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Fig. 1.

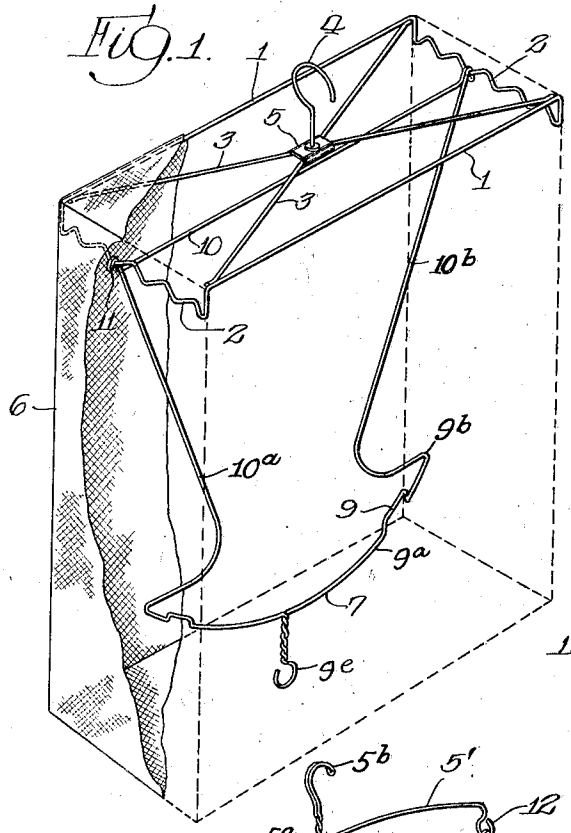


Fig. 2.

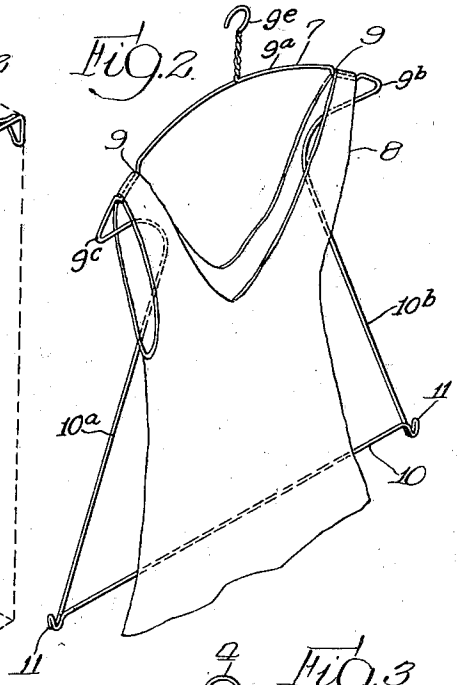


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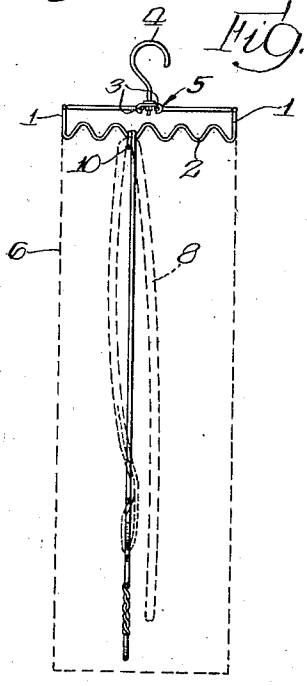
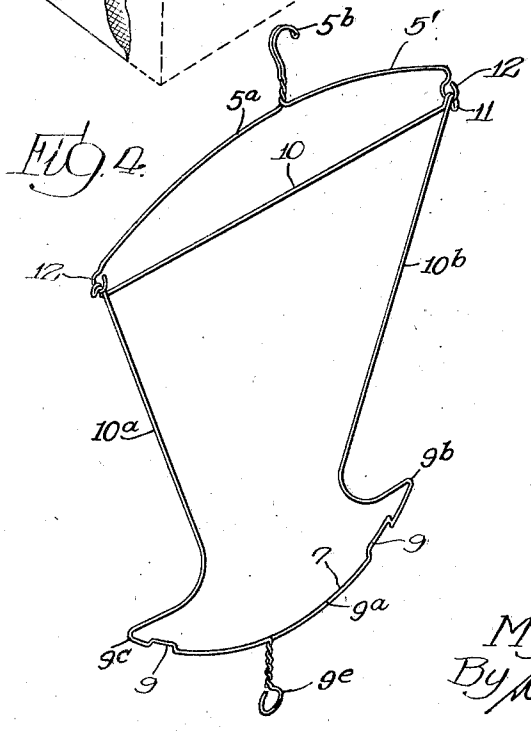


Fig. 4.



