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Fig. 1.

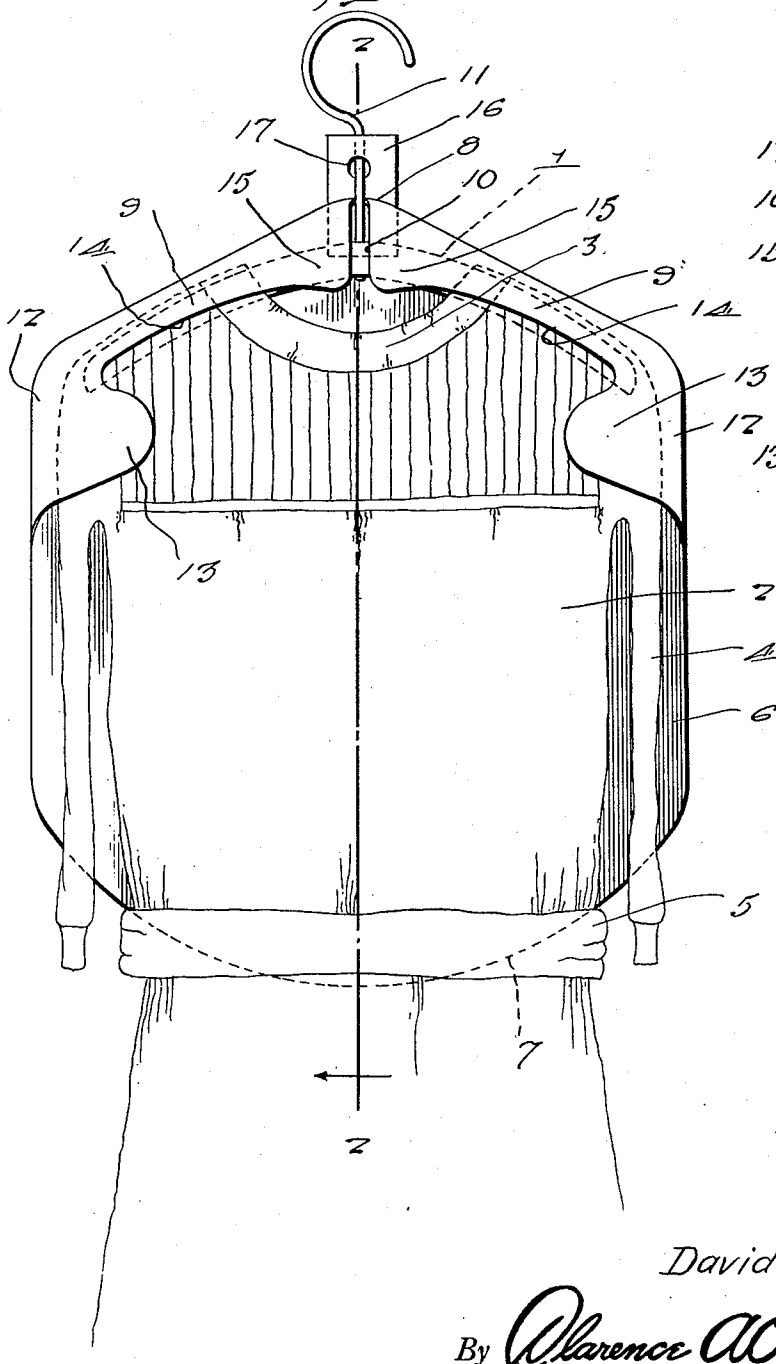
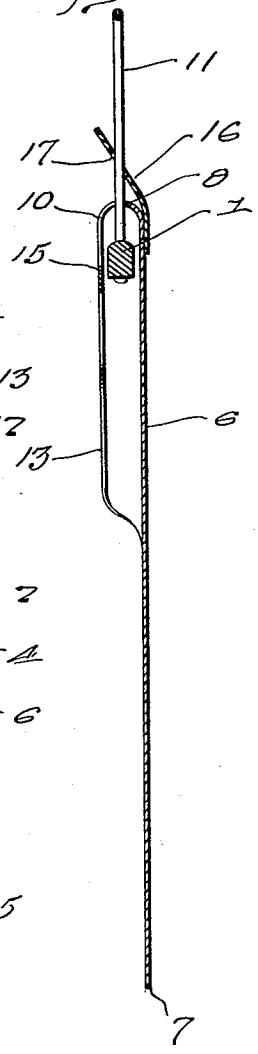


Fig. 2.



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Continuation of application Serial No. 93,279, filed March 8, 1926. This applicaton filed May 21, 1926. Serial No. 110,768.

This invention relates to improvements in garment protectors and particularly to a protector adapted for use in clothing stores and the like and is a continuation of application Serial No. 93,279, filed March 8, 1926.

An object of this invention resides in providing a garment protector having a special construction making it particularly adaptable for use in displaying garments on sale in department stores, clothing stores, and the like, and which while fully displaying the garment provides a means for separating garments in a rack and a means to prevent soiling of the garments through handling in that the protector is formed to provide portions overlying the garment where it is normally handled.

