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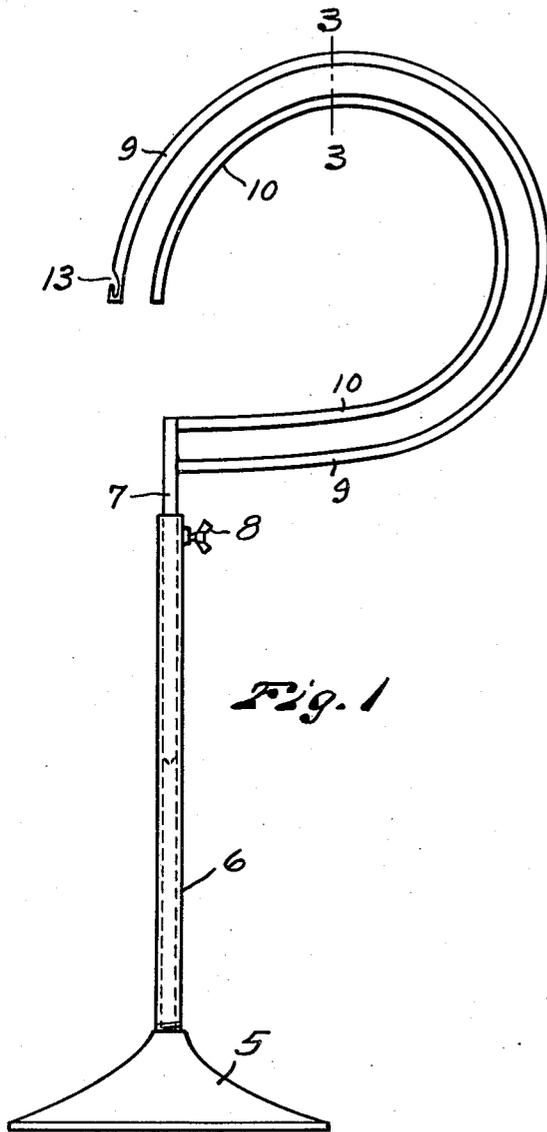


Fig. 1

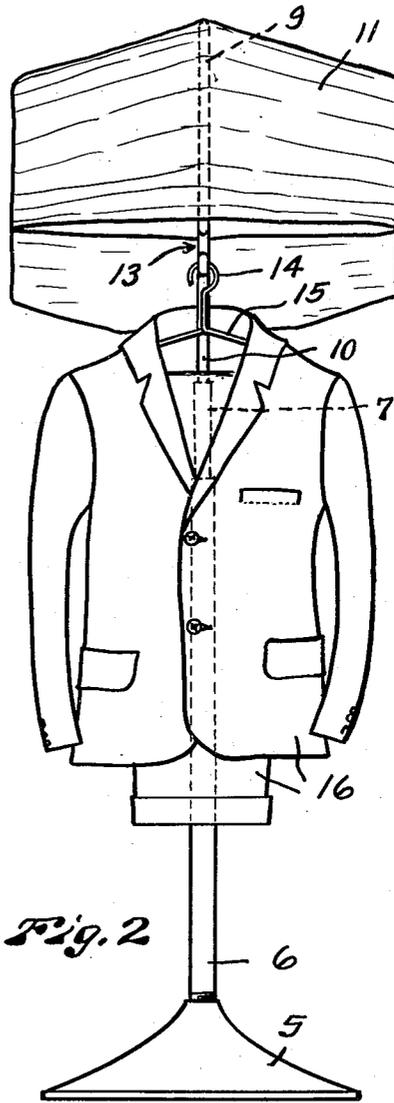


Fig. 2

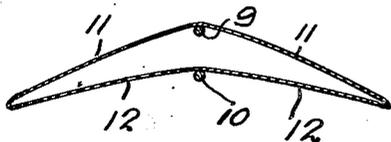


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to garment envelope applying devices for use by laundries, dry cleaning establishments and like places to facilitate placing large paper envelopes over garments which are supported on hangers.

A primary object of the invention is to provide a garment envelope applying device which will receive and support a garment envelope in such a position that the envelope may be quickly and easily drawn over a garment supported on a hanger which is suspended from the envelope applying device.

Another object is to provide a garment envelope applying device which occupies a minimum amount of space and which is portable and readily movable from place to place and which is adjustable in height for garments of different length or to suit different users and which is stable and not easily overbalanced by garments which are supported therefrom.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a garment envelope applying device which is simple and inexpensive in construction and efficient in operation.

Other and more specific objects will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a garment envelope applying device constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the same showing a garment suspended from the garment envelope applying device and showing a garment envelope supported on the garment envelope applying device preparatory to being drawn over a garment.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view substantially on a broken line 3—3 of Fig. 1 illustrating a garment envelope supported on the envelope applying device.

