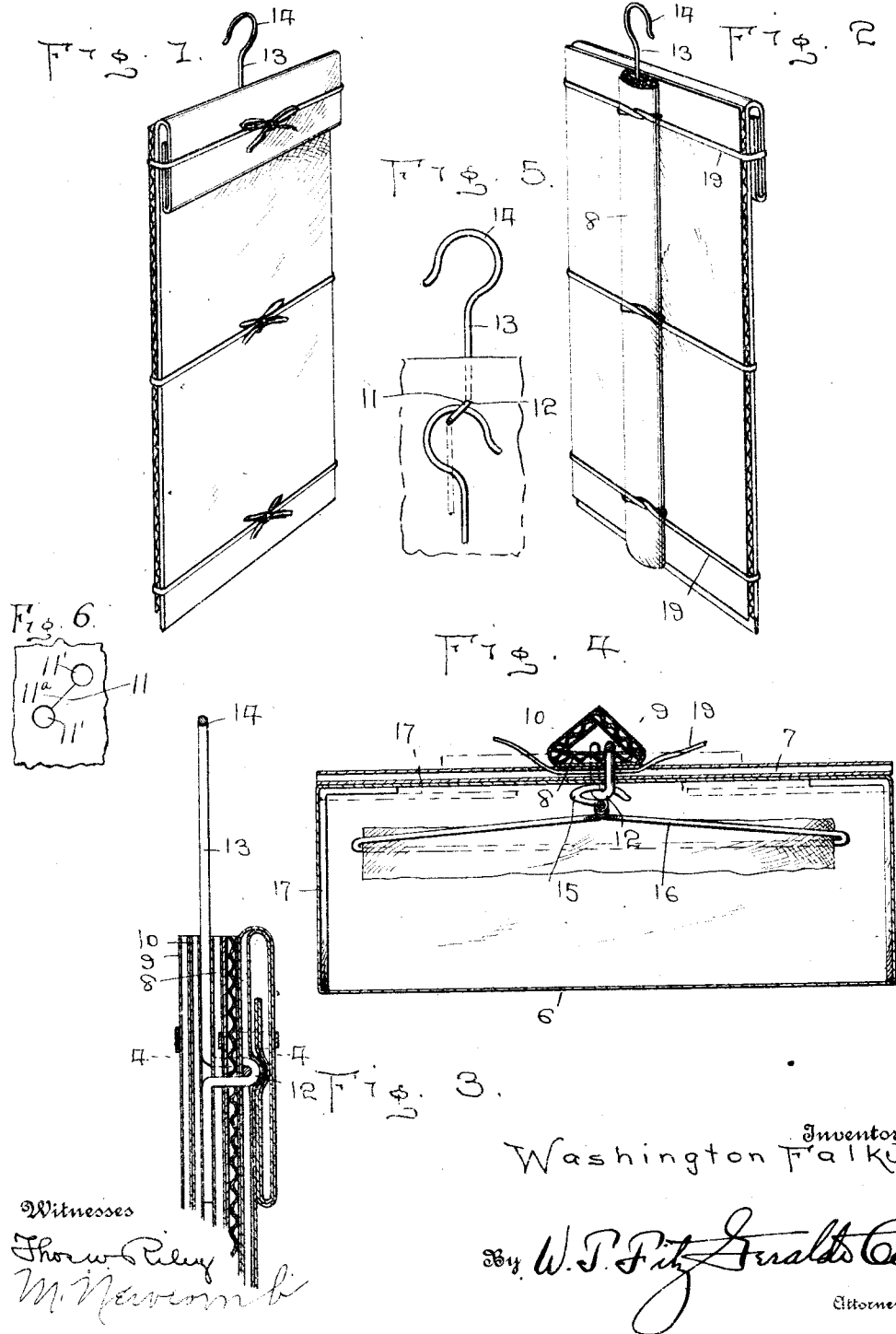


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WASHINGTON FALK, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Savannah, in the county of Chatham and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothing Delivery and Protecting Appliances; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to paper receptacles, and it more particularly relates to a dust proof envelop combined with a hanger therefor and a hanger for clothing to be contained therein.

An object of the invention is to provide a device of this character into which one or more articles of clothing may be placed and delivered from a merchant tailor, clothier, or cleaning establishment, to the customer, in a neat, clean and unwrinkled condition.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character having a supporting hook, whereby a number of such envelops may be supported within a delivery wagon or other vehicle, and may be easily accessible, at all times, by the deliveryman.

A further object of the invention is to provide stiffening means, whereby the envelop may be placed on any one of its edges without danger of being collapsed or bent by the weight of the clothing therein.

A further object is to provide an envelop of this character which is light, compact, thoroughly efficient, and which may be produced at a comparatively small cost.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter more clearly set forth and pointed out in the specification and claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the stiffening rib. Fig. 3 is a vertical fragmental sectional view. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view of the envelop, in open position, on the line 4-4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a fragmental detail, as viewed from the inside of the envelop, and, Fig. 6 is a fragmental detail view.

