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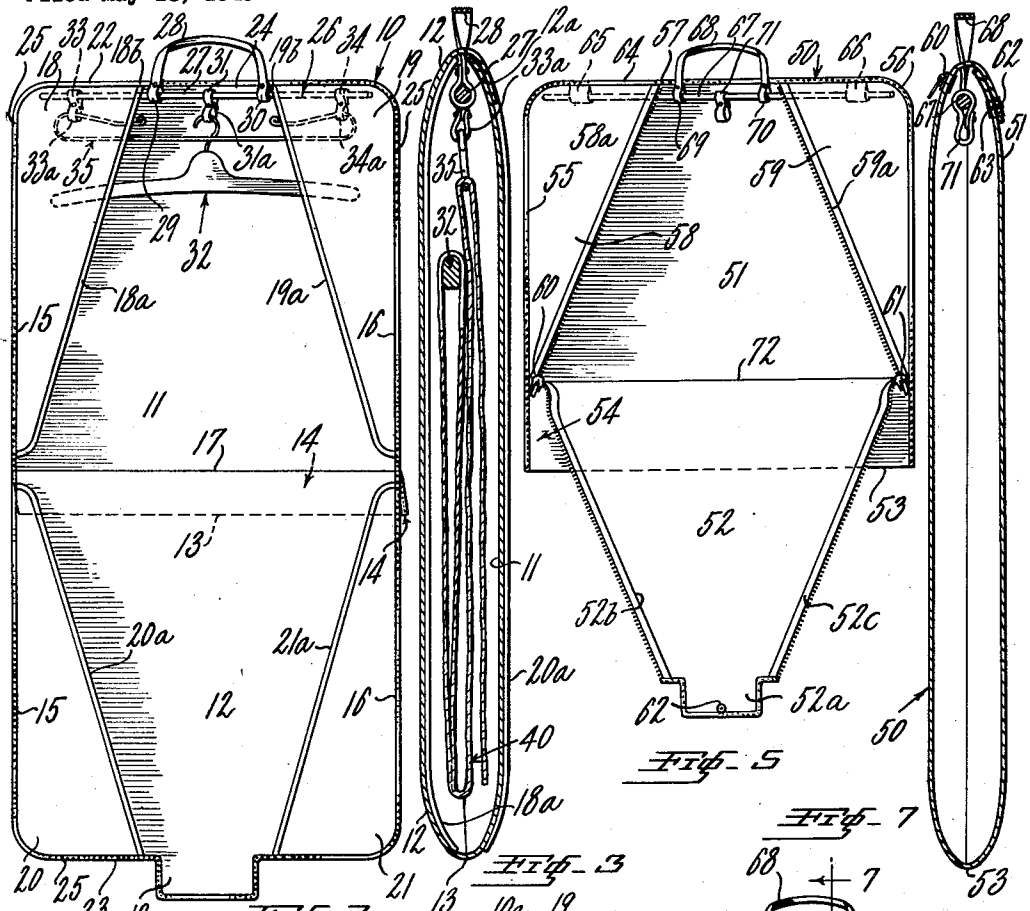


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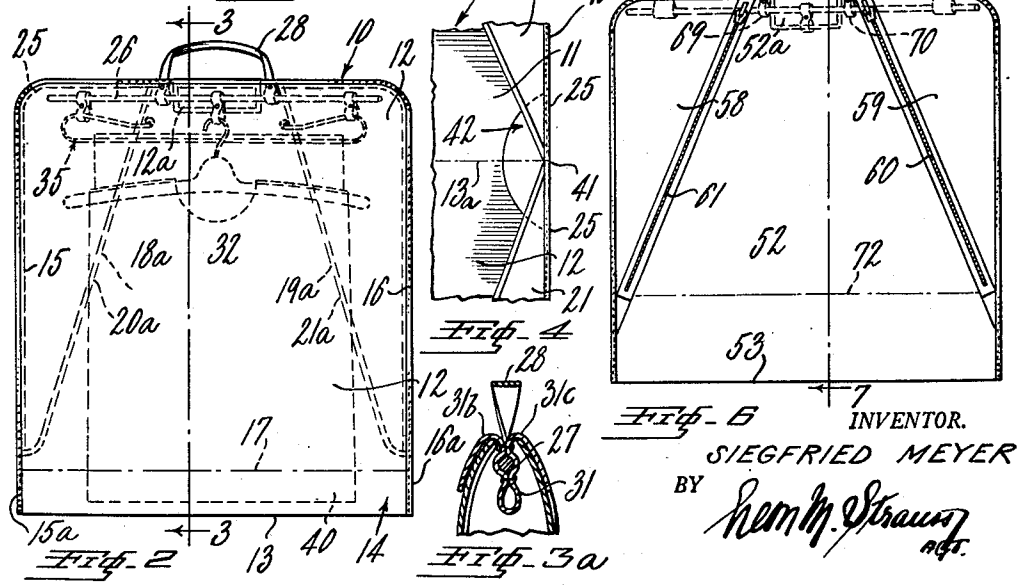


