Nov. 20, 1934. B. J. SACHS 1,981,571

GARMENT PROTECTOR

Filed Sept. 18, 1933

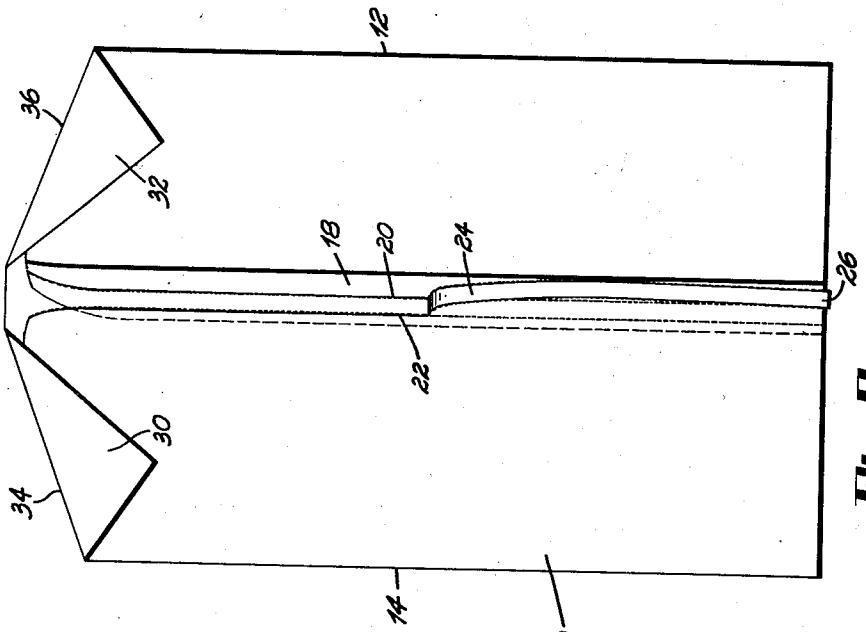


Fig. 2

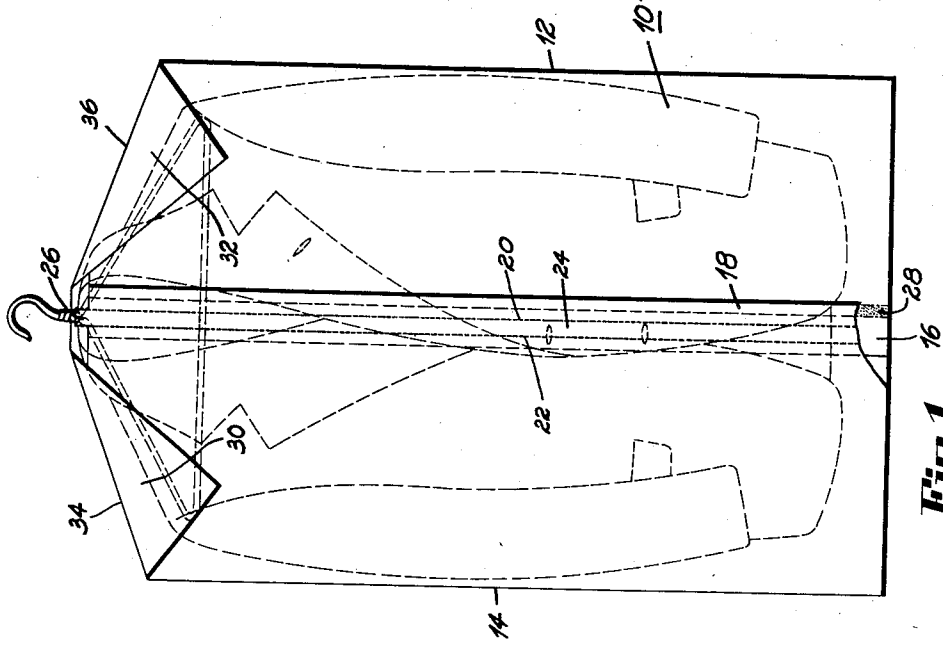


Fig. 1

INVENTOR
Benjamin J. Sachs
BY
Walker and Dubois
ATTORNEY

Patented Nov. 20, 1934 1,981,571

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

1,981,571

GARMENT PROTECTOR

Benjamin J. Sachs, Springfield, Ohio

Application September 18, 1933, Serial No. 689,853

9 Claims. (Cl. 206—7)

My invention relates to garment protectors and in more particular to an envelope or sack for the temporary protection of garments against dust, dirt, vermin, and the like. The invention pertains to sacks or envelopes such as are commonly used by garment pressers or dry cleaners for the delivery or storage of pressed or cleaned garments, which are suspended upon the conventional garment hanger.

