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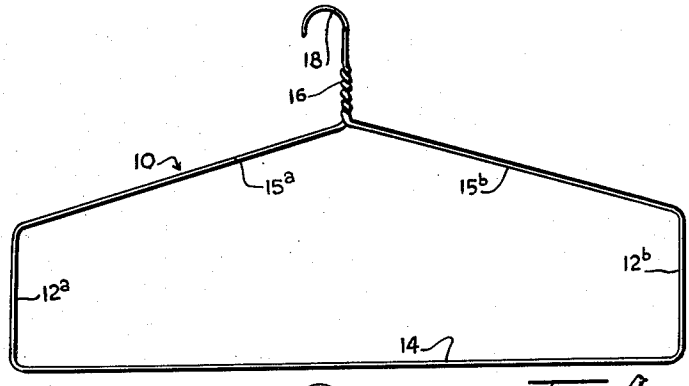


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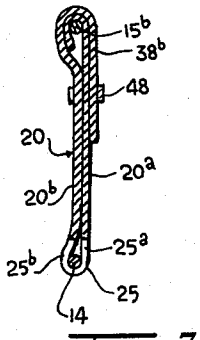


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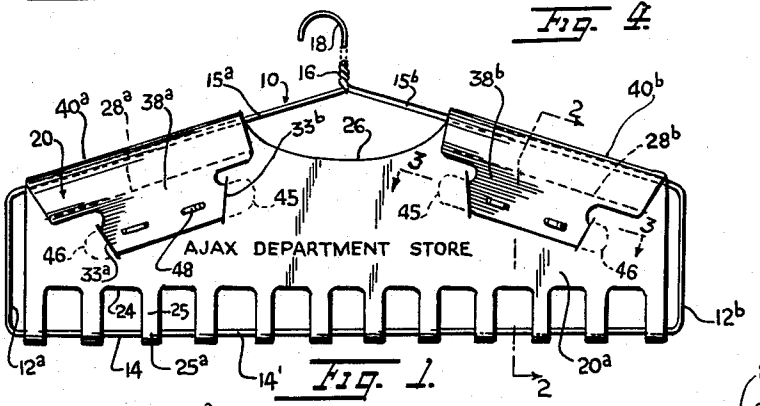


Fig. 1

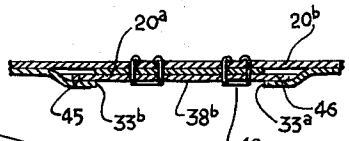


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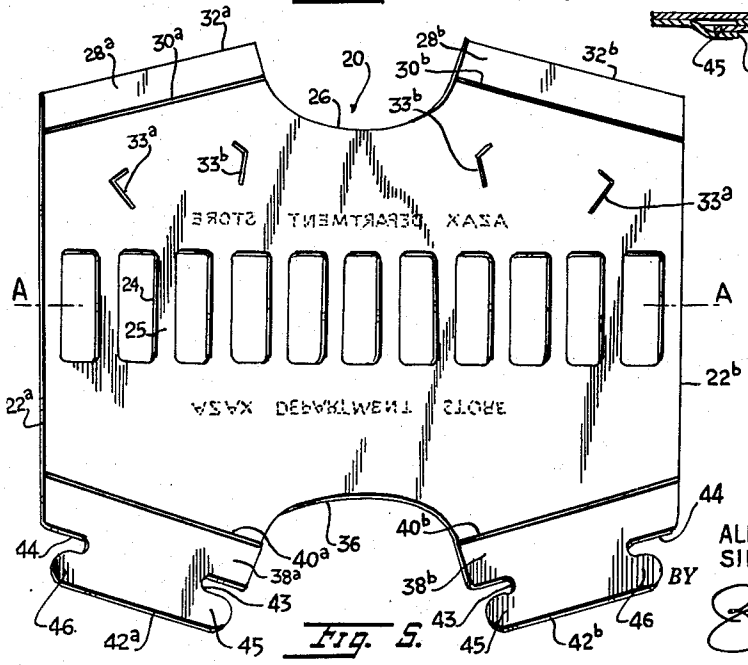


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to improvements in garment hangers and more particularly to an improved wire hanger and to a cover attachment for the wire hanger.

One object of the invention is to provide a cardboard cover or jacket for a wire hanger for hanging fur trimmings, belts, collars, scarfs, etc. and to keep garments such as coats, trousers, dresses, or other apparel out of contact with the wire, thereby preventing creases in the garments.

Another object is to provide an inexpensive cover for a wire hanger which cover can be formed from a single blank of cardboard which may be folded around the wire hanger to enclose the same with the wire hook of the hanger projecting from the hanger, the cardboard blank having interlocking flaps and slits to hold the cover on the hanger.

A further object is to provide a cardboard cover for a wire hanger which defines a plurality of slots or stalls with a crossbar of the hanger for supporting belts, ties, stockings, etc., in spaced disposition along the crossbar.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

FIG. 1 is a side elevational view of a covered hanger embodying the invention.

FIG. 2 and FIG. 3 are sectional views taken on lines 2—2 and 3—3, respectively, of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a side elevational view of the wire hanger per se.

FIG. 5 is an oblique plan view of the cardboard blank in flat unfolded condition.

