

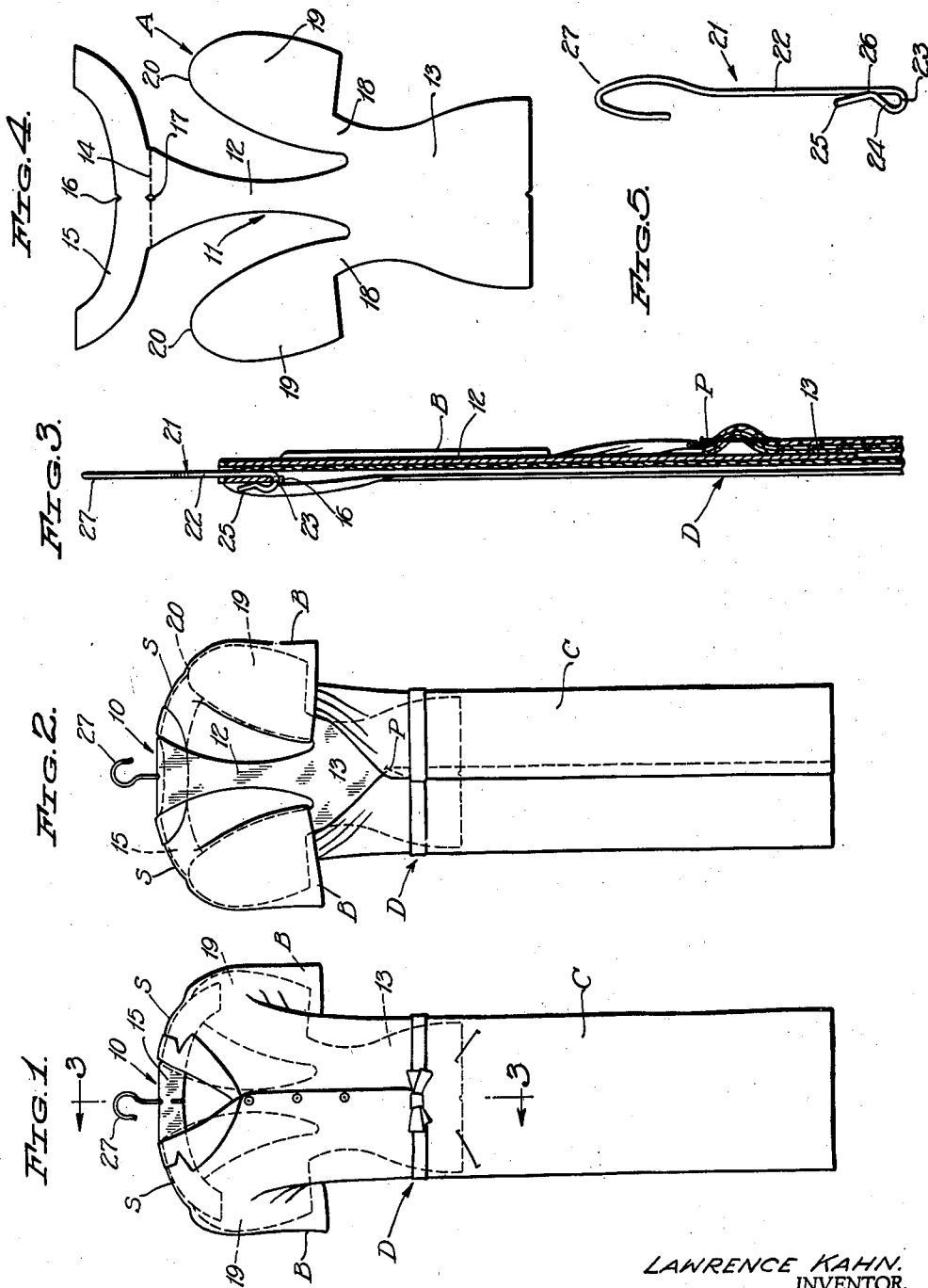
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This invention relates to a combined dress form and hanger.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a combined dress form and hanger for use by the manufacturers of ladies' and children's dresses which will eliminate the tedious labor of pinning folded parts of a dress in a manner to preserve the "freshness" of the garment during packing and shipping, and which facilitates the hanging of the garment for display by the proprietor of a retail dress shop or department store.

Another feature of the invention resides in a combined dress form and hanger on which sleeves and skirt portions of the dress may be held draped in a neat natural fashion and the same hung to enable a prospective buyer to readily appreciate the style design of the garment.

A further feature of the invention is the provision of a combined dress form and hanger including a cardboard body on which the dress is draped and hung, there being a metal hanger hook detachably associated with the cardboard body which may be separated therefrom during shipment of the dress for weight and space saving purposes, the shop or storekeeper being kept supplied with the metal hooks to apply to the form and hanger body as the dresses are unpacked from their shipping container.

A further feature of the invention is the provision of an inexpensive dress form and hanger which may be given to the purchaser of a dress by the store to preserve the same, and which form and hanger may also be used by laundries and dress cleaning establishments for use when returning a laundered or dry cleaned dress to a customer.

Other novel features and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the following specification is read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the combined dress form and hanger with a dress supported thereon.

Figure 2 is an elevational view looking at the rear of Figure 1, with parts broken away in section.

Figure 3 is an enlarged detail vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the flattened cardboard blank from which the form and hanger body is constructed.

Figure 5 is a detail perspective view of the hanger hook element.

