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SHIRT WRAPPER.

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FIG. I.

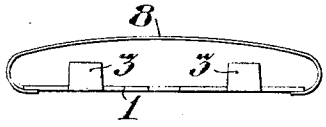


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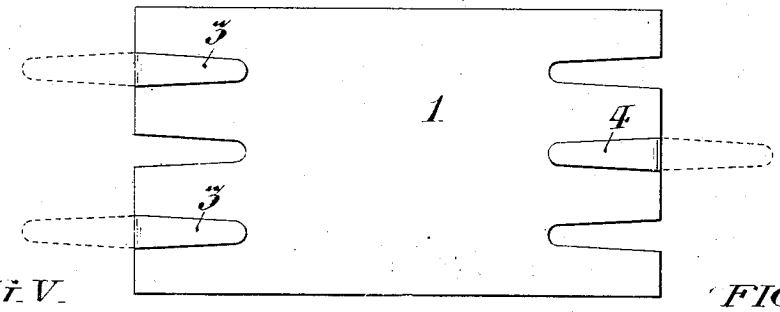


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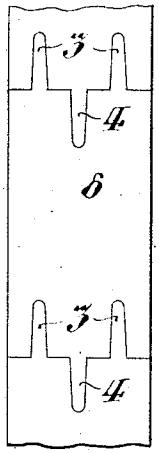


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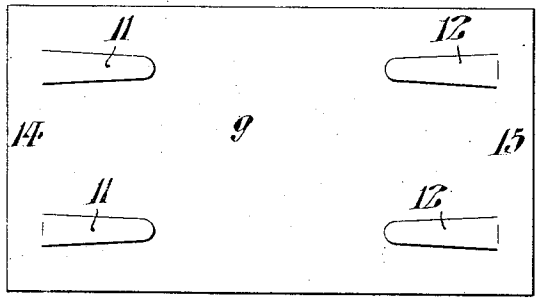


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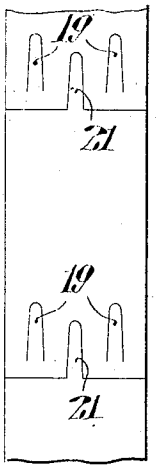
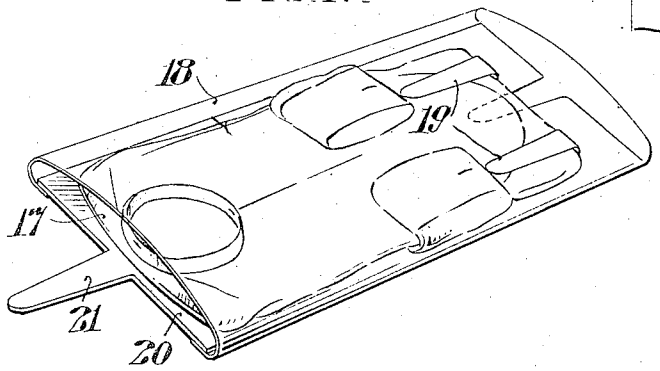


FIG. IV.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HENDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shirt-Wrappers, whereof the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to wrappers adapted to separately hold individual shirts for storage and transportation in and from a laundry, and it is the object of my invention to provide such a wrapper with adjustable means to hold a shirt within a cover of transparent fabric so that each shirt may be handled without being soiled during inspection, packing and transportation thereof.

As hereinafter described, my invention includes an envelop which is open at both ends, the back wall being formed of stiff opaque paper and the front being formed of thin transparent paper; the paper forming the front wall being wider than that forming the back wall and being attached thereto at its edges so as to afford space for a shirt, within the envelop, without bending said back wall. The essential feature of my invention is the provision of shirt holding tabs in unitary relation with said back wall and without waste of any material in the formation thereof; said tabs being punched from the back wall in unitary relation therewith and being so constructed and arranged that such back members of the wrapper may be formed in succession from a continuous paper web without waste of material.

My invention includes the various novel features of construction and arrangement hereinafter more definitely specified.

In the drawings: Figure I is an end view of a wrapper conveniently embodying my invention.

Fig. II is a plan view of the stiff backing wall or sheet shown in Fig. I.

Fig. III is a plan view of a backing sheet showing a modified construction and arrangement of the shirt holding tabs.

Fig. IV is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of my invention.

Fig. V is a plan view of a paper web showing the junctions between successive backing sheets formed therefrom in accordance with Fig. II.

Fig. VI is a plan view of a paper web showing the junctions between successive backing sheets formed therefrom in accordance with Fig. IV.

In the form of my invention shown in Figs. I, II and V the backing sheet 1, formed of stiff cheap opaque paper, has two shirt holding tabs 3 at one end thereof and one shirt holding tab 4 at the opposite end thereof; the arrangement of said tabs being such that, as shown in Fig. V, they are punched from the continuous web of paper 6 without any waste of material. Although said tabs primarily extend in the plane of the backing sheet with which they are unitarily connected, they may be flexed backward over said sheet so as to hold a shirt thereon within the transparent cover 8 which, as indicated in Fig. I, is of greater width than said sheet 1 and is attached thereto at its opposite edges, conveniently by adhesive.

In the form of my invention shown in Fig. III the backing sheet 9 has tabs 11 and 12 at respectively opposite ends thereof formed in unitary relation therewith but pointing toward each other so that they do not have to be flexed as in the other form of my invention. This form of my invention permits the use of paper stock which is more frangible than is required for the other form aforesaid, but has the disadvantage that the wrapper must be made considerably longer than the shirt to afford end margins 14 and 15 of sufficient strength to hold the tabs. Moreover, it is desirable in the latter form of my invention to leave one edge of the transparent cover free from the backing sheet until the shirt is inserted in the wrapper, whereas, the first form of my invention aforesaid permits the transparent cover to be primarily permanently attached to the backing sheet at the opposite longitudinal edges thereof, and thus obviates the necessity for sealing or otherwise securing a free edge thereof when the shirt is wrapped.

Of course, a wrapper may be constructed in accordance with my invention with tabs at one end as shown in Fig. III and tabs at the other end as shown in Fig. II, with the advantages of both forms of my invention and such a construction is shown in Fig. IV. It may be observed that in this form of my invention the shirt 17 may be slipped into the wrapper beneath the transparent cover

18 and into engagement with the tabs 19 on the backing sheet 20 without bending said tabs; it being only necessary to bend the tab 21 to secure the shirt in the wrapper.

I do not desire to limit myself to the precise details of construction and arrangement herein set forth as it is obvious that various modifications may be made therein without departing from the essential features of my invention as defined in the appended claim.

I claim:—

A shirt wrapper comprising an envelop open at its opposite ends and of substantially uniform cross sectional area throughout its length, said envelop having a back portion formed of stiff opaque paper and its front portion formed of thin flexible transparent paper, said front portion being secured to said back portion along the side edges thereof, said back portion having a single tab at one end thereof located centrally of the end and formed integrally with the back portion, and two tabs adjacent the other end of said back portion formed integrally therewith and arranged on opposite sides of the center line whereby successive backs may be formed from a continuous web of fabric without wasting the material.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name at Chicago, Illinois, this twenty-third day of August, 1913.

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