger 10 and to prevent accidental disengagement of the jacket 11 from the hanger 10.

When the jacket 11 is being used on the hanger 10, the inner ends of the front portions 16 overlap as seen in Figures 1 and 2, and the overlapping ends are provided with registering openings 19 whereby suitable securing elements 20 can be extended through these registering openings 19 to maintain the jacket in its proper assembled position. The ends of the jacket 11 are open and the jacket 11 further includes inwardly and upwardly extending closed portions 22, the top of the jacket 11 being open as at 23 whereby the top portion of the hanger 10 can project therethrough as shown in Figure 1. Also the lower end portions 21 of the jacket 11 are open.

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Secured to the rounded section 14 in any suitable manner, as for example by stitches 25, is a reinforcing or stiffening pad 24, Figure 3.

From the foregoing it is apparent that a jacket has been provided for connection to or use with a hanger such as the wire hanger 10. By means of the jacket 11 clothes such as coats that are being supported by the hanger 10 will be kept in a better condition since when the jacket 11 is connected to the hanger the back portion 14 will be rounded so as to insure that the back portion of the coat will be supported in the same manner as if it were being worn since the rounded portion 14 conforms generally to the shape of a person's back. The securing elements 18 prevent the jacket from accidentally slipping off of the hanger 10 and the back portion of the jacket is reinforced by the pad 24. When the securing elements 20 are projected through the registering openings 19, the back portion 14 will be caused to bulge outwardly as shown in Figure 2, so that the coat will maintain its proper shape. The jacket may be made of any suitable material such as pressed cardboard and can be shipped in collapsed position so as to occupy a minimum amount of space.

The round back of the jacket holds the back of the garment in shape and the ends of the jacket hold the shoulders up. The securing elements 18 prevent the jacket from accidentally becoming disengaged from the hanger so that the hanger cannot slip. The hanger jacket can be made in different lengths and different materials can be used as desired. The jacket goes under the garment and not over the garment, and the jacket can be used for covering other type hangers besides wire hangers. The jacket can be used by cleaners as advertising items since they can be manufactured inexpensively. It will be seen that the ends of the hanger project outwardly as at 26 to hold up the shoulders of the garment being supported. If desired suitable advertising matter can be imprinted on the hangers, as for example the business address of stores can be arranged on the hangers. The jacket can be made of strong cardboard, plastics, colorful material, or any other material that the manufacturers or users may desire, and the jacket may be approximately 10 to 20 inches long.

I claim:

45 In a jacket for a clothes hanger, said clothes hanger being fabricated of a single piece of material shaped to include a shank portion having its upper end terminating in a hook, a pair of inclined straight sections extending from said shank portion, curved portions on the lower ends of said straight sections, and a straight base portion extending between said curved portions, said jacket comprising a back portion provided with an intermediate rounded section, a pair of overlapping front portions extending from said back portion and secured thereto, there being registering openings in said back and front portions, securing elements extending through said registering openings, said securing elements extending below the base portion of said hanger and abutting said base portion, there being registering apertures in the overlapping parts of said front portions, securing elements extending through said registering apertures, said last named securing elements being positioned below said shank portion and being arranged above said base portion, a reinforcing element secured to said rounded section, the top of said jacket being open for the projection therethrough of said shank portion, the bottom of said jacket being open for the projection therethrough of an intermediate part of said base portion.

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