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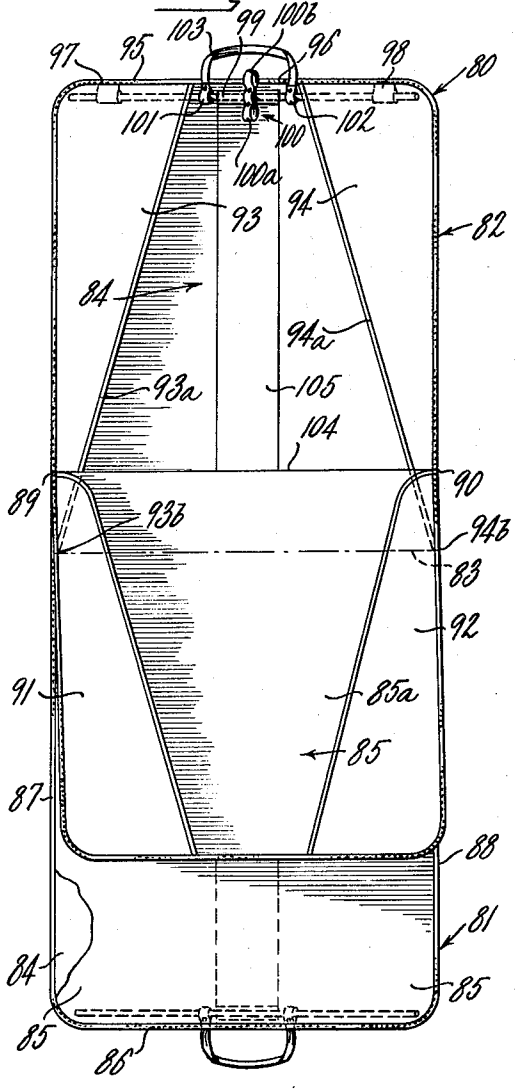
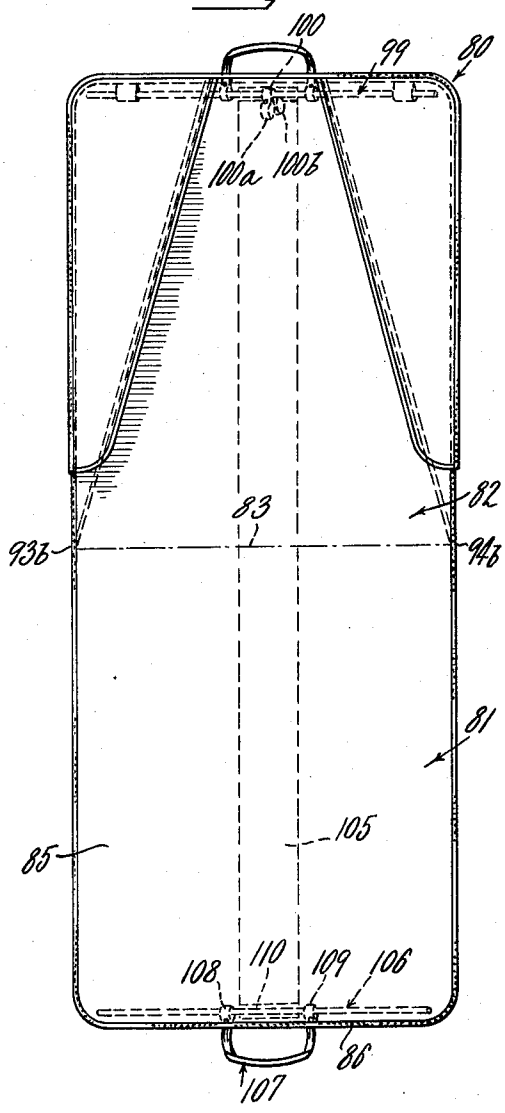


