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GARMENT PROTECTOR

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Fig. 1.

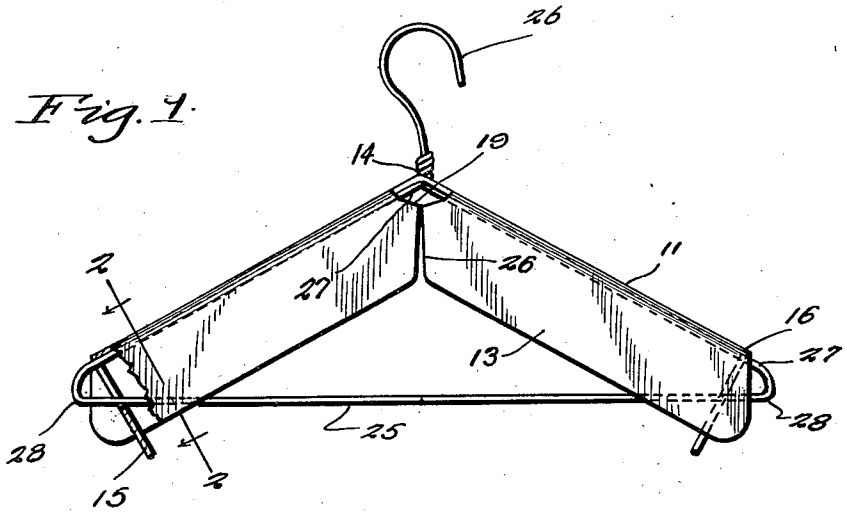


Fig. 3.

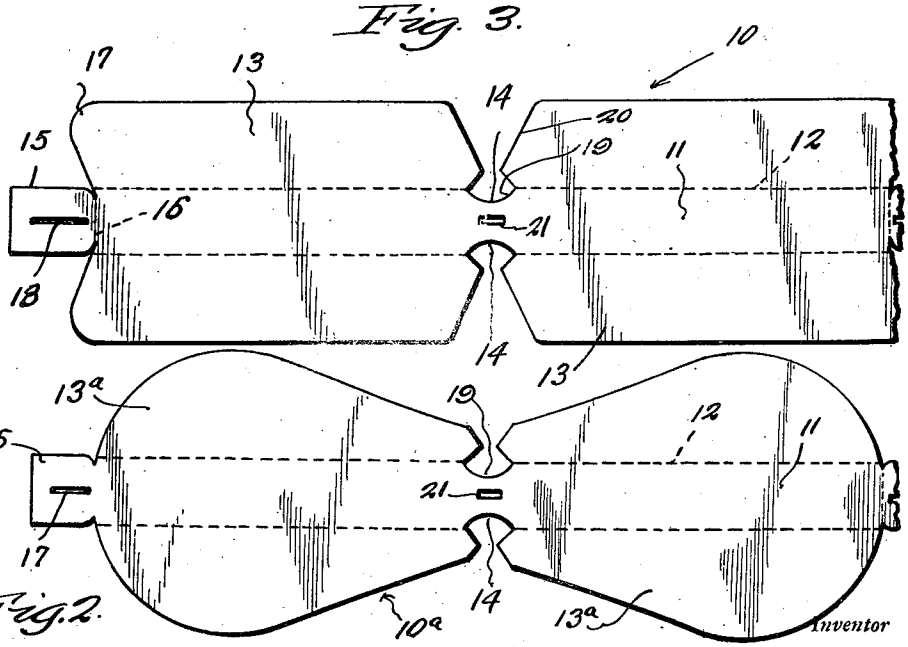


Fig. 2.

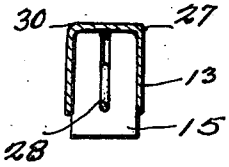


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to a device intended for use as an accessory to an ordinary hanger and may be made of wire, wood or any other material and serves as a protecting cover applied on the hanger and being considerably greater in width and having rounded contours, resembling the shoulders of the human body, so that the garment will assume a position similar to the position as when actually worn, thus avoiding hanger marks and creases.

