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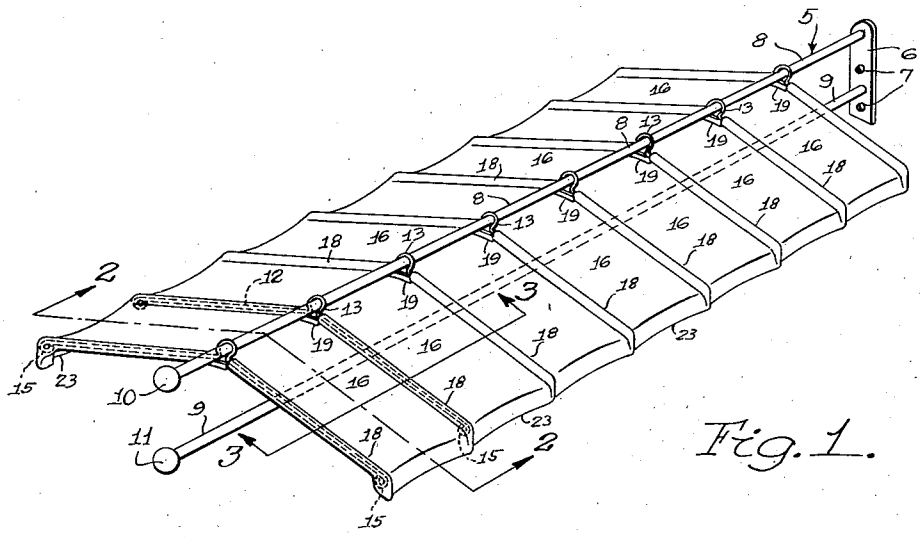


Fig. 1.

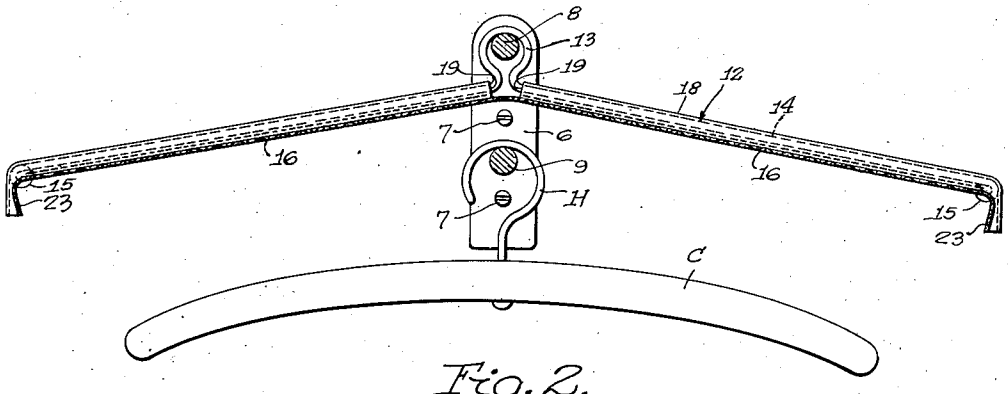


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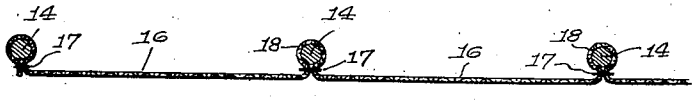


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The present invention relates to clothing protectors, and more particularly, to a canopy and folding cover to be positioned above clothing racks so as to protect the clothing from being soiled during their storage upon said rack.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a clothing protector or canopy which is adapted to be disposed above a clothing rack in such a manner as to be easily collapsed and extended over the clothing so as to protect the same against foreign matter such as dust and render the clothing easily accessible without the interference of the canopy with the clothing when being positioned on or removed from the clothing rack.

Another object of the invention is to provide a clothing protector which is simple in construction and easy to manipulate and which can be constructed of a small number of parts and may be adapted to clothing racks of various lengths.