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This invention relates to garment cover or casing structures, which may be used for traveling, as well as for storing purposes and which may employ garment folding means in order to reduce the dimensions of the cover structure to a minimum.

It is one of the objects of the invention to provide means affording a substantially dust-proof closure for cover structures without the necessity of combining same with any complicated and bulky frames, braces, etc.

It is another object of the invention to provide means facilitating the manufacture of an inexpensive cover structure of the above type, which may be cut from a single piece of sheet material made of a plastic (preferably transparent), cellulosic or similar substance, which permits discarding of the cover structure after it has been used a certain length of time.

It is a further object of the invention to provide means offering the possibility of strengthening and bracing the cover structure when in use and of folding and rolling the same to a small size package for carrying it in a pocketbook or like receptacle, when not in use.

It is still another object of the invention to provide means permitting the employment of one of two compartments of the cover structure for hanging up or placing therein one or more garments and the use of the other compartment to at least partly envelop and close said one compartment, whereby an aesthetically well formed, pocket-shaped casing is achieved.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more fully described and the combination and arrangement of parts will be shown in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims which form part of the specification.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 shows a garment cover made in accordance with this invention in open position and in front elevation.

Fig. 2 shows the garment cover of Fig. 1 in closed condition and in elevation.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken along line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 3*a* is a fragmentary sectional view similar to that of Fig. 3 but showing the upper portion only and illustrating a modification thereof.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view of a corner of the garment cover in somewhat modified form and in open position.

Fig. 5 shows a garment cover in a further modified form and made in accordance with the invention, the cover being shown in open position.

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Fig. 6 illustrates a front elevational view of the garment cover of Fig. 5 in closed position.

Fig. 7 is a sectional view taken along line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a front elevational view of a still further modified form of a garment cover made in accordance with this invention as shown in open position.

Fig. 9 illustrates the garment cover of Fig. 8 in closed but unfolded position.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings there is shown in Fig. 1 a garment cover or casing 10 made of cellulosic or plastic material which may be easily folded. The casing has a rear wall 11 and front wall 12. These walls are preferably made from one single piece of material having a fold at 13 by which they are hinged together. Fold 13 also forms the end of a pocket 14 which is obtained by stitching together in superposed position adjacent portions 15*a* and 16*a* of side edges 15 and 16, respectively, which portions 15*a* and 16*a* are positioned at opposite sides of and extend a predetermined length from the fold 13.

Front wall 12 forms at the upper end of the pocket 14 a fold 17 as can be seen from Figs. 1 and 2. Front wall 12 has further a central extension 12*a* for a purpose later described.

Rear wall 11 as well as front wall 12 are further provided with lateral walls or side flaps 18, 19, 20 and 21, respectively, which are fixed as by stitches 25 along side edges 15 and 16, respectively, and further along upper edge 22 of the rear wall 11 and upper edge 23 of the front wall 12 of hollow body or casing 10. The side flaps are defined by inclined longitudinal inner edges 18*a*, 19*a*, 20*a* and 21*a* which terminate, respectively, adjacent pocket 14 as may be visualized from Fig. 1 and converge toward the upper or end edges 22 and 23 to which they are affixed by means of stitches and the like.

As seen in Fig. 1 between the inner faces of rear wall 11 and side flaps 18 and 19 there extends loosely a rod member 26 which is exposed with its median portion 27 between the ends 18*b* and 19*b* of the side flaps 18 and 19 which define therebetween a median part of the upper end edge 22 and form at said median edge part the opening 24. On median portion 27 of rod 26 there is affixed a handle 28 terminating into two loops 29 and 30. A further centrally arranged loop 31 is carried by median portion 27, which loop 31 has a depending loop portion 31*a* adapted to carry a garment hanger of conventional design 32.

