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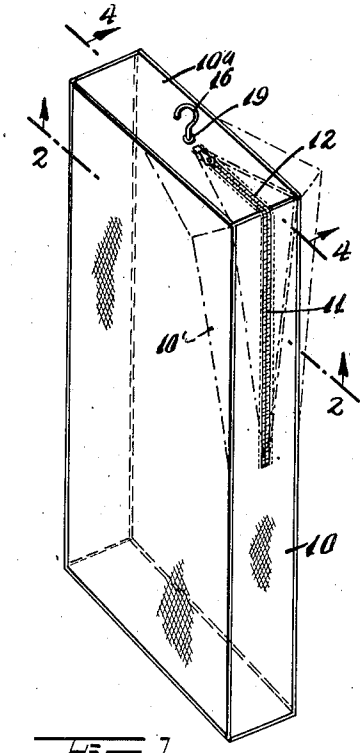


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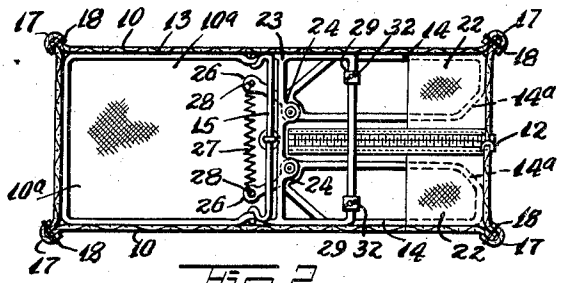


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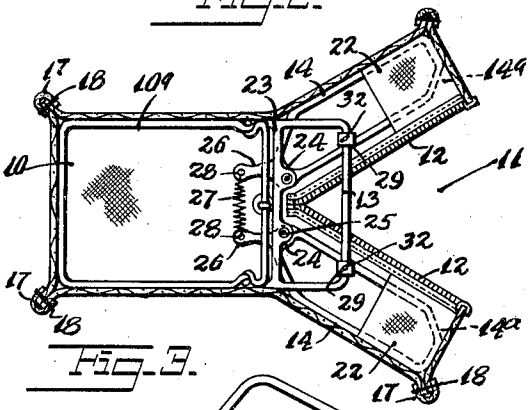


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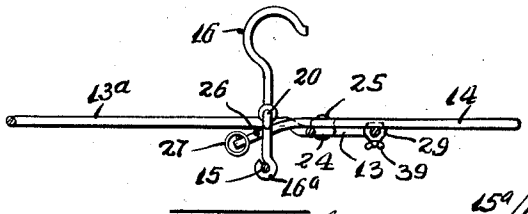


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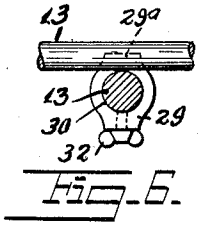


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a garment bag.

More specifically, the invention proposes the construction of a garment bag having a substantially flat top wall under which a metal frame may be inserted for holding the bag depending from the top.

Another object of the invention is to provide an opening extending along the top and one side wall of said bag, and to associate said metal frame with said opening in a particular manner.

Still further the invention proposes that the metal frame be provided with pivotally mounted frame arms mounted thereon which are adapted to move away from each other when the opening in said bag is opened to hold said bag in its open position.

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

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a garment bag constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but illustrating the parts in their open position.

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

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the metallic frame used in connection with this invention.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

The garment bag, according to this invention, comprises a cloth bag 10 which has a flat top wall 10a and an opening 11 extending along a portion of the top wall 10a and down one side of the bag 10, and which is adapted to be closed by a fastening device 12. A frame 13 for supporting a portion of the top wall 10a extends from one end of the top wall 10a towards the other end and past the center thereof towards the opening 12. Frame arms 14 for supporting the other portions of the top wall 10a are attached to the frame 13 on opposite sides of the opening 12 and are pivotally supported upon the frame 13. Means is provided for urging the frame arms apart to spread the opening 11 when the fastening device 12 is moved to its open position. A hanger 15 is attached to the frame 13 within the bag 10 and has a hook support 16 extending from the top of said bag, which may be engaged upon a supporting element for hanging the bag up.

The cloth bag 10 consists of separate pieces of material held together by means of binding strips 17 which are held in position by stitches 18 to form a rectangular shaped bag into which articles of clothing may be placed. The top wall 10a is formed with a centrally disposed opening 19 through which the hook support 16 extends. The hook support is formed with a shoulder 20 against which the top wall 10a of the bag 10 engages when the bag 10 is positioned upon the frame 13.

The frame 13 consists of a piece of relatively stiff wire bent to form a rectangle and provided with offset portions 21 bent out of the plane of the remainder of the frame and to which the hanger 15 is attached. The hanger 15 has its ends 15a bent around the wire forming the frame 13 in the vicinity of the offset portions 21 to prevent the hanger 15 from sliding along the length of the side arms 13a of the frame 13. The hook 16 has its bottom end 16a attached to the center of the hanger 15 so that when the hook 16 is placed upon the support the bag 10 will be balanced thereon.