Referring to the drawing by reference characters, the numeral 10 designates the combined dress form and hanger in its entirety, and by referring to Figure 4, it will be seen that the combined article includes a single blank A of cardboard which is die cut to the shape shown and to be presently described. The blank A comprises an elongated body portion 11 consisting of an upper shank portion 12 and an integral lower waist form portion 13 which is wider than the shank portion and has its side edges curved to resemble the natural shapely lines of a feminine waist. Integral with the top of the shank portion 12 and connected thereto along a transverse hinge score 14 is an arcuate hanger 15 which is folded forwardly on the hinge score to provide a dress hanger on which the shoulders of a dress may be supported. The free edges of the hanger 15 midway between its ends is provided with a notch 16 which is in alignment with an opening 17 disposed at the hinge score 14.

Integral with the body portion 11 and connected to opposite sides thereof by neck portions 18—18 are sleeve form members 19—19 having curved top edges 20. The sleeve form members extend outwardly from opposite sides of the body and the top portions of the same lap the ends of the hanger 15 when the hanger is folded down on the hinge score 14.

For supporting the dress form and hanger upon a rod, hook, or other support, I provide a metal supporting hook member 21 which comprises a shank 22 having a lower upturned hook 23. The hook 23 has a resilient inwardly extending bill 24 terminating in an angular outwardly extending terminal portion 25. The bend between the bill 24 and the terminal portion 25 constitutes a clamping jaw 26 which is normally disposed in relatively close proximity to the adjacent portion of the shank 22. The upper end of the shank 22 is bent into a supporting hook 27. After the hanger portion 15 is folded down on the hinge score 14 the lower hook 23 of the hook member is inserted through the opening 17 and the said hook is engaged with the notch 16, the jaw 26 being forced outwardly due to the thickness of the hanger material whereby the jaw and adjacent portion of the shank 22 coact to grip the material and prevent accidental separation of the hook member 21 from the body of the dress form and hanger. The supporting hook 27 extends above the folded edge of the hanger and by which the article may be carried and supported upon a rod, hook, or other support in a hung position.

In practice, the folded down hanger 15 is inserted through the neck opening of a dress D as shown in Figures 1 and 2 to position the ends of the same within the shoulders S—S of the dress. The shank portion 12, waist portion 13 and sleeve form members 19—19 are disposed at the rear of the dress as best seen in Figure 2 and the short sleeves B—B are folded rearwardly and respectively fitted over the sleeve form members 19—19. The shank portion now lies flat against the back of the upper waist portion of the dress while the lower waist form portion 13 is disposed adjacent the belt-line portion thereof. The belt line portion and skirt C of the dress is folded rearwardly of the form portion 13 and the curved side edges thereof impart a shapely waist line to the dress, the rearwardly folded portions of the dress being secured together by a single pin P. When the dress supported by the form and hanger 10 is viewed from the front as illustrated in Figure 1, only a portion of the hanger 15 is visible and the dress hanger in a neat shapely form to enable a person to readily visualize the style design of the garment.

In the packing of dresses in boxes for shipment, a manufacturer may fold the lower skirt portion of the dress which extends below the form portion 13, upon the upper waist portion. Also, to lighten the load of the shipment of dresses, the manufacturer may separate the supporting hook member 21 from the form and hanger, and the store or shop receiving the shipment may be constantly supplied with hook members 21 for attachment to the dress form and hanger as the dresses are unpacked, whereupon they may be hung on display racks for sale.

While I have mentioned that the combined dress form and hanger is primarily intended for use by dress manufacturers, I wish it to be understood that it may also be used by laundries and dry cleaners in returning laundered and cleaned dresses to a customer.

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

1. A dress hanger form for use in the shipment and display of dresses comprising a single blank of cardboard which is cut to provide a lower waist portion, a narrow connecting portion integral with and extending upwardly and cen-

trally from the top of the waist portion, an arcuate hanger portion integral with the top of the connecting portion and connected thereto along a hinge score, said hanger portion being folded downwardly on said hinge score to lap the upper end of the connecting portion and lie substantially parallel to the same, a pair of sleeve form members integral with the waist portion and extending outwardly and upwardly from opposite side edges thereof, said sleeve form members being disposed in spaced relation to the respective side edges of the connecting portion and having their top portions respectively lapping the ends of the hanger portion, and a supporting hook connected to the hanger portion midway between its ends to facilitate the hanging of the dress hanger form upon a support.

2. In a garment hanger, a single blank of cardboard cut to provide a body portion, a relatively narrow arcuate hanger portion integral with the top of the body portion centrally thereof and connected thereto along a hinge score, said hanger portion being folded downwardly to lap the top of said body portion and lie substantially parallel thereto, the fold between the hanger portion and body portion having a central aperture therein, and a separable metal suspension member comprising an elongated shank, a hook at the top of said shank, and an upturned resilient hook clamp at the lower end of said shank, said shank freely extending through the aperture and being disposed between the hanger portion and the body portion with the hook clamp engaging the free lower edge of the hanger portion and with the hook rising above the top edge of the hanger portion.

3. A dress hanger form for use in the shipment and display of dresses comprising a single blank of cardboard which is cut to provide a lower waist portion, a reduced connecting portion integral with and extending upwardly and centrally from the top of the waist portion, an arcuate hanger portion integral with the top of the connecting portion, a pair of sleeve form members integral with the waist portion and respectively extending upwardly from opposite side edges thereof in spaced relation to the connecting portion, and a supporting hook connected to the hanger portion centrally between its ends to facilitate the hanging of the dress hanger form upon a support.

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