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SIZE DIVIDER FOR GARMENTS

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Fig. 1

Fig. 2

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This invention relates generally to a device for indicating garment sizes in clothing stores, and in particular the invention is directed to what is known as a size divider for indicating the size groups of garments on hangers and suspended from racks.

At present the size dividers which are in use are manufactured from cardboard or the like, and as a result, are not only destructible but soil easily and soon become unsightly.

The principal objects of this invention are the provision of a size divider which is indestructible, neat in appearance, readily attachable or detachable from the hanger engaging tube or rod of a rack, and secure when in place and not readily subject to accidental detachment.

A further object of the invention is to provide a size divider wherein the size indicating tags are removable and interchangeable.

A further object of the invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive device and yet one which will be exceedingly effective for the purpose for which it is designed.

These objects are accomplished by means of such structure and relative arrangement of parts as will fully appear by a perusal of the following specification and claims.

In the drawing similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device in use.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary side elevation of the device.

Referring now more particularly to the characters of reference on the drawing, the improved size divider comprises a pair of spring metal bars 1 and 2 respectively, which are substantially rectangular in cross section. These bars are of substantial length and the upper end portions 3 are secured together in face to face relation by means of spot welding or the like.

Immediately below such secured end portions, the bars diverge sharply for a short distance, as at 4, and then converge at an easy slope toward their lower ends as shown. The extreme lower end portions of the bars diverge, as at 5, to facilitate engagement of the bars with a rod R of a rack in the manner as will hereinafter appear. The bars, in effect, form a spring fork.

The secured portions 3 of the bars are disposed between and support a pair of spaced tag holders, each of which comprises a flat metal plate 6 formed on the front with facing lips or channels 7 which extend along the upper and lower edges thereof. These channels are closed at the ends as shown at 8. The holders are parallel to each other, and face in opposite directions; said holders being positioned on the bars so as to extend in a plane transversely of the rod to which the device is to be attached.

Size indicating tags 9, preferably flexible and resilient Celluloid or the like and of greater length than the distance between channels 7, are placed on each tag holder in outwardly bowed relation and with corresponding edges engage in the channels. The tags are thus removable and interchangeable.

In use, a size divider is engaged over rod R of a rack in the manner shown in Fig. 1; the rod being engaged by the diverging bar portions 4.

It will thus be seen that rods of different diameters may be engaged with equal facility. Also, as the bars 1 and 2 are of substantial length, their weight when the divider is in place is sufficient to balance the tag holders and maintain the divider upright at all times.

The divider is disposed between size groups of garments suspended from the rod on hangers, and each size tag corresponds to the garment size of the group which such tag faces. As the divider is vertical when in place, the size indicating tags project above the garments and thus can be read from some distance. The diverging lower end portions 5 of the bars make possible the ready initial engagement of a rod therebetween.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that there has been produced such a device as substantially fulfills the objects of the invention as set forth herein.

While this specification sets forth in detail the present and preferred construction of the device, still in practice such deviations from such detail may be resorted to as do not form a departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined by the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and useful and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. In the combination of a horizontal rod for garment hangers, and a size divider removably disposed on the rod, said size divider comprising a size indicia member disposed above and spaced from the rod; a pair of bars disposed in adjacent relation at their upper ends and connected on said member, the member being disposed in balanced relation relative to the upper ends of the bars, said bars diverging downwardly and outwardly from said member to points spaced apart greater than the diameter of the rod, these diverging portions of the bars engaging the rod tangentially at fulcrum points above
the plane of the horizontal axis of said rod, the bars depending substantially vertically from said spaced points and being of sufficient weight below said fulcrum points to counterbalance the weight of said member and those portions of the bars above said fulcrum points.

2. A device as in claim 1, in which the depending portions of the bars are relatively long to prevent accidental displacement of the bars from the rod.

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