The present form of garment protector comprises a reversely folded sack, the upper ends of which are inclined and secured together so as to form an envelope or sack which hangs over and encloses the pressed garments. The inclined ends insure a properly shaped shoulder to conform loosely to the shape of the enclosed garment. The stem or hook of the conventional garment hanger extends through the top, intermediate the opposite inclinations, extending from the interior of the envelope. The angle of the lateral inclination of the upper or shoulder portions of the envelope is divergent with the angle of the garment hanger so that such inclined shoulder portions are raised somewhat above the hanger, allowing ample room for the garment shoulders between the hanger and the interior top of the envelope. To facilitate the removal of the garment, the envelope is provided with vertical medial lines or perforations, affording weakened tear lines upon which the envelope may be opened. The envelope may be torn from the top to the bottom by pulling a tab integral with the material intermediate the tear lines. The lineal series of perforations is preferably provided in an overlapping portion of the envelope whereby an underlying flap is afforded which normally covers the perforations and prevents the entrance of dust or dirt therethrough.

The object of the invention is to simplify the structure as well as the means and mode of operation of garment protectors or envelopes whereby they will not only be cheapened in construction but will be more efficient in use, capable of being easily and quickly removed, adapted to be supported upon the hanger independently of the enclosed garment, and so shaped and arranged as to prevent mussing or wrinkling of the garment due to the pressure of the sack or envelope.

A further object of the invention is to provide a sack or envelope having a shoulder enclosing portion which is supported in elevated relation above the garment so that the garment sustains no weight or pressure of the sack or envelope.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment sack or envelope having a continuous side wall provided with a plurality of weakened tear lines upon which the sack may be severed from the top to the bottom to facilitate the removal of the garment without mussing or wrinkling the former.

A further object of the invention is to provide a protective sack or envelope having perforated tear lines protected by an underlying flap of material serving to close the perforations.

With the above primary and other incidental objects in view, as will more fully appear in the specification, the invention consists of the features of construction, the parts and combinations thereof, and the mode of operation, or their equivalents, as hereinafter described and set forth in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, wherein is shown the preferred but obviously not necessarily the only form of the embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved garment protector sack or envelope, forming the subject matter hereof, within which is shown, by dotted lines, the enclosed garment and garment hanger. Figure 2 is another perspective view of the envelope with the perforated strip partially torn.

Like parts are indicated by similar characters of reference throughout the several views.

Inverted sack-like envelopes for protecting garments are now more or less commonly used. It is also common to provide snaps for temporarily holding the bag in closed position as disclosed in patent to Kennedy, No. 1,452,644, or the patent to Gadomski, No. 1,363,726, or the patent to Holbrook, No. 1,651,706. Each of the bags disclosed in the above patents are of a more permanent nature and are not suited as an envelope to be given away by the dry cleaning establishment to their customers as the cost is prohibitive. It is also old to broadly use tear lines for removing a portion of the bag or envelope as disclosed by Wordingham, No. 1,666,434.

In the present embodiment of the protective envelope illustrated in the drawing, a strip of paper 10 is folded at 12 and 14 having overlapping edges 16 and 18, one of which is provided with a pair of perforations 20 and 22, between which is a removable strip 24 terminating in a tab 26. The edge 18, beyond the perforation 20, is cemented at 28 to the edge 16, leaving sufficient margin on the edge 16 so as to completely underlie the perforations 20 and 22. The corners 30 and 32 are folded about the inclines 34 and 36 and held in position by suitable cement or glue.

After the garment is inserted, it is enclosed

within a dust proof bag, having the perforations 20 and 22 closed by one edge 16. When it is desirable to remove the garment from the bag, the tab 26 is gripped, the material failing along the tear lines 20 and 22 so as to open the bag, as disclosed in Figure 2. When the bag is open along the tear lines from top to bottom, it may be removed from the garment without disturbing the garment and for that matter without removing the garment from its hanger.

