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SHIELD ATTACHMENT FOR GARMENT HANGERS

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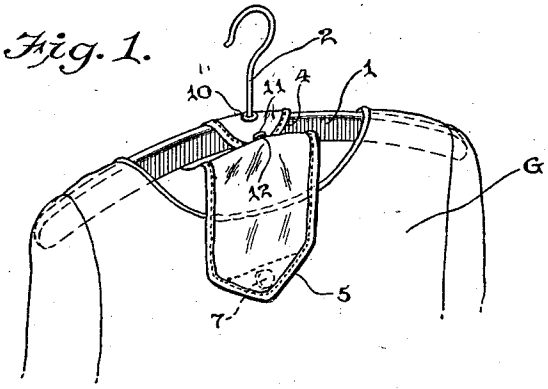


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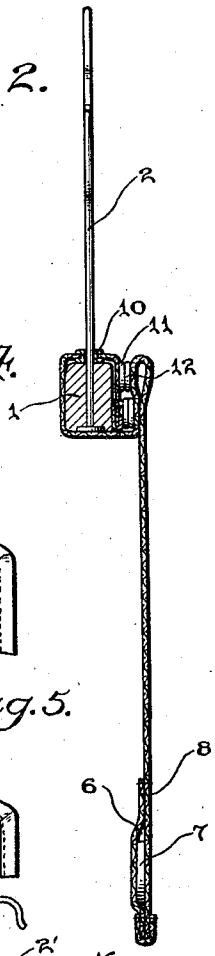


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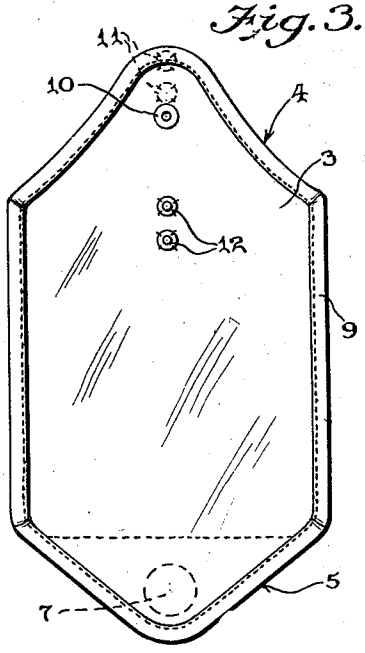


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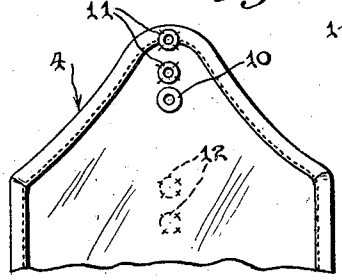


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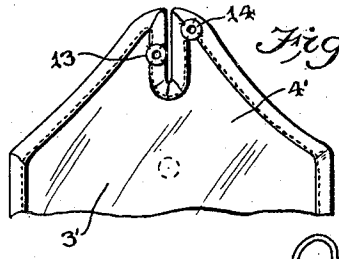


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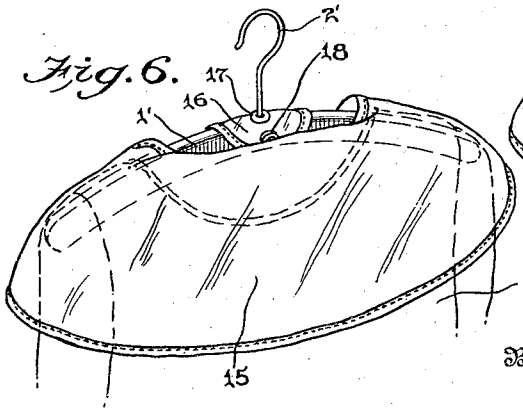
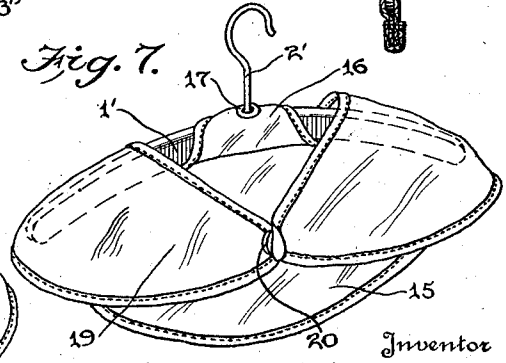


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This invention relates to improvements in attachments for garment hangers, having for an object to provide a device especially advantageous and practical for attachment to a garment hanger of usual construction or design, without modification thereof, whereby to protect a garment arranged thereon from soiling during the handling of the same and yet, not interfere with an effectual display of such garment.

