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FIG. 1

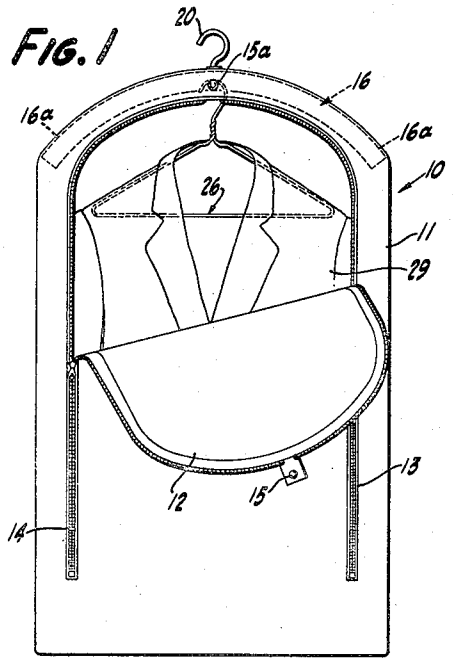
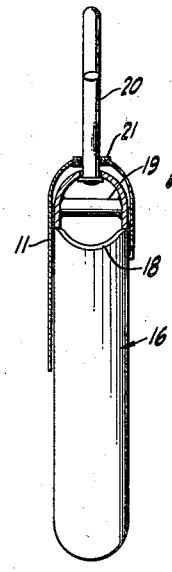


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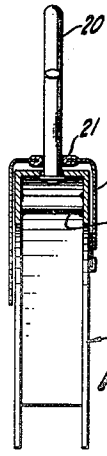


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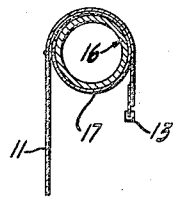


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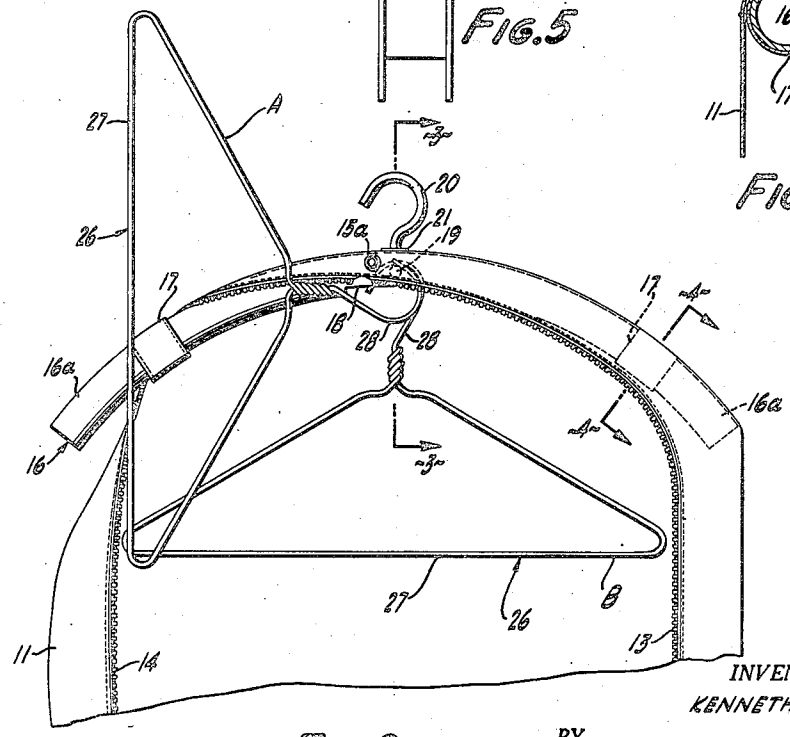


FIG. 2

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This invention relates to a garment bag of the type comprising a fabric bag or closure having a flap or opening and also having means therein for engaging the hook of a conventional garment hanger and supporting the same.

In garment bags of the type described, difficulty has been experienced in that the hanger is apt to become detached, thus causing the garment to drop to the bottom of the bag.

It is an object of the present invention to provide an improved form of garment bag.

It is a still further object of the invention to provide a garment bag which provides means for hanging a garment on a conventional garment hanger and which obviates the difficulty mentioned above, that is, the likelihood of the hanger becoming detached and the garment falling to the bottom of the bag.

It is a particular object of the present invention to provide a garment bag which obviates the disadvantage mentioned above, which is simple in construction, and which provides features ensuring that the garment is hung evenly and without likelihood of becoming wrinkled.

These and other objects of the invention will be apparent from the ensuing description and the appended claims.