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My invention relates generally to garment hangers and a primary object of the invention is the construction of a hanger having novel means whereby the garment may be folded at its waistline.

A still further aim of the invention is the making of a garment hanger of the character referred to above and which has an auxiliary frame to be used in suspending the hanger thereon.

I am aware of the ordinary type of garment hanger which suspends the garment full length, which in the case of long garments does not offer adequate protection against disarrangement when stored in the ordinary cloak closet.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a hanger for conveniently and securely hanging garments which are provided with relatively narrow shoulder straps.

Another object is to provide a hanger whereby a garment may be folded substantially at its waistline, thus greatly shortening the hanging space required without disarrangement or crushing.

An embodiment of this invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device showing one of the hangers suspended by a supporting frame. A rectangular casing or bag provides a complete enclosure for the frame, hangers and garments. The bag may be provided with a hookless fastener along its length or other conventional means of closure.

Fig. 2 shows a perspective view of a single hanger suspending a garment before folding. The hanger may be used in this manner if desired.

Fig. 3 is a sectional side view of the complete assembly showing a single hanger over which a garment has been folded once at the waistline and in the inverted storage position.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a single hanger provided with an auxiliary support for suspension of the garment for storage on a conventional cloak closet rod.

Referring to Fig. 1, a wire frame 1 is provided with a plurality of corrugations 2 at each end thereof. The transverse members 3 provide for a swiveled suspension hook 4 at their intersection point. The swivel plate 5 permits assembly to be rotated to the most convenient storage position. The corrugations 2 are arranged to permit any desired spacing between garments. Fabric bag 6 is a complete enclosure to exclude dust and to include such chemicals as moth preventives or desirable scents. The bag may be opened along its length by conventional hookless fasteners or buttons.

Referring to Figs. 2 and 4 the hanger 7 is shown as comprising an arcuate portion 9^a provided with a pair of shoulder strap receiving depressions 9—9, adjacent to but intermediate the opposite ends 9^b, 9^c of said arcuate portion 9^a, and with a supporting hook 9^e intermediate said depressions 9—9. Extending from said ends 9^b and 9^c in diverging relationship thereto are a pair of side rods 10^a and 10^b connected together by a horizontal bar 10, there being hooks 11—11 at the junction of said bar 10 with said diverging side rods 10^a and 10^b. The entire hanger is made of a single strand of rigid wire. After placing a garment in the position shown in Fig. 2, the hanger is inverted, thus folding the garment about the waistline over the horizontal bar 10.

Fig. 3 shows an end view of the garment properly suspended over the inverted hanger and placed in the supporting frame 1, the hanger being suspended by hooks 11 resting in corresponding depressions in the ends of the frame 1.

Fig. 4 shows an auxiliary frame 5' comprising an arcuate portion 5^a having a centrally located hook 5^b, said frame being operative for suspending a single hanger 7 on an ordinary cloak rod. The frame 5' is formed from wire and the arcuate portion 5^a has its ends formed with rings 12 for engagement with hooks 11 of the hanger.

It is obvious that a plurality of garments on their respective hangers may be suspended in the frame and enclosed in the fabric casing and stored in a compact manner without subjecting the garments to wrinkling or disarrangement, and occupying a minimum of space.

It is understood that constructional differences and modifications will come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A garment hanger comprising an arcuate portion having a pair of depressions intermediate the ends thereof, a pair of diverging side rods one each extending from an end of said arcuate portion, a horizontal bar connecting the ends of said side rods, and hooks at the junction of said side rods with said horizontal bar.

2. A garment hanger comprising an arcuate portion having a pair of depressions intermediate the ends thereof, a pair of diverging side rods one each extending from an end of said arcuate portion, a horizontal bar connecting the ends of said side rods, and hooks at the junction of said side rods with said horizontal bar, said hanger being formed of a single strand of wire.

3. A garment hanger comprising an arcuate portion having a pair of depressions intermediate the ends thereof, a pair of diverging side rods one each extending from an end of said arcuate portion, a horizontal bar connecting the ends of said side rods, hooks at the junction of said side rods with said horizontal bar, said hanger being formed of a single strand of wire, and an auxiliary wire frame having means for suspending said hanger by its hooks.

4. A garment hanger comprising an arcuate portion having a pair of depressions intermediate the ends thereof, a pair of diverging side rods one each extending from an end of said arcuate portion, a horizontal bar connecting the ends of said side rods, hooks at the junction of said side rods with said horizontal bar, said hanger being formed of a single strand of wire, and an auxiliary wire frame having an arcuate portion terminating in a pair of eyes, said hooks adapted to be received in said eyes for suspending the hanger on said frame.

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