The invention further comprehends the provision of a single piece of material formed to provide a garment protector and separator in which the major portion of the sheet provides a separator for garments in a rack while the upper edge portion of the sheet is formed with an overturned upper end having a predetermined contour of special design which will permit the full display of the garment, and yet provide a protecting means to prevent soiling by handling during the display of the garment and removal and replacing on the rack.

The invention embodies numerous other objects residing in the details and the formation of the protector and separator as more particularly pointed out in the following description in detail and the claims directed to a preferred form of the invention, it being understood, however, that various changes may be made in the size, shape and formation thereof within the spirit and scope of this invention.

In the drawing forming a part of this application:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation showing the garment protector applied to a garment on a coat hanger,

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, in which the garment is omitted.

A coat hanger is indicated at 1, on which is supported the garment 2 in the usual manner having a neck portion at 3, the sleeves 4, and the waist portion indicated at 5. This illustrates the usual manner of placing a garment on a coat hanger for display and for hanging in a suitable rack with other garments.

The protector provided by this invention which also forms a separator includes an elongated sheet 6 formed of paper, cloth or other suitable material found desirable for the purpose, and of a size to extend beyond both sides of the garment and the sleeves when supported on the coat hanger, as illustrated in Fig. 1, and to further provide a lower end terminating at approximately the waist line of the garment as illustrated at 7 in Fig. 1. The lower end of this sheet is curved as shown in Fig. 1, throughout the lower end indicated by the numeral 7, while the upper end is tapered toward the center as indicated at 8 to conform substantially to the shape of the coat hanger.

The upper end portion of the sheet 6 is formed into a forwardly overturned portion as indicated at 9 which is bifurcated in the central portion at 10 to receive the wire hook member 11 on the coat hanger, and accommodate the same in the proper position of the protector and separator over the garment. This overturned portion of the sheet is extended entirely across the upper end and for a short distance along the opposite sides as indicated at 12 to provide the inwardly extending lips 13 having lower curved edges merging into the edges of the sheet 6 and the upper edges curved and merging into the edges of the portions 9. This overturned portion 9 is positioned to extend downwardly over the front of the coat hanger terminating slightly above the lower edge of the hanger as shown at 14 while in the central portion adjacent the bifurcation 10, the portion 9 is formed with projections extending farther downwardly as illustrated at 15.

A holding member 16 has one end suitably secured to the upper end of the sheet 6 in the central portion and the other end formed with an opening 17 adapted to receive the hook 11 of the coat hanger in order to attach the protector and separator to the coat hanger.

The lips 13 and 15 on the overturned portion provides grips by which the garment and the coat hanger may be handled for display purposes without the hands touching the garment, and in this way protect a garment on the coat hanger against damage

from moist or soiled hands which occasions a substantial annual loss on the part of stores, merchandising dresses and similar articles through the handling resulting from the display of these garments for sale. After a garment becomes soiled from handling during display which will happen in a very short time, it necessitates a reduction in price in order to sell the same to a customer, as the average person will not purchase a new garment and pay the price placed on the garment if the same is soiled as it is not in the best condition to be worn by the individual purchaser, but requires cleaning to remove the soil.

With this invention, the handling of garments is facilitated in addition to the above mentioned advantage preventing soiling from handling. This is due to the fact that the sheet 6 extending in the back of the garment separates one garment from the next while the portion extending over the coat hanger serves to permit a clerk or other person handling the garment to readily separate it from another. In addition, the sheet 6 in extending down to the waist line of the garment, prevents beads and other ornaments on one dress from scratching or otherwise becoming entangled with lace-work or other parts of an adjacent garment resulting in damage to either or both garments in the removal of the garment from the rack, or during the replacing thereof.

A further feature of the invention is that it permits of the display of the entire garment from the front without lifting up any of the parts of the protector as is clearly shown in Fig. 1, and the side of the sheet 6 disposed in back of the garment may be suitably colored or otherwise decorated when desirable in connection with the display of certain types of garments which will aid in the display thereof to a prospective purchaser.

It should thus be fully appreciated that a new and novel form of garment protector has been provided which also acts as a separator, at the same time permitting full display of the garment without removal of any portion of the protector.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:—

1. A combined garment protector and separator, comprising an elongated sheet adapted for positioning at one side only of a garment supported on a coat hanger and co-extensive with a substantial portion of said garment, the upper end of said sheet having an overturned portion extending over the hanger and only that portion of the garment immediately adjacent the hanger, and means at the upper end portion of the sheet for supporting said sheet on the hanger, said sheet separating the garment on said hanger from an adjacent garment in a clothes rack, and providing a background to display said garment when removed with the hanger from the rack.

2. A combined garment protector and separator, comprising an elongated sheet adapted for positioning at one side of a garment supported on a coat hanger and co-extensive with a substantial portion of said garment, said sheet having an upper overturned end portion extending over the hanger and terminating over the opposite side thereof over that portion of the garment immediately adjacent the hanger, said overturned ends having lips extending below the hanger over the garment to provide protective grips for handling the garment at predetermined points, said sheet forming a separator for the garment in a clothes rack and adapted to provide a background to display the garment when removed from the rack.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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