In the merchandising of various garments, such as dresses and the like, made of light and perishable materials, it frequently occurs that portions of the same are soiled by finger markings during the arranging or rearranging of the same upon racks employed to hang such garments upon, hence, in some instances, detracting from the original sale value thereof or if not this, then necessitating the cleaning of the soiled portions of the garment. By the use of my novel attachment upon a garment hanger, a shield is afforded that part of the garment usually engaged by the fingers of a sales clerk or other person during the removal, replacement or adjustment of the garment from, to and upon a supporting rack, thus, preventing the fingers from having direct contact with an exposed portion of the garment and therefore, avoiding soiling of the same.

Other objects of the invention will be in part obvious and in part pointed out hereinafter.

In order that the invention and its mode of operation may be readily understood by persons skilled in the art, I have in the accompanying illustrative drawings, and in the detailed following description based thereon, set out several possible embodiments of the same.

In these drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment hanger equipped with the improved attachment and showing the arrangement of the free portion of the shield with respect to an exposed part of a garment suspended from the hanger;

Figure 2 is an enlarged transverse section through a garment hanger equipped with the invention;

Figure 3 is a detail in plan of the improved attachment;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary detail in plan of the reverse and garment hanger attaching portion of the invention;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary detail in plan of a slightly different form of attaching means for the invention;

Figure 6 is a perspective of a slightly modified form of the invention, and

Figure 7 is a similar view of the opposite side of the modified form of the invention.

Having more particular reference to the drawings, in connection with which like characters of reference will designate corresponding parts throughout, and referring in particular, to that form of the invention illustrated in the Figures 1 to 4 inclusive, the invention may be stated to be especially adapted for use in connection with garment hangers of the now prevalent construction or design, though for purposes of illustration in this particular adaptation of the invention, I have shown the same as applied to the usual curved bar type of hanger, such hanger being indicated in its entirety by the numeral 1 and having the intermediate portion thereof provided with the usual hanger hook 2 for an obvious purpose.

The invention per se, consists of a body or piece of material of preferably flexible characteristics, designated by the numeral 3, one end portion of said body being reduced as indicated by the numeral 4 while the opposite end thereof, is similarly reduced, as indicated by the numeral 5; a pocket 6 being preferably formed in the reduced portion 5 and receiving therein, a weighted element 7. The pocket 6, subsequently to introduction of the weighted element 7 thereinto, is preferably closed by a row of stitching 8, whereby to prevent displacement of said element 7. Also, for purposes of imparting a nicety of finished appearance to the body 3, the edges thereof may be, if desired, provided with a facing or edging such as is indicated herein by the numeral 9.

To facilitate engagement of one end portion of the body 3 with the hanger 1, I engage in an intermediate portion of the re-

duced part 4 thereof, an eyelet designated by the numeral 10, this eyelet being adapted to receive the hanger hook 2 therethrough, after the fashion as is shown in the Figures 1 and 2, while to effect proper arrangement or disposition of the remaining and free portion of said body with respect to a garment G arranged upon the hanger 1, there are secured to the extremity of said reduced portion 4, a plurality of relatively spaced and longitudinally disposed socket elements 11 of separable fasteners, the complemental or stud elements of said fasteners being secured to the body 3 inwardly of the elements 11 and being indicated by the numeral 12. Herein, it is to be noted that the elements 11 of the separable fastening devices are secured to one side or face of the reduced portion 4 of the body 3, while the remaining elements 12 are secured to the opposite side or face of said body 3 and are in longitudinal alinement with respect thereto. Thus, with engagement of the eyelet 10 over the hanger hook 2, the free or remaining portion of the body 3 is arranged about the hanger bar in a manner to permit of interengagement between the separable fastener elements 11 and 12 in the manner as is shown in the Figures 1 and 2. By this mode of arrangement of the free portion of the body 3, it will be understood that the same will depend from the hanger bar 1 and will be arranged in a perpendicular plane approximately corresponding to the adjacent side or face of the hanger bar 1; that because of the weighted element 7 in the pocket 6 of the depending portion of the body 3, said free portion of the body will be prevented from curling upwardly or being displaced with respect to an adjacent portion of the garment G during continued use of the invention.