One form which the invention may assume is exemplified in the following description and illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the garment bag of the invention with the flap partly opened and revealing a garment hanging therein.

Fig. 2 is a similar but fragmentary view on a larger scale and also showing the body of the garment bag folded back over the frame member to illustrate the manner in which the hangers are inserted and detached.

Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional views taken along the lines 3—3 and 4—4, respectively, of Fig. 2 showing details of the frame member.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to that of Fig. 3 but showing a modified form of frame member.

Referring now to the drawings, there is shown a garment bag 10 comprising a fabric body portion 11 which may, for example, be made of canvas and which has a flap 12 which is opened and closed by means of two opposing slide fasteners 13 and 14. A conventional snap fastener 15, 15a is also provided to secure the flap in closed position.

As illustrated, the body portion 11 is of generally rectangular shape and has a rounded upper portion, and it is preferably of a size to hold a garment such as a man's suit of clothes without

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waste space. To provide a rigid, form-sustaining support for the upper end of the body portion, and also to provide a means of suspending a conventional garment hanger, there is provided a rigid, tubular frame member 16 of circular curvature, the ends 16a of which provide shoulders for the garment bag. The body portion 11 is securely fastened to the frame member 16, by means of straps 17.

The frame member 16 is recessed at its mid-portion and underside as shown at 18, and within the recess there is provided a transverse shaft 19 which is rigidly secured to opposite sides of the tube 16 as by welding or other suitable means. A hook 20 secured to the frame member 16 and passing through an eye 21 formed in the body portion 11, is also provided for suspending the bag from a rack, bar or the like.

The shaft 19 is so disposed within the recess 18 that a conventional wire garment hanger 26 having a body portion 27 and a hook 28, can be engaged with the shaft 19 by folding one shoulder of the body portion over the frame member as shown in Fig. 2 and turning the hanger 26 90° from its normal position as shown at A, after which it is allowed to swing to its normal position as shown at B. Similarly, in detaching the hanger it must be turned 90° to position A, and unless so turned it cannot be detached. Thus, inadvertent or accidental detachment of a hanger is not possible.

In hanging a garment 29 on a hanger 26 and in removing it from the hanger, it is not necessary to turn the hanger as shown in Fig. 2, but it is merely necessary to pull the hanger outwardly on the shaft 19 so as to provide convenient access thereto. It will be apparent, however, that there is no possible means for the hanger 26 and a garment 29 to fall from the shaft 18 by inadvertence or accident.

Referring now to Fig. 5, there is shown a modified form of frame member 30 of circular curvature and having a shaft 19, but which, instead of being tubular and having a recess formed therein as shown in Figs. 1 to 4, is of channel section and is of circular curvature.

It will thus be seen that a garment bag has been provided which is of simple, compact construction and which provides a means of hanging garments, such as men's suits, in normal, unfolded position as they would be hung in a closet or wardrobe. The bag is of small dimensions and can be readily transported from place to place. It can be used to hang several garments at a time and, because of the frame member 16, it always retains a proper shape. Also, there is no

possibility of the hangers becoming detached accidentally and of the garments falling to the bottom of the bag.

While I have shown the preferred form of my invention, it is to be understood that various changes may be made in its construction by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A garment bag comprising a body portion adapted to receive and enclose a garment, a rigid tubular member disposed within and extending across the upper end of said body portion and having a recess formed therein at its mid-portion and underside, and a shaft secured to and disposed transversely of said tubular member within said recess, said shaft being so disposed as to receive and support the hook of a garment hanger but to allow disengagement thereof only by rotation of said hanger through approximately 90 degrees.

2. A garment bag comprising a body portion adapted to receive and enclose a garment, a rigid tubular member disposed within and extending across the upper end of said body portion and having a recess formed therein at its mid-portion and underside, means securing said body portion to said tubular member but allowing folding one side of said body portion backwardly and over the tubular member, and a shaft secured to and disposed transversely of said tubular member within said recess, said shaft being so disposed as to receive and support the hook of a garment hanger but to allow disengagement thereof only by rotation of said hanger through approximately 90 degrees.

3. A garment bag comprising a body portion adapted to receive and enclose a garment, a rigid tubular member disposed within and extending across the upper end of said body portion and having a recess formed therein at its mid-portion and underside, straps securing said body portion to said tubular member at points spaced inwardly a substantial distance from the ends of said tubular member, and a shaft secured to and disposed transversely of said tubular member within said recess, said shaft being so disposed as to receive and support the hook of a garment hanger but to allow disengagement thereof only by rotation of said hanger through approximately 90 degrees.

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