Adjacent the ends of rod 26, which may be made of wood, metal or plastic material and which should be relatively rigid there are further slidably engaged 8-shaped loops 33 and 34 for the purpose of engaging with loop portion 33*a* and 34*a*, respectively, a garment folding member 35 whose structure and function has been more clearly described in my U. S. Patent No. 2,180,489.

While Fig. 1 shows casing 10 in open position and with the handle 28 carrying rod 26 inserted within the upper part of the garment casing, Fig. 2 shows this garment casing in closed position and so constructed that side flaps 20 and 21 are placed over the outer face and upper edge 22 of rear wall 11 so that the inner faces of front wall 12 and of side flaps 20 and 21 contact and overlie side flaps 18 and 19 as well as the contiguous parts of rear wall 11 at the outer face thereof. Thus, flaps 20, 21 form retaining or closure means of the garment casing or receptacle 10.

Fig. 2 shows garment 40 depending from garment hanger 32 and folded over folding device 35 whereby the garment of reduced length is enclosed in garment casing 10 which is folded along folding line 13. Extension 12*a* in such closed position of the garment casing is threaded through the handle ends 29 and 30 and extends then over and somewhat along the upper part of the outer face of rear wall 11 to thereby close and overlie opening 24.

It can thus be seen that a substantially dustproof closure of the garment cover or casing is obtained in which rod 26 abuts against the upper inner seam at end edge 22, braces the foldable material and facilitates by means of handle 28 carrying of the closed garment casing of reduced size and with the garment in folded condition (Fig. 2 showing for clarity's sake rod 26 with its loops in non-abutting position).

Fig. 3*a* shows the upper part of a sectional view somewhat similar to that of Fig. 3 in which median portion 27 of rod 26 is shown in section together with its 8-shaped loop 31. This loop 31 has further extensions 31*b* and 31*c* integral with the strip material of which the loop is made. It is preferred to employ any suitable flexible and foldable plastic substance for such strip material. Extensions 31*b* and 31*c* form protecting flaps whose width is determined by the inner distance between the handle loops 29 and 30 and overlie the opening 24 in closed position of the garment cover. Thus extension 12*a* heretofore mentioned with respect to Figs. 1 to 3 may be dispensed with and any waste of material when cutting walls 11 and 12 of the garment cover may thus be avoided.

Fig. 4 shows the replacement of the pocket 14 hereinabove referred to by employing a fold 13*a* forming the symmetrical axis of the hinged walls 11 and 12 of the garment casing. The lateral flaps 19 and 21 terminate at and coincide with the fold 13*a* at 41.

In order to prevent any dust or other foreign matter from penetrating the garment cover when in folded condition a relatively flexible and preferably arc-shaped gusset insert 42 is employed which extends lengthwise of edge 16, is stitched thereto at 25 and projects therefrom toward the interior of the garment cover. This insert 42 is normally in contact with the inner faces of side flaps 19 and 21 and the inner faces of walls 11 and 12. Thus it will be readily realized that when this modified garment cover 10*a* is brought into folding condition about fold 13*a* the portion adjacent said fold will be kept closed by the pliable insert 42 which is held in position by the folded garment, which retains insert 42 away from its contact with the inner faces of walls 11 and 12 against which the garment comes to lie. Fig. 4 shows only a right hand portion of the garment cover 10*a* positioned at its symmetrical fold line. Otherwise the garment cover may be constructed in accordance with remaining parts seen in Fig. 1 or 3*a*, respectively.

Figs. 5 to 7, inclusive, show a modified form of the garment cover 50 which is of reduced size in open as well as closed conditions thereof. Cover 50 has the rear wall 51 and front wall 52 (which forms a wedge-shaped median flap) and the fold 53 forming the end of pocket 54 which is formed by the lower portions of the rear and front walls 51 and 52.