In the Figure 5, I have shown a slightly modified form of the attachment, wherein the reduced portion 4′ of the body 3′ is formed at its extreme end with a longitudinally disposed slit 13. Separable fastener elements 14 are arranged upon the adjacent portion of the reduced part 4′ at the end of the slit 13 and with engagement of the hanger hook in said slit, these separable fastener elements are adapted to be interengaged and thus, will serve to effect a detachable connection of the device to the garment hanger. This mode of attaching the device to the garment hanger, obviously, will dispense with the need of the eyelet 10 shown in connection with that embodiment of the invention illustrated in the Figures 1 to 4 inclusive.

In using the character or form of invention illustrated in the immediately preceding figures, it will be understood that when the garment G is arranged upon the hanger bar, the free and normally depending portion of the body 3 is permitted to overhang or to overlie the outer side of a portion of said garment in the fashion as is shown in the Figure 1 and in so doing, will provide an effectual shield for said garment, enabling the sales clerk or other person handling the garment to remove, replace or adjust the same upon a receiving rack without having his fingers come in contact with the garment, in that the fingers of the person's hand engage directly with the depending and overhanging portion of the body 3 arranged over a part of the exposed portion of the garment, while others of the fingers of said user's hand may engage with an inner side portion or unexposed portion of the garment. Herein, it will be noted that because of the weighted free end of the body 3, the shield portion of the same will be caused to normally remain in its shielding or overlying position with respect to a garment arranged upon a hanger provided with the invention and consequently upon this, such invention will at all times remain in proper and operative position.

Should it become desirable to remove the body 3 from the hanger, this may be readily done by disengaging the separable fastener elements 11 and 12 and then disengaging the reduced portion 4 or 4′ of the body from the hanger hook 2. In this way, it will be understood that fresh or clean garment shield attachments may be supplied to garment hangers and thus, prevent soiling of garments arranged thereupon due to the contact of soiled shields with the same.

In the Figures 6 and 7, I have shown another modified form of the invention, wherein the flexible body portion consists of a piece of material indicated by the numeral 15, an intermediate marginal portion of said body 15 being formed with a tongue-like extension or tab 16 having an eyelet 17 engaged therein and adapted to receive the hanger hook 2 therethrough, while interengageable separable fastener elements 18 are secured to portions of the tongue 16 and when interengaged, will serve to effect a positive connection of said body to the bar of the garment hanger 1′.

Wing-like extensions 19 are formed upon the opposite side portions of the body 15 and these extensions permit the body to be arranged in cape-like fashion about a garment G′ arranged upon the garment hanger; the free extremities of the wing-like extensions 19 being provided with separable fastener elements 20, adapted to be interengaged, whereby to effect connection between said extensions and to complete the cape-like shield effect thereof about the entire upper or shoulder portion of the garment G′.

As will be understood, the type or specie of the embodiment of the invention as illustrated in the Figures 6 and 7 may be, if desired, readily removed from the hanger 1′ merely by disengaging the separable fastener elements 18 and then removing the eyelet 7 from the

hanger hook 2′, whereupon a fresh or clean shield may be substituted.