From the above description it will be apparent that there is thus provided a device of the character described possessing the particular features of advantage before enumerated as desirable, but which obviously is susceptible of modification in its form, proportions, detail construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the principle involved or sacrificing any of its advantages.

While in order to comply with the statute, the invention has been described in language more or less specific as to structural features, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific features shown, but that the means and construction herein disclosed comprise the preferred form of several modes of putting the invention into effect, and the invention is therefore claimed in any of its forms or modifications within the legitimate and valid scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A garment protector comprising an envelope to be disposed about a garment suspended about a hanger, the upper end of said envelope being closed and having an opening at the apex for the suspension element of the hanger, front and rear walls for the envelope, one of said walls including a pair of overlapping flaps extending from top to bottom, the margin of one flap being cemented in spaced relation from the margin of the other flap, said flap having its margin cemented being provided with a pair of parallel tear lines located adjacent to its cemented margin and within the confines of the other edge which extends in overlapping relation with respect to the tear lines.

2. A garment protector comprising an envelope to be disposed about a garment suspended upon a hanger, the upper end of said envelope being closed and having an opening at its apex for the suspension element of the hanger, front and rear walls for the envelope, one of said walls including a pair of overlapping flaps, the margin of one being attached to the other flap in spaced relation from its edge, a pair of tear lines enclosing a strip of material terminating in a tab being provided in one of said flaps and overlapped by the free edge of the other, the pulling of said tab causing the material to fail along the tear lines thereby separating the two flaps to permit the removal of the garment without distortion.

3. A garment protector comprising an inverted sack-like envelope to be disposed about a garment suspended upon a hanger, including a closed upper end provided with an opening for the suspension element of the hanger, front and back walls for said envelope, one of which is provided with a pair of parallel tear lines extending from the top to the bottom upon which the envelope may be readily split to enable the removal of the garment by pulling the strip of material intermediate the tear lines so as to cause the material to fail along said lines.

4. A garment protector comprising an envelope to be disposed about a garment suspended upon a hanger, the upper end of said envelope being closed on lines divergent from a medial point and having an opening at the apex of the divergent closed top for the suspension element of the hanger, front and rear walls for the envelope, one of said walls having a pair of adjacent parallel weakened tear lines extending from the opening in the apex to the bottom of the bag so that as the portion intermediate the tear lines is pulled the bag fails along the tear lines so as to permit its removal from the garment.

5. A garment protector comprising an envelope to be disposed about a garment suspended upon a hanger, the upper end of said envelope being closed on lines divergent from a medial point and having an opening at the apex of the divergent closed top for the suspension element of the hanger, front and rear walls for the envelope, one of said walls having a pair of adjacent parallel weakened tear lines extending from the opening in the apex to the bottom of the bag so that as the portion intermediate the tear lines is pulled the bag fails along the tear lines so as to permit its removal from the garment, and a flap underlying the tear lines to protect the garment from dust and vermin.

6. An envelope including a pair of joined flaps, the edge of one of which is attached in spaced relation from the edge of the other, the flap having its edge attached being provided with a pair of tear lines along its attached edge enclosing a strip terminating in a tab, the free edge of the other flap overlapping the tear lines so as to hinder dust from entering the envelope, the pulling of the tab causing the material to fail along the tear lines to open the envelope.

7. A garment protector comprising an envelope to be disposed about a garment suspended upon a hanger, the upper end of said envelope being closed on lines divergent from a medial point and having an opening at the apex of the divergent closed top for the suspension element of the hanger, front and rear walls for the envelope having weakened tear lines extending from the opening at the apex downwardly toward the bottom, said tear lines being spaced so as to leave a strip of material therebetween terminating in a tab which when pulled causes the bag to fall along the tear lines so as to permit its removal from the garment.

8. A garment protector comprising an envelope to be disposed about a garment suspended upon a hanger, the upper part of the envelope being closed on lines divergent from a medial point and having an opening at the apex for the suspension element of the hanger, front and rear walls for the envelope, a pair of tear lines extending from the apex toward the bottom of the envelope for opening the same so that the envelope may be removed from the garment.

9. A garment protector comprising an envelope to be disposed about a garment suspended upon a hanger, the upper end of said envelope being closed except for an opening for the suspension element of the hanger, front and rear walls for the envelope, weakened tear lines extending outwardly from said opening along which the envelope may be opened so as to permit its removal from the garment suspended upon the hanger.

BENJAMIN J. SACHS.