Walls 51 and 52 are stitched or otherwise sealed together along side edges 55 and 56 but for the median opening 57. Front wall 52 of rear wall 51 includes side flaps 58 and 59 which are connectable by means of slide fasteners 60 and 61 to the upwardly converging side edges 52*b* and 52*c* of the aforesaid complementary median flap forming the movable portion of front wall 52. Front wall 52 in this particular instance is further provided with an extension 52*a* having a snap button part 62 for a purpose later described. Between the inner faces of side flaps 58 and 59 and rear wall 51 and adjacent to the upper or end edge 64 of the garment cover 50 there extend loops 65 and 66 which, in this instance, are attached to the upper edge 64 of rear wall 51. These loops are made from suitable plastic strip material and preferably from the same material as the garment cover.

It is proposed to have the garment cover front wall and rear wall together with these loops 65 and 66 heat sealed so as to form a single unit. Through the openings of loops 65 and 66 there may be inserted rod 67 carrying a handle 68 terminating in loops 69 and 70 engaging rod 67. A central 8-shaped loop 71 is positioned on rod 67 and is employed for a purpose similar to loop 31 hereinabove referred to with respect to Fig. 1.

It will thus become apparent that a garment hanger together with a folded garment placed thereon may be readily inserted into the interior of garment cover 50 and held in position and depend on loop 71 as is easily understood from the disclosure hereinabove mentioned.

The slide fasteners 60 and 61 are then employed to close the front wall along the side edges 58*a* and 59*a* of the side flaps as is seen in Fig. 6, the extension 52*a* being threaded through handle 68 and between the loops 69 and 70 thereof and then closed at the outer face of rear wall 51 by the engagement of snap fastener parts 62 and 63 as may be visualized from Fig. 7, which shows an enlarged sectional view of the garment cover taken along the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

It may be further seen from Fig. 5 that the median flap of front wall 52 depends from fold 72 about which the same may be swung to open and closed positions of garment cover, respectively.

It is well understood that the unitary structure 26 with loops 31, 33 and 34 and handle 28 together with the garment hanger 32 and garment folder 35 may be used in place and instead of the fixed loops 65 and 66 and of the removable rod 67 with loop 71 and handle 68 as described with reference to Figs. 5 to 7, inclusive.

Fig. 8 shows a garment cover made in accord-

ance with this invention in a still further modified form. This garment cover is especially designed for hanging up coats, dresses and the like in full length. To this effect garment cover or casing 80 is provided with a lower closed pocket 81 and an upper closable pocket 82. Both pockets are foldable upon each other about fold 83. The lower or closed pocket 81 has a rear wall 84 which extends to and forms the rear wall of the closable pocket 82.

The front wall 85 of the closed pocket 81 is connected to the rear wall 84 along edge 86 and a predetermined distance along opposite side edges 87 and 88 and beyond the fold 83 to terminate at 89 and 90, respectively.

The inner face 85*a* of front wall 85 is provided with side flaps 91 and 92 (which are similar in shape and function to side flaps 20 and 21 of Fig. 1). Side flaps 91 and 92 terminate at the ends of the stitches between front and rear walls 84 and 85 at 89 and 90. Rear wall 84 is also provided with side flaps 93 and 94 which are affixed at upper edge 95 but leave opening 96 to which reference is made below.

Side flaps 93 and 94 are defined by downwardly diverging inner edges 93*a* and 94*a* which terminate adjacent fold 83 at 93*b* and 94*b*, respectively. The upper closable pocket 82 is provided, in this instance, with fixed loops 97 and 98 which are stitched to or heat sealed at edge 95 when the upper edges of side flaps 93 and 94 are affixed to rear wall 84.

Through loops 97 and 98 may be inserted as hereinabove described in respect to Figs. 5 to 7 a rod member 99 carrying a double 8-shaped loop 100 between ends 101 and 102 of handle 103 projecting from rod 99 beyond the upper edge 95 through opening 96. Loop means 100 may be employed to receive the hooks of garment hangers (not shown) whereby upper and lower loop portions 100*a* and 100*b* may depend from rod 99 as seen in Fig. 9.

When the garments are thus hung up on the hangers and introduced into the closed pocket 81 and extend into the closable pocket 82 the latter may be closed in a manner similar to that described with respect to Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive.

