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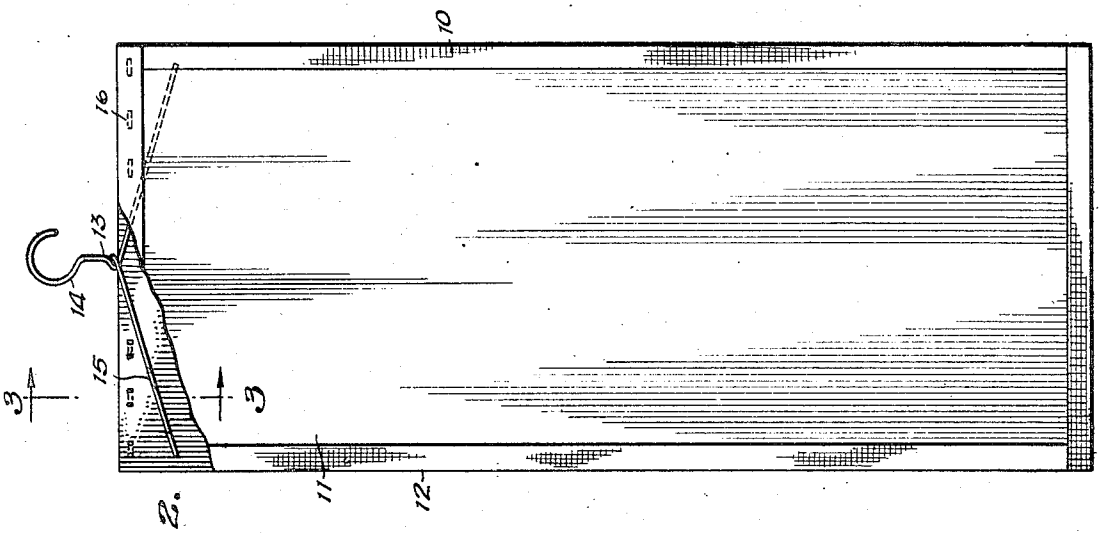



Fig. 2.

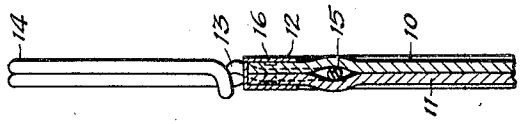



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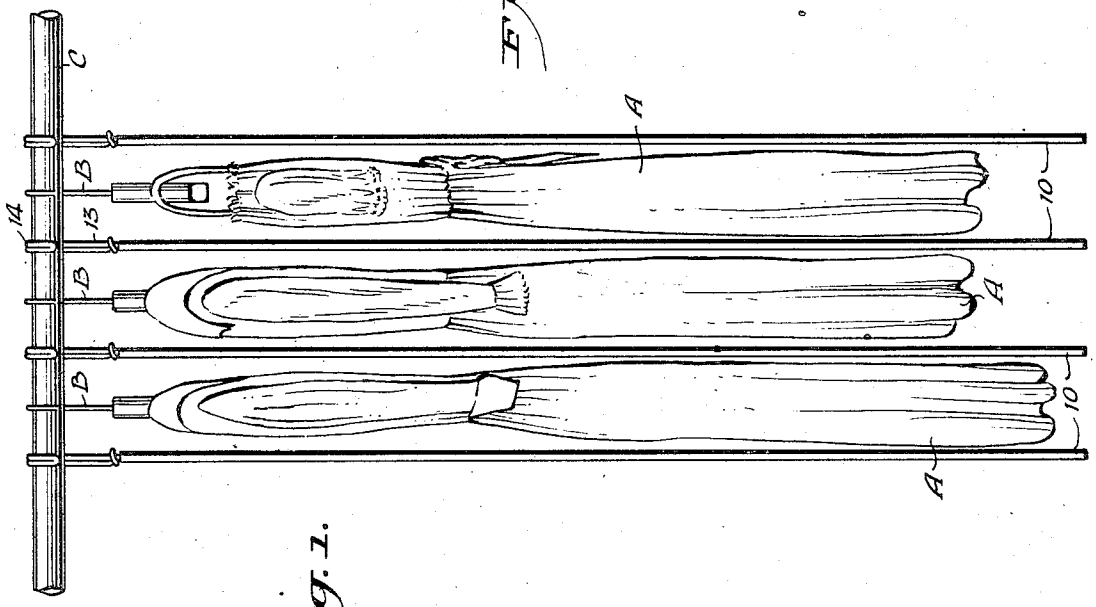



Fig. 1.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PAUL M. FRANK, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Dress Separator, of which the following is a description.

My invention relates to a device for use in association with hung garments, particularly dresses, and adapted to be suspended from the pole, rack or other supporting means between the garments.

The general object of my invention is to provide a device for the indicated purpose having stability to maintain its form and presenting surfaces adapted to permit of the garments being completely separated to prevent entanglements and to facilitate the placing and removal of one garment independently of adjacent garments.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, it being understood that the drawings are merely illustrative of one example of the invention.

Figure 1 is an end view of a plurality of my improved dress separators disposed between dresses suspended by garment hangers from a pole;

Figure 2 is a face view with a portion of the paper covering broken away;

Figure 3 is an enlarged vertical section of the upper portion of the dress separator.

In carrying out my invention in practice a dress separator indicated generally by the numeral 10 is formed of two or more thicknesses 11 of stiff cardboard applied to the edges of which is a fabric binding strip 12 extending about the separator at the four sides. The device has such an area so that when suspended between garments on hangers B suspended from a pole C, rack or other support, the separators 10 will afford a complete separation of adjacent garments and present a smooth surface to both.

The separator is provided with a hanger device designated generally by the numeral 13 which presents a shank having a hook 14 to suspend the device from the pole C or like support. From the base of the shank of the hanger 13 the wire forming the hanger extends in opposite directions obliquely as at 15 between the cardboard sheets 11, said members 15 forming securing members to firmly fasten the hanger in position. The terminal ends of the members 15 advantageously extend between binding strips 12. In order to resist any possible tendency of the members 15 of the hanger 13 to pull out from between the cardboard sheets 11, I provide suitable fasteners 16 uniting the upper ends of the cardboard sheets 11.

With the above described device the garments A are prevented from becoming entangled one with another and each garment may be placed or removed without disturbing adjacent garments.

I would state in conclusion that while the illustrated example constitutes a practical embodiment of my invention, I do not limit myself strictly to the exact details herein illustrated, since, manifestly, the same can be considerably varied without departure from the spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A garment separator presenting a broad area to be disposed between adjacent suspended garments and comprising sheets of stiff cardboard, a binder extending about the edges of said sheets, and a hanger having a hook at the upper end and having at the base thereof diverging members extending obliquely between the cardboard sheets, together with fastener means passed through the cardboard sheets at the top above the said diverging members of the hanger.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a separator board for suspended dresses and other garments, said separator board presenting a broad area of stiff material adapted to be disposed between adjacent suspending garments to completely separate the same, and hanger means on said separator at the top.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a dress separator formed of stiff cardboard and presenting a broad area to constitute a separator between adjacent suspending garments, the opposite sides presenting sub-

stantially smooth surfaces, and a hanger having base members incorporated in said separator between the cardboard sheets.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a dress separator formed of stiff cardboard and presenting a broad area to constitute a separator between adjacent suspending garments, the opposite sides presenting substantially smooth surfaces, and a hanger having base members incorporated in said separator between the cardboard sheets; together with fasteners uniting the cardboard sheets above said base members of the hanger.

PAUL M. FRANK.