Referring to the drawings, there is shown in FIGS. 1–4 a wire hanger **10** formed from a single piece of stiff metal wire. The hanger has a generally trapezoidal frame with straight parallel lateral side bars **12a**, **12b** joined by an integral straight bottom crossbar **14** extending perpendicularly to the side bars. The hanger has upper arms **15a**, **15b** extending at obtuse angles to each other and to upper ends of side bars **12a**, **12b**, respectively. The arms **15a**, **15b** are twisted together at their inner ends at the apex of the frame to form a helical joint **16** and hook **18** extends upwardly of the joint in the plane of the hanger.

The hanger cover **20** is shown as a flat blank in FIG. 5. This blank is generally rectangular in form with straight opposite lateral edges **22a**, **22b**. A plurality of rectangular slots **24** are formed in the body of the blank. The slots are spaced apart by narrow connecting strips **25** extending parallel to the side edges. At the upper edge of the blank is an inwardly or downwardly curved section **26** centrally located between opposite edges of the blank. Two diverging inclined substantially rectangular flaps **28a**, **28b** are defined by scored lines **30a**, **30b** extending parallel to upper inclined edges **32a**, **32b**. Two slits **33a**, **33b** are located below each of the flaps. At its bottom edge, the blank has an upwardly or inwardly curved central section **36** opposing curved section **26**. Two diverging inclined flaps **38a**, **38b** are defined by scored lines **40a**, **40b** at opposite ends of central section **36**. Lines **40a**, **40b**

extend parallel to inclined straight edges **42a**, **42b** at the bottom edge of the blank. The flaps **38a** and **38b** have inner opposing notches **43** and outer notches **44** defining tongues or tabs **45**, **46** extending in opposite directions. The blank can be folded along the scored lines **30a**, **30b**, **40a**, **40b** and along a central transverse line A—A as indicated in FIG. 5.

FIGS. 1–3 show the cover **20** in folded condition around the hanger **10**. Curved edge section **26** registers with edge section **36**. Flaps **28a**, **28b** are folded rearwardly as viewed in FIG. 1 over the hanger arms **15a**, **15b**, respectively. Flaps **38a**, **38b** are folded forwardly on lines **40a**, **40b** over the body of the blank and the tongues **45**, **46** are engaged in slots **33a**, **33b**, respectively. Each of the strips **25** is folded in half and defines a flap loop around the crossbar **14**. The half sections **25a**, **25b** of the strips oppose each other and define separating partitions for stalls in which ties, fur trimmings, belts, collars, scarfs, etc. and other long narrow articles of apparel can be supported on the horizontal portions **14'** of the crossbar **14** extending between the loops of the folded strips.

The cover can be readily removed from the hanger by disengaging the tongues or tabs **45**, **46** from the slits **33a**, **33b**. If permanent attachment of the cover is desired, staples **48** can be applied to each end of the hanger assembly to secure the flaps **38a**, **38b** to adjacent side portion **20** and opposite side portion **20b** of the blank. Hook **18** and joint **16** extend upwardly of registering edge sections **26**, **36** at the vertical, central line of symmetry of the hanger body and cover.

The hanger assembly of wire hanger and cover can be quickly assembled together and stapled if desired by relatively unskilled workers. The several parts are manufactured at low cost by well known wire forming and cardboard cutting apparatus.

Instead of metal wire, the hanger can be made of plastic wire and the cover can be made of plastic sheet material instead of cardboard. If desired, suitable advertising indicia **50** can be applied to the blank. The indicia will be exposed at outer sides of the opposing side portions **20a**, **20b** of the cover.

While we have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of our invention, it is to be understood that we do not limit ourselves to the precise construction herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A hanger assembly, comprising, in combination, a wire garment hanger having a generally trapezoidal frame formed by two straight parallel side bars, a straight crossbar extending between and perpendicular to the side bars, and a pair of arms extending at obtuse angles to the side bars, said arms being twisted together at the apex of the frame forming a helical joint, and a hook extending upwardly of the joint in the plane of the frame; and a cardboard cover including a pair of flat generally trapezoidal wall portions opposing each other and enclosing said frame therebetween, said wall portions having matching recesses forming an opening said joint and hook extending outwardly of the cover through said opening, one of said wall portions having flaps folded over the respective arms of the hanger, the other of said wall portions having other flaps folded over the arms of the hanger and juxtaposing said one wall portion, and means securing said other flaps at said one wall portion, said cover having a central portion formed with a series of elongated closed slots spaced by narrow strips, said cover being folded at

the centers of the strips so that the strips define loops engaging around said crossbar, said slots and crossbar defining a multiplicity of stalls for supporting a variety of elongated articles of apparel on sections of the crossbar between the strips.

2. A blank for forming a hanger cover, said blank comprising a pliable sheet having a generally rectangular shape with straight parallel ends, corner portions of said sheet extending outwardly of opposite long side edges of the sheet and defining flaps for folding over arms of the hanger, said sheet having a plurality of generally rectangular elongated closed slots across the sheet, said slots being separated by narrow, parallel integral strips adapted to form loops around a crossbar of a hanger when the sheet is folded around a hanger, the opposing long side edges of the sheet having inwardly curved central recesses which

register with each other when the sheet is folded to define an opening for extension of a hanger hook and arm joint therethrough, said sheet having pairs of slits adjacent one long side edge on opposite sides of the recess therein for receiving and interlocking said flaps.

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