To this effect side flaps 91 and 92 together with front wall 85 hinged about fold 104 are swung in upward direction whereby side flaps 91 and 92 embrace and envelop side flaps 93 and 94 and extend over the outer face of rear wall 84. This position of flaps 91 and 92 can be seen in Fig. 9, which shows the garment cover 80 in closed position and as seen from the back or rear thereof.

In order to take the weight of garments off the material of the bag 80 a strip or tape of flexible or pliable material 105 may be applied to and extend from rod member 99 to rod member 106 and may be affixed thereto in any convenient manner. Rod 106 is inserted in the lower pocket 81 and extends with its handle 107 beyond edge 86 of the lower pocket 81. The ends 108 and 109 of the handle 107 are looped around rod 106. Between these ends 108 and 109 is affixed one end 110 of tape 105 as may be visualized from Figs. 8 and 9. The other end of tape 105 may have a cutout for accommodating therein loops 100*a* and 100*b* or these loops may be formed integral with tape 105, if desired.

The material of these bags may be made of light plastic or cellulosic material since the same has not to withstand any weight or pull and serves solely as a cover for the garments to be placed in the bag.

It can thus be seen that there has been provided according to this invention a garment cover which is preferably made of plastic and like flexible material, which cover is characterized by a substantially flat, bag-shaped body 10 including an upper open end 24 and a lower closed end 13, a closable front wall 12 having an inner face defined by opposite side edges 15, 16 and an upper edge 23, a rear wall 11 having an outer face and an inner face defined by opposite side edges 15, 16 and an upper edge 22, both said walls 11, 12 extending from said upper end 24 to said lower closed end 13, a pocket 14 formed at said lower end 13 of said body, said pocket being constituted by joining said front wall 12 and said rear wall 11 together at adjacent portions 15*a*, 16*a* of the side edges 15, 16 thereof, pairs of key-shaped side flaps 18, 19; 20, 21 terminating in adjacent longitudinal edges 18*a*, 19*a*; 20*a*, 21*a* diverging from said upper end 22 or 23 toward said pocket 14 of said body, one pair of said side flaps 18, 19 being attached to the inner face of said rear wall 11 along side edges 15, 16 and along the upper edge 22 of said rear wall 11 but for a portion of said upper edge positioned intermediate the side edges 15, 16 of said rear wall 11 at said open upper end 25, another pair of said side flaps 20, 21 being affixed to the inner face of said closable front wall 12 along side edges 15, 16 thereof and along the upper edge 23 of said front wall but for a portion positioned intermediate the side edges 15, 16 of said front wall 12 at said open upper end 24, said pairs of flaps 18, 19; 20, 21 facing each other in one position of said body, the pair of flaps 20, 21 of said front wall 12 embraces the pair of said flaps 18, 19 joined to said rear wall 11 and extends beyond the side edges 15, 16 of said rear wall 11 to engage the outer face of the latter in another position of said body, said pairs of flaps 18, 19; 20, 21 terminating above said pocket 14.

Although the invention has been described with reference to certain specific embodiments thereof, it is to be distinctly understood that various modifications and adaptations of the arrangements herein disclosed may be made, as may readily occur to persons skilled in the art without constituting a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the objects and in the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is:

1. A garment cover comprising a hollow body made of substantially flexible material defined by opposite side edges, a front wall, a rear wall; each of said front wall and of said rear wall having an upper edge and a lower edge, said upper edges of said front wall and of said rear wall coinciding with each other in closed condition of said cover, said walls being adapted to enclose said garment therebetween in said closed condition, lateral flaps connected to the upper edge of said rear wall and to the side edges of said rear wall and terminating in longitudinal inner edges, said longitudinal inner edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other at said upper edge of said rear wall to thereby provide a space and extending from said upper edge of said rear wall into respective ends positioned adjacent said side edges, said front wall including a wedge-shaped part provided with longitudinal outer edges adapted to alignedly engage said longitudinal inner edges of said lateral flaps of said rear wall, and complementary fastening means

connected to said inner and outer longitudinal edges to facilitate engagement of said front wall with and removal of said front wall from said flaps.

2. A garment cover according to claim 1, including flexible loop means fixed to the upper edge of said rear wall and positioned intermediate the latter and said lateral flaps to facilitate engagement of garment supporting means with said loop means.