Another object of the invention is to provide a clothing protector as set forth in the preceding objects which may be readily folded and removed from articles of clothing being placed upon or removed from the clothing rack and which is constructed in a unique manner to adapt the protector to a large number of racks without materially altering the length of said clothing protector.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent during the course of the following description of the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a clothing protector embodying the invention illustrating the same disposed above a clothing rack to protect the garments suspended therefrom;

Figure 2 is a transverse cross sectional view taken on the irregular line 2—2 of Figure 1 and looking in the direction of the arrows to illustrate various structural details of the clothing protector;

Figure 3 is a longitudinal cross sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1 looking in the direction of the arrows and further illustrating the various structural details of the canopy construction.

In the drawing, wherein for the purpose of illustrating the invention like reference characters will be employed to designate like parts throughout, the reference character 5 will generally be employed to indicate a rack including a wall bracket 6 having apertures 7 for receiving screws so that the bracket may be affixed to a vertical wall 6. The rack 5 also includes a pair of horizontal supporting rods 8 and 9 for supporting the clothing protector and a series of garment hangers. The free ends of the rods 8 and 9 are shown in the drawing as being provided with spherical members 10 and 11 to give a finished appearance or, if desired, the free ends of said bars 8 and 9 may have attached thereto a wall bracket similar to the bracket 6 to permit the rack 5 to be supported between opposed walls of a closet or cabinet.

The canopy or clothing protector includes a series of bars or supporting rods generally indicated by the reference character 12 and said bars are bent intermediate their ends to form a looped portion 13 with the major portion of the bars as at 14 forming arms which are directed outwardly from the looped portions 13 and bent so that they extend downwardly in angular relation one to the other. The free ends of the bars 14 are looped as at 15 to provide a finished edge and eliminate sharp or pointed corners liable to become entangled with articles of wearing apparel supported on the horizontal rack bar 9.

The series of canopy supporting rods 12 are adapted to be arranged on the horizontal bar 8 with the looped portion 13 thereof threaded on said bar to permit easy sliding therealong.

The bars are provided with a canopy cover 16 formed of fabric or other flexible material and said fabric is stitched as at 17 to provide a series of equidistantly spaced transversely extending loops 18 for receiving the arms 14 of the canopy supporting rod 12. The looped portions 18 are cut away along a central line as at 19 to permit the passage of the looped portions 13 of the rods 12 and allow said looped portions to project above said canopy so that the canopy will be suspended beneath the horizontal rod 8. It is intended to form the looped portions 18 of such a size as to permit the easy threading of the canopy rods 12 therethrough to thereby allow for removal of the rods when it is desired to clean the canopy or wash the same. It is noted that the loops 18 are also of a size to permit the free passage of the looped ends 15 of the rods when said rods are threaded in and out of said loop. When the rods 12 have been arranged in their assembled relation as shown in Figures 1 and 2, the looped portions 13 thereof may be received on the horizontal bar 8 so that the canopy may be folded toward one end of the rod when it is desired to place coat hangers or garment hangers upon the supporting rod 9.

The free edges of the canopy 16 may extend downwardly as at 23 to form slight side wall protection members for the garments suspended from the rod 9. The depending side portions 23 may

be of any length desired and said looped portions 18 may be slotted at their outer ends to permit the insertion and removal of the canopy supporting rod 14 as indicated in Figure 2. When the depending side portions 23 are formed relatively long they may extend downwardly on both sides of the garments supported on coat hangers as at C which hangers may be of the usual construction and generally provided with hooks H for being received on a horizontal bar or supporting member such as the bar 9.

In use, the garments are placed upon the usual coat hangers and suspended from the bar 9 by means of the hook H with the canopy 16 extending thereover as indicated in Figure 1. When it is desired to remove or replace the coat hangers and the garments with respect to the horizontal bar 9, the canopy 16 may be folded in accordion fashion by sliding along the bar 8 toward one end thereof so that the canopy will be completely removed from the path of the coat hangers and garments thereon suspended from the bar 9. The canopy is intended to be easily assembled and positioned on the bar 8 disposed above a conventional clothing rack with the side portions thereof extending over the shoulders of the garments suspended from the coat hangers C. When the canopy is extended as shown in Figure 1, the garments suspended from the coat hangers C will be fully protected against the collection of dust and other foreign matter and thereby prevent the soiling of the garments and eliminate the frequent cleaning thereof.