The frame arms 14 comprise rectangular shaped members which have their adjacent ends 14a bent away to facilitate the engagement of these arms into pockets 22 formed on the inside face of the top wall 10a in order to keep the frame arms 14 in their proper position with relation to the top wall 10a on either side of the opening 11. When the fastening device 12 is moved to its open position, the frame arms, urged apart, will move the sides of the bag 10 to the position illustrated by the dot and dash lines 10' in Fig. 1.

A bar 23 extends across the front end portion of the frame 13 and is provided with ears 24 upon which the frame arms 14 are pivotally mounted. Pintle pins 25 engage through portions of the frame arms 14 and the ears 24 for pivotally supporting these frame arms on the frame 13. Portions of the frame arms 14 rest upon the forward end of the frame 13 and these frame arms are provided with rearwardly extending lug portions 26. The means for urging the frame arms apart, when the fastening device 12 is moved to its open position, comprises a spring 27 which has its ends 27a engaging openings 28 formed in the lugs 26. This spring 27 is of the contraction type and naturally tends to draw the lugs 26 together to cause the frame

arms 14 to pivot about the pintle arms 25 to move the front ends of the frame arms apart.

A means is provided for limiting pivoting of the frame arms when they are urged apart by the spring 27 and consist of stop elements 29 which have openings 30 through which the wire forming the frame 13 passes. An opening 31 is arranged at right angles to the opening 30 and a screw 32 threadedly engages said latter opening and the wire forming the frame 13 for fixedly holding each stop element in position upon the frame 13. The stop elements 29 have extending portions 29a which extend upward within the circumference of the frame arms 14 to limit the pivoting thereof.

The operation of the device is as follows:

The hook 16 is engaged upon a support and the fastening device 12 is moved to its open position so that the spring 27 may urge the frame arms 14a apart to expand this opening so that clothes may be placed in the bag 10. These garments are placed upon conventional clothes hangers and the hooks of these hangers are engaged on the hanger 15 for supporting the garments in the upright position within the bag. After the desired amount of clothing is placed in the bag 10, the fastening device 12 is moved to its closed position which will automatically pivot the arms 14 against the spreading action of the spring 27 to urge those frame arms 14 back to their normal position in which they will support the end of the top wall 10a which is provided with the opening 11.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming 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 garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag.

2. A garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag, said pivotal mounting of said frame arms comprises a bar extending across the front end of said frame and being provided with ears having openings, and pintle pins engaging through a portion of said frame arms and into said openings for pivotally supporting said frame arms on said frame.

3. A garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag, said pivotal mounting of said frame arms comprises a bar extending across the front end of said frame and being provided with ears having openings, and pintle pins engaging through a portion of said frame arms and into said openings for pivotally supporting said frame arms on said frame, said means for urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening when said fastening device is moved to the open position, comprises rearwardly extending lugs on said frame arms, and a contraction spring having its ends engaging openings in said lugs for spreading said frame arms.

4. A garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag, the free ends of said frame arms being engaged into pockets attached to the underside of said top wall for maintaining said frame arms in their proper position with relation to the top wall to properly expand and contract the opening in said bag when said fastening device is moved correspondingly.

5. A garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag, said hanger comprising a piece of substantially stiff wire having its ends wound around depressed portions in said frame and said de-

pressed portions being adapted to maintain said hanger in its proper position on said frame.

6. A garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag, said hanger comprising a piece of substantially stiff wire having its ends wound around depressed portions in said frame and said depressed portions being adapted to maintain said hanger in its proper position on said frame, said hook support comprises a piece of relatively stiff material which is adapted to extend through an opening in the top wall of said bag and which is provided with a shoulder intermediate of its ends which is adapted to engage the material of said top wall on the sides of said opening through which said hook extends, and the bottom end of said hook support is fixedly attached to said hanger at the center thereof for properly supporting said bag when said hook support is engaged upon a supporting element.

7. A garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag, stop elements on said frame for limiting the outward pivoting of said frame arms, and said stop elements being adjustably mounted thereon for controlling the distance through which said frame arms will pivot when said fastening device is moved to the open position.

8. A garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag, stop elements on said frame for limiting the outward pivoting of said frame arms, and said stop elements being adjustably mounted thereon for controlling the distance through which said frame arms will pivot when said fastening device is moved to the open position, said stop elements being provided with a screw threadedly engaged therein and which is adapted to abut against the portion of the frame 13 to comprise the adjustable mounting of said stop elements.

9. A garment bag comprising a cloth bag having a flat top wall and an opening extending along a portion of said top wall and down one side of said bag, a fastening device for closing said opening, a frame for supporting a portion of said top wall extending from one end of the top wall towards the other end and past the center thereof and towards said opening, frame arms for supporting the other portions of said top wall and attached thereto on opposite sides of said opening and pivotally supported on said frame, means urging said frame arms apart to spread said opening, and a hanger for clothes within the top of said bag and connected with said frame and having a hook support extending from the top of said bag, stop elements on said frame for limiting the outward pivoting of said frame arms, and said stop elements being adjustably mounted thereon for controlling the distance through which said frame arms will pivot when said fastening device is moved to the open position, said stop elements having an upwardly extending portion adapted to engage within the circumference of said frame arms and against which said frame arms are adapted to abut for limiting the pivoting thereof.

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