3. A garment cover comprising a hollow body made of substantially flexible material defined by opposite side edges, a front wall, and a rear wall; said front wall and said rear wall having each an upper edge and a lower edge, said lower edges of said front wall and of said rear wall being connected to each other, said upper edges of said front wall and said upper edges of said rear wall coinciding with each other in closed condition of said cover, said wall being adapted to enclose said garment therebetween in said closed condition, lateral flaps connected to said rear wall along said upper edge thereof and along the side edges and terminating in longitudinal inner edges, said longitudinal inner edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other at said upper edge of said rear wall and diverging from said latter upper edge and terminating in respective ends positioned adjacent said side edges, said front wall including means engageable with said rear wall and for contact with said lateral flaps thereof.

4. A receptacle made from sheet material and adapted to enclose garments and like wearing apparel comprising a front wall having a bottom edge, a rear wall having a bottom edge, said front wall being connected with said rear wall at the bottom edges of said walls, said front wall and said rear wall being each provided with opposite side edges and an upper end edge, at least one of said walls being provided with wedge-shaped side flaps, each side flap being connected to and extending along a respective side edge and partly along said end edge of said one wall, said side flaps being spaced from each other at the median part of said end edge of said one wall and diverging from said median part of said end edge toward the side edges of said one wall, and closure means associated with the other of said walls and adapted to close said receptacle, said side flaps in closed condition of said receptacle contacting said other wall.

5. A receptacle according to claim 4, including spaced apart loop means extending between said one wall and said side flaps, respectively, and fixed adjacent said upper end edge of said one wall, said loop means being adapted to removably receive garment supporting means.

6. A receptacle according to claim 4, wherein said closure means of said other wall is constituted by a pair of side flaps, said pair of side flaps of said other wall being arranged to extend over the upper end edge of said one wall and for contact with the latter.

7. A receptacle according to claim 4, wherein said closure means is formed by complementary slide fastener elements arranged to extend on said other wall and on said side flaps of said one wall.

8. A receptacle for garments and like wearing apparel comprising a front wall made of flexible sheet material and having a bottom edge, a rear wall made of flexible sheet material and having a bottom edge, said front wall being connected to said rear wall at the bottom edges of said walls, said front wall and said rear wall being each provided with opposite side edges and an upper end edge, at least one of said walls being provided with wedge-shaped side flaps, each side flap being connected to and extending along a respective side edge and partly along said end edge of said one wall, said side flaps being spaced from each other at the median part of said end edge of said one wall and diverging from said end edge toward the side edges of said one wall, and complementary slide fastener means associated with the other of said walls and said side flaps and adapted to close said receptacle, said slide fastener means being positioned spaced apart at said upper end edge of said one wall in closed condition of said receptacle and defining said median part of said end edge.

9. A garment cover comprising a body made of substantially flexible material defined by opposite side edges, a front wall, a rear wall, each front wall and rear wall having an upper edge and a lower edge; said walls being connected at said side edges and at said lower edges to enclose said garment between said walls, lateral flaps fixed to said rear wall on said upper edge of said rear wall and on said opposite side edges of said rear wall and terminating in opposite longitudinal inner edges, said longitudinal inner edges of said lateral flaps of said rear wall being spaced a predetermined distance from each other at said upper edge of said rear wall and extending from the latter a predetermined distance toward said side edges of said rear wall and terminating in respective ends thereof, said front wall including lateral flaps extending from said upper edge of said front wall toward said opposite side edge of said front wall, said flaps of said front wall being provided with opposite longitudinal inner edges adapted to engage the rear wall over the upper edge of the latter, whereby said lateral flaps of said rear wall abut against said front wall in closed condition of said cover, rod means positioned intermediate said rear wall and said lateral flaps of said rear wall and including a handle, said handle being shaped to extend intermediate said longitudinal inner edges of said lateral flaps of said rear wall to facilitate carrying of said cover, further rod means positioned for abutment against the lower edges of said rear wall and of said front wall, and handle means extending from said further rod means through a slot defined by said lower edges of said front and said rear walls.

10. A garment cover according to claim 9, including a supporting tape interconnecting said rod means with said further rod means.

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