Referring to the drawings, the envelop proper, or the receptacle, is represented by the numeral 6. This receptacle is secured,

by paste, glue or the like, to a stiffened board 7, which is preferably formed of corrugated pasteboard or packing of well known construction. The envelop or receptacle, when folded or collapsed, extends below the bottom edge of the stiffening board or back, so that, when in open position, the bottom of the receptacle will coincide with the bottom of the back. The top of the receptacle extends a considerable distance above the top of the back, so that the first said top may be folded and doubled under, or upon itself, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, thereby providing for the perfect exclusion of dust, etc.

It will be seen that the corrugations of the back extend laterally thereof, or in a horizontal direction, and the back is thereby prevented from being easily bent on a vertical line. In order to prevent said back from being easily bent on a horizontal line, I have provided a stiffening rib 8, having its central portion glued or otherwise secured along the vertical center of said back, and it will be seen that the corrugations of this rib are vertically disposed; that is, oppositely disposed to the corrugations of the back. It will therefore be seen that the back is stiffened, by the corrugations, both horizontally and vertically. The stiffening rib 8 lies flat on the back, as shown in broken lines, Fig. 4, and is adapted to have its sides folded upon itself, or to have one side 9 folded over its opposite side 10, as shown in full lines, Fig. 4. The portions of the stiffening rib 8, when folded and secured in position, are preferably arranged in substantially triangular form, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to strengthen the back to the maximum degree, although it will be understood that the sides of said strengthening rib may be folded very closely, as indicated in Fig. 2, thus forming a strengthening member substantially cylindrical in cross section. The stiffening rib and back are provided with an apertured portion 11, which is preferably inclined as shown in Fig. 5, and through this apertured portion extends a loop 12, which is formed on the envelop hanger 13, the latter being provided with a hook 14, which may be engaged with a rod, hook or other proper supporting means, (not shown) within a delivery wagon or the like. The loop 12 extends a sufficient distance into the interior of the receptacle to engage with the hook 15 of a

clothes hanger 16. The portion 11 contains two adjacent apertures 11', connected by a slit 11^a, and it is obvious that the loop 12 in being forced into the apertures 11', dis-
5 places the material at the opposite edges of the slit 11^a, and then closes around the loop 12 and coacts therewith for entirely excluding dust, etc., through said apertures.

The receptacle is preferably provided with retaining members 17, consisting of strips of pasteboard or the like, secured to the receptacle, and each adapted to be fold-
10 ed upon itself, as indicated in broken lines, when the receptacle is folded. When the receptacle is in open position, as shown in Fig. 4, the retainers 17 may also be opened,
15 as in the full line position, for holding the receptacle wide open while the garment or garments are being inserted.

Several strings or other flexible tying members 19 have their middle portions secured to the back, adjacent to the stiffening rib 8, and are adapted to hold said stiffening rib in its closed position and the upper
20 tying member 19 is also adapted to extend around said back and said receptacle and to hold it in a partially collapsed position, and to bind upon the garments contained therein, so that the package may be as compact
25 as possible without wrinkling or otherwise detrimentally affecting said garments. The topmost flexible tying member 19 also embraces the doubled or folded top portion of the receptacle for holding it in closed
30 position.

It is obvious that I have provided a neat, economical and thoroughly efficient delivery envelop or receptacle for garments, and one
35 that may be produced at a cost but very little if any greater than that of the ordinary delivery boxes. Therefore, the person or firm delivering the clothing may, if desired, imprint advertising matter upon the envelop or back, and may present the re-
40 ceptacle to the customer, who will find this envelop convenient and practical for keeping his clothing clean and free from wrinkles.

I do not limit my invention to the exact details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as herein described and shown, but my invention may be limited
50 only by a reasonable interpretation of the following claims.

55 What I claim as new is:

1. In a garment delivery envelop, a receptacle, a relatively stiff back on the receptacle, a vertical stiffening rib secured to said back, supporting means extending

through said stiffening rib and back and 60 receptacle into the interior of the latter, and a clothes hanger engaging with the supporting means.

2. In an envelop for clothing, a receptacle, a back of corrugated material secured 65 on the receptacle, and a stiffening rib secured on said back with its corrugations extending transversely of the corrugations of the back.

3. In an envelop for clothing, a receptacle, a relatively stiff back on the receptacle, a stiffening rib on the back, a portion of said rib and said back and said receptacle being apertured for the reception of a re-
70 movable support, the opposite edges of said stiffening rib being adapted to fold over
75 said support, and flexible means, co-acting with the rib for retaining the support in the aperture.

4. In an envelop for clothing, a receptacle, a back of horizontally corrugated material secured on the receptacle, the upper open end of said envelop extending above said strengthening back and adapted to be folded down on said receptacle to close said
80 open end, a strengthening member formed of corrugated material arranged vertically of the back and having its corrugations extending transversely of the corrugations of the back, the sides of said strengthening
85 member adapted to be folded, whereby said member is substantially triangular in cross section and means to secure said strengthening means in folded position, the upper securing means also adapted to be extended
90 and secured around the upper portion of the strengthening back and the folded end of the receptacle.

5. In a clothing delivery envelop, a receptacle having a relatively stiff back secured 100 thereto, said receptacle and back having apertures therethrough and having a slit connecting the apertures, supporting means for the receptacle and back comprising a loop extending into the receptacle through
105 the apertures and slit and completely closing the apertures and rendering the receptacle dust proof, and a clothes hanger within the receptacle and in engagement with said loop of the supporting means.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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