It is to be understood that the form of the invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred embodiment of the same and that various changes may be made in the shape, size and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

What I claim is:

1. A garment hanger and protector, comprising a bracket adapted to be affixed to a vertical supporting surface, a supporting bar carried by said bracket, a series of frame members slidably mounted on said bar and a flexible cover connecting said frame members in spaced apart relation to facilitate folding of said cover to selected positions along said bar.

2. A garment protector for being positioned above a garment hanger, comprising a horizontal supporting member adapted to be affixed to a vertical supporting surface, a series of frame members slidably mounted on the horizontal supporting member and arranged in spaced apart relation, and a flexible cover extending between said frame members and connected thereto whereby said flexible cover may be folded to a position at one end of said horizontal supporting member.

3. A garment protector for being positioned above a garment hanger, comprising a horizontal supporting member adapted to be affixed to a vertical supporting surface, a series of frame members having arm extensions slidably mounted on the horizontal supporting member and arranged in spaced apart relation, and a flexible cover extending between said frame members and connected thereto whereby said flexible cover may be folded to a position at one end of said horizontal supporting member, said flexible cover being provided with transversely extending looped portions for receiving said arm extensions.

4. A garment protector for being positioned above a garment hanger, comprising a horizontal supporting member adapted to be affixed to a vertical supporting surface, a series of frame members slidably mounted on the horizontal supporting member and arranged in spaced apart relation, and a flexible cover extending between said frame members and connected thereto whereby said flexible cover may be folded to a position at one end of said horizontal supporting member, said frame members being formed of wire members each bent at an intermediate portion thereof to provide a loop for being slidably received on said horizontal supporting member.

5. A canopy, comprising a horizontal supporting rod, a series of canopy frame members slidably mounted on said bar and a flexible cover secured to and connecting said frame members at spaced locations therealong.

6. A canopy and cover, comprising a horizontal supporting rod adapted to be fastened to a supporting surface, a series of frame members having looped central portions for being slidably received on said horizontal bar, and a flexible cover connecting said frame members at spaced apart locations therealong.

7. A canopy and cover, comprising a horizontal supporting rod adapted to be fastened to a supporting surface, a series of frame members having looped central portions for being slidably received on said horizontal bar, and a flexible cover connecting said frame members at spaced apart locations therealong, said frame members being provided with supporting arm portions inclined downwardly from the middle thereof.

8. A canopy and cover, comprising a horizontal supporting rod adapted to be fastened to a supporting surface, a series of frame members having looped central portions for being slidably received on said horizontal bar, and a flexible cover connecting said frame members at spaced apart locations therealong, said flexible cover being provided with a series of transversely extending passageways, said frame members being provided with downwardly inclined arm portions for being received in transversely extending passageways formed in the flexible cover.

9. A garment hanger and protector, comprising a horizontal supporting member adapted to receive a series of garment hangers, a series of frame members slidably mounted on said supporting member, said frame members each being formed of wire with an intermediate portion bent to form a loop for reception on said supporting member, and a flexible cover extending between the wire frame members and connected thereto.

10. A garment hanger and protector, comprising a horizontal supporting member adapted to receive a series of garment hangers, a series of frame members slidably mounted on said supporting member, said frame members each being formed of wire with an intermediate portion bent to form a loop for reception on said supporting member, and a flexible cover extending between the wire frame members and connected thereto, said flexible cover being stitched transversely of its length to provide a multiplicity of passageways for receiving said frame members.

11. A garment hanger and protector, comprising a horizontal supporting member adapted to receive a series of garment hangers, a series of frame members slidably mounted on said supporting member, said frame members each being formed of wire with an intermediate portion

bent to form a loop for reception on said supporting member, and a flexible cover extending between the wire frame members and connected thereto, said flexible cover being provided with a series of transversely extending passageways interrupted by laterally extending openings; for receiving the wire frame members with the loops thereof protruding through said openings formed in said passageways.

12. A garment hanger and protector, comprising a horizontal supporting rack adapted to receive a series of garment hangers, said rack including a suporting member, a series of frame members slidably mounted on said supporting member, said frame members each being formed of wire with an intermediate portion bent to form a loop for reception on said supporting member, and a flexible cover extending between the wire frame members and connected thereto, said flexible cover extending beyond the ends of said wire frame members and depending downwardly therefrom.

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