Manifestly, the construction shown is capable of considerable modification, and such modification as is within the scope of my claims I consider within the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. In combination with a garment hanger, a garment protecting shield having one end portion engaged with the hanger hook of the garment hanger, the extremity of said end portion being extended adjacent one side of the garment hanger for a distance beyond its point of engagement with the hanger hook, the intermediate portion of said shield extending about the adjacent portions of the garment hanger and attached to the extended extremity of the end portion of the shield, and the remaining and free end portion of the shield depending from the point of attachment of the intermediate portion of the shield to the extended end portion of the same and adapted to be arranged over an exposed portion of a garment positioned in said hanger.

2. In combination with a garment hanger, a garment protecting shield having one end portion engaged with the hanger hook of the garment hanger, the extremity of said end portion being extended adjacent one side of the garment hanger for a distance beyond its point of engagement with the hanger hook, the intermediate portion of said shield extending about the adjacent portions of the garment hanger and over the extended extremity of said end portion of the shield, means establishing detachable connection between said intermediate portion and extended extremity of said end portion of the shield, and the remaining and free end portion of the shield depending from the point of connection between the intermediate portion of the shield and the extended end portion of the same, and adapted to be arranged over an exposed portion of a garment positioned on said hanger.

3. In combination with a garment hanger a garment protecting shield having one end portion provided with an eyelet for engagement with the hanger hook of the garment hanger, the entremity of said end portion being extended adjacent one side of the garment hanger for a distance beyond its eyelet for engagement with the hanger hook, the intermediate portion of said shield extending about the adjacent portions of the garment hanger and attached to the extended extremity of said end portion of the shield, and the remaining and free end portion of the shield depending from the point of attachment of the intermediate portion of the shield to the extended end portion of the same and adapted to be arranged over an exposed portion of a garment positioned on said hanger.

4. In combination with a garment hanger, a garment protecting shield having one end portion slitted for engagement with the hanger hook of a garment hanger, the slit in said end portion of the shield being deep enough to allow the extremity of the latter to extend adjacent one side of the hanger for a distance beyond its point of engagement with the hanger hook, the intermediate portion of said shield extending about the adjacent portions of the garment hanger and attached to the extended extremity of said end portion of the shield, and the remaining free end portion of the shield depending from the point of attachment of the intermediate portion of the shield to the extended end portion of the same and adapted to be arranged over an exposed portion of a garment positioned on said hanger.

5. In combination with a garment hanger, a garment protecting shield having one end portion engaged with the hanger hook of the garment hanger, the extremity of said end portion being extended adjacent one side of the garment hanger for a distance beyond its point of engagement with the hanger hook, the intermediate portion of said shield extending about the adjacent portions of the garment hanger and attached to the extended extremity of said end portion of the shield, the remaining and free end portion of the shield depending from the point of attachment of the intermediate portion of the shield to the extended end portion of the same and adapted to be arranged over an exposed portion of a garment positioned on said hanger, and wing-like extensions formed upon the opposite sides of said shield imparting a cape-like effect thereto.

6. In combination with a garment hanger, a garment protecting shield having one end portion engaged with the hanger hook of the garment hanger, the extremity of said end portion being extended adjacent one side of the garment hanger for a distance beyond its point of engagement with the hanger hook, the intermediate portion of said shield extending about the adjacent portions of the garment hanger and attached to the extended extremity of said end portion of the shield, the remaining and free end portion of the shield depending from the point of attachment of the intermediate portion of the shield to the extended end portion of the same and adapted to be arranged over an exposed portion of a garment positioned on said hanger, wing-like extensions formed upon the opposite sides of said shield imparting a cape-like effect thereto, and means between the adjacent parts of said wing-like extensions establishing detachable connection therebetween.

7. In combination with a garment hanger, a garment protecting shield consisting of an elongated body of flexible material, one end portion of said body engaging the hanger hook of the garment hanger, the extremity

of said end portion being extended adjacent one side of the garment hanger for a distance beyond its point of engagement with the hanger hook, the intermediate portion of said elongated body extending about the adjacent portions of the garment hook and attached to the extended extremity of said end portion of the elongated body, and the remaining and free end portion of the elongated body depending from the point of attachment of the intermediate portion of the elongated body to the extended end portion of the same and being weighted and adapted to be arranged over an exposed portion of a garment positioned on said hanger.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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