Like reference numerals designate like parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing 5 designates a base of sufficient weight, size and stability to support the device in an upright position. A tubular support 6 is secured to the base 5 and extends upwardly therefrom. A rod 7 is telescopically and adjustably disposed in the tubular support 6 and is held in adjusted positions by a screw 8. A garment envelope supporting portion in the general form of a hook shaped open loop is supported from the upper end portion of the rod 7. This garment envelope supporting portion is formed of an outer or larger envelope supporting member 9 and an inner or smaller envelope supporting member 10. The members 9 and 10 are

spaced apart far enough to admit one side of a garment envelope freely therebetween. The outer member 9 is adapted to support one side portion 11 of a garment envelope and the inner member 10 is adapted to support the other side portion 12 of said garment envelope, see Fig. 3, when a garment envelope is placed on said envelope supporting portion.

The lowermost forward end portion of the outer envelope supporting member 9 has a notch 13 provided therein for the reception of hook means 14 on the end of a garment hanger 15. In Fig. 2, I have shown a garment 16 on the garment hanger 15.

The notch 13 is positioned just far enough forwardly of the vertical axis of the device to permit a suspended garment to hang clear of the upright supporting means 6—7. This keeps the center of gravity of the suspended garment close to the vertical axis of the base 5 and insures stability and freedom from tipping.

In the use of this garment envelope applying device a garment envelope of the conventional type, open at the lower end and partially closed but having a centrally positioned opening at the upper end is passed upper end first over the outer envelope supporting member 9 with the inner side portion of the envelope inserted between the members 9 and 10 and resting on the lower member 10. The envelope is pushed onto the members 9 and 10 until the lower end thereof is above the notch 13. Long envelopes may extend around the members 9 and 10 substantially to the support 7. When thus supported the upper portion 11 of the envelope will rest upon the member 9 and the lower portion 12 of the envelope will rest upon the member 10 at the upper portion of the loop and the envelope will assume substantially the shape shown in cross section in Fig. 3. This double support, one for each side portion of the envelope makes it relatively easy to push the envelope onto the members 9 and 10 and causes the envelope to slide freely on said members 9 and 10. If the inner supporting member 10 is omitted the lower portion 12 of the envelope will sag down and wrinkle and the envelope will bind and is liable to be torn in pushing it onto and drawing it off of the supporting loop. The two members 9 and 10 support the envelope so that it will slide freely and may be pushed over and drawn off of the support in a minimum of time without danger of damaging the envelope.

The loop shaped members 9 and 10 occupy a minimum amount of space, as they are of a gen-

erally circular shape, and yet said members present no abrupt corners and provide an efficient envelope support.

After an envelope has been placed on the members 9 and 10 the hook 14 of a hanger 15 whereon a garment 16 is supported is hung in the notch 13. With the garment thus suspended the envelope is drawn forwardly and downwardly over the garment in a minimum amount of time and with a minimum amount of effort.

If it is desired to remove an envelope from a garment, as to exhibit a garment to a customer or to inspect the same, the garment with the envelope thereon may be hung on the member 9, the envelope pushed up over the members 9 and 10, the garment exposed to view for the desired period and the envelope then replaced on the garment without damage to the envelope and with a minimum of effort.

It will be understood that the size and shape of the various parts of this device may be varied. I have found it satisfactory to make the combined height of the base 5 and tubular support 6 about thirty-eight inches and to make the loop members 9 and 10 long enough to accommodate a five foot envelope. I do not however limit myself to these dimensions.

The application of garment envelopes to garments by hand and without any apparatus to facilitate the handling of the envelope takes considerable time and requires considerable labor. My envelope applying device, hereinbefore described, is simple in construction, not expensive to manufacture and saves a great deal of time and labor in the application of envelopes to gar-

ments in establishments where large numbers of garments are handled in envelopes.

The foregoing description and accompanying drawing clearly disclose a preferred embodiment of my invention but it will be understood that this disclosure is merely illustrative and that such changes in the device may be made as are within the scope and spirit of the following claim.

I claim:

A garment envelope applying device, comprising an upright support; an envelope receiving hook shaped loop adjustably connected with said support and supported thereby in a fixed position when the device is in use, said loop comprising two envelope supporting members of different size positioned one within the other in permanently spaced apart relation, the outermost envelope supporting member terminating in a downwardly directed end portion spaced from the innermost envelope supporting member and providing an opening at the front of the loop substantially above the support for receiving a garment envelope, the major portion of said loop being positioned at one side of the axis of said support and the downwardly directed end portion of the larger envelope supporting member of said loop being positioned on the opposite side of the axis of said support and adjacent said axis; and garment hanger engaging means provided on the downwardly directed end portion of said larger envelope supporting member, the weight of the loop helping to offset the weight of a garment when a garment is suspended from said garment hanger engaging means.

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