This garment protector can be made of any suitable, pliable material as, for instance, chip board, tack board, straw board, papier-mâché, binder board, metal wood, plastics of various weights and thicknesses.

Further uses and advantages will be gathered from the subjoined description and the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 represents in front elevation and part section the garment protector as applied on an ordinary wire hanger.

Figure 2, a transverse section along line 2—2 of Figure 1 showing the broad rounded supporting surface for the garment.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the preferred form of the protector developed.

Figure 4, a similar view to Figure 3 of a modified shape of the protector.

In the figures like reference characters indicate the same details.

Referring first to Figure 3 of the drawing, this shows the contours of the protector with general number 10 flattened out, that is, as cut out from a rectangular piece of board of any of the enumerated materials and before folding. This view shows a straight central portion 11 confined between the parallel score lines 12, and four outer wing portions 13, 13, a pair on each side of the apex or bending line 14, along which the board is bent down on side to right and left to form a flattened letter A as in Figure 1.

The extreme ends 15 of the central portion 11 form short flaps 15, intended to be bent down to form a sharp corner 16 at right angles to the straight downward slope of the central portion 11 as seen in Figure 1. The outer ends of the wings terminate at this corner line 16 and are cut back slantingly and have well rounded corners 17. Each flap 15 has a straight central slit 18 and at the apex line 14 a short slot 21 is provided in the central portion 10.

On either side of the apex line 14—14 the wings 13 are cut away slantingly in the shape of letter V see Figure 3, with an arcuate joining edge 19, this for the purpose that the adjacent edges 20

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shall not overlap but only close up on practically a straight center line.

The hanger itself 25, here shown as an ordinary wire hanger is twisted at the apex to form a hook 26. Over the sloping shoulder members 27 the garment protector is placed, the hook 26 protruding through the slit 21 and the central straight portion 11 resting on the members 27, while the wings 13 are folded over along the scored lines, not sharply but gently as shown in Figure 2 to provide a broad, well rounded surface 30 upon which the garment is supported. The flaps 15 are bent down over the rounded hanger ends 28 which project through the slots 18. In this manner the garment protector is secured sufficiently firmly so that the hanger and protector can be handled as a unit without coming apart.

In some particular cases a garment protector 10a as shown in Figure 4 is preferably in which the wings 13a are well rounded instead of having parallel edges. This form of protector is best suited for garments of light material, such as ladies' wear.

Of the two types of garment protectors, the type 10 shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3 is preferred as being more practical. However, the contours may be changed particularly so as to simplify the dies to be used for cutting out the blanks of the material.

It is again emphasized that the main aim and advantage of this device resides in the broadening of the bearing surface as well illustrated in Figure 2 to simulate the shape of human shoulders, so that the garment will hang naturally without getting creased.

It is to be understood that the invention as here disclosed is not limited to the details here described and shown but that the same may be varied without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined by the subjoined claim.

I claim:

In combination with a wire garment hanger having a centrally disposed supporting hook formed with oppositely extending downwardly inclined supporting parts having their lower extremities integrally connected by a horizontally extending part, a cover member therefor having a restricted apertured central portion adapted to extend over said hook and similarly formed end wing portions at either end of said central portion having longitudinal spaced score lines defining central portions adapted to overlie and be supported by the inclined supporting parts of said hanger with the wing portions at the oppo-

site side of said central portion being bent downwardly at right angles on said score lines to extend parallel with each other, and tabs formed as continuations of said central portions beyond the outer ends of said wing portion being formed with inwardly directed opposed notches with score lines between the inner ends of said notches, said tabs being also formed with longitudinally extending slots for receiving the outer ends of said hanger when the tabs are bent downwardly at right angles to said central portions to hold the cover member in position upon said garment hanger.

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