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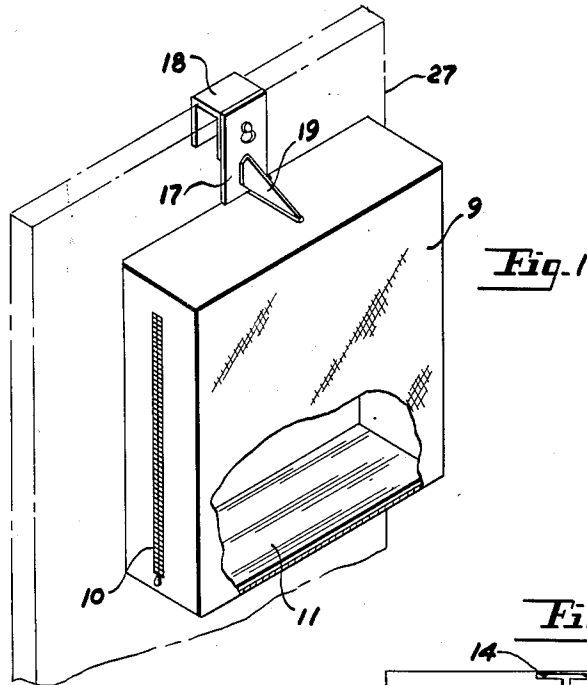


Fig. 1

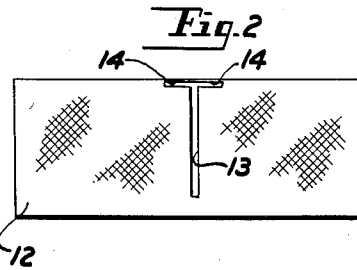


Fig. 2

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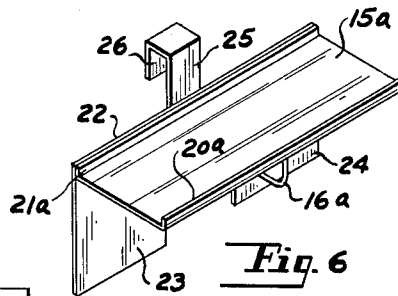
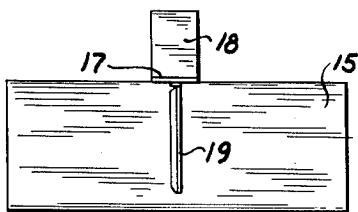


Fig. 6

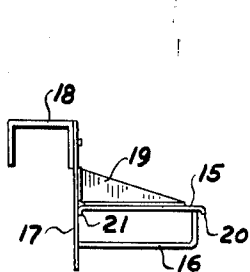


Fig. 4

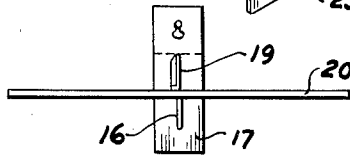


Fig. 5

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My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in a garment bag adapted for use in storing garments of various kinds and sizes. The invention is intended to be positioned on the outer surface of a closet door, so that the bag does not project into the closet but extends outwardly into the room, thus reserving the closet space for other purposes. It is intended that the outer face of the bag be ornamented with a suitable display, such as a picture or the like. It is also intended that the bag be of such a construction it may be colored various colors to harmonize or blend with the room. The bag, of course, may be made of various sizes but it is considered that two sizes would be sufficient, one small size for the storage of shirts, baby clothes and the like, and the other for raincoats, overcoats and the like. The bag itself is made from flexible material and may, if desired, be made from transparent material, such as a transparent plastic.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a bag of simple structure, economical of manufacture, durable and highly efficient in use.

It is another object to provide a construction whereby the flexible bag may be retained in distended form while at the same time, when removed from the door or other supporting body on which mounted, the bag may be folded into compact space for storage.

It is another object of the invention to provide in a bag of this type a structure which will serve to distend the upper end of the bag and at the same time afford a means for hanging the bag on the upper edge of a door or upon any other suitable support.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

It is recognized that various modifications and changes may be made in the detail of structure illustrated without departing from the invention and it is intended that the present disclosure shall be considered but the preferred embodiment.

Forming a part of this application are drawings in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the invention with a part broken away,

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the bag with the hanger removed,

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the upper plate,

Fig. 4 is a side elevational view of the upper plate,

Fig. 5 is a front elevational view of the upper plate,

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a modified form of the upper plate and hanger.

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As shown in the drawings, the invention comprises a bag 9 having a slit at one side closed with a suitable fastening means 10, so that access to the interior of the bag may be had through this slit in the side. Positioned in the bottom of the bag is a loose plate 11 which is formed of rigid material and of a size to fit the bag snugly at the bottom so as to retain the bottom of the bag distended, the body of the bag itself being preferably formed from flexible material.

Formed in the top 12 of the bag is a T-shaped slot embodying the trunk 13 and the arms 14. An upper plate 15 is positioned in the bag and this plate also is made of rigid material and of a size to snugly fit against the upper side of the bag 12. Secured to and projecting upwardly from this plate 15 is a hanging arm 17 provided at its upper edge with a hook 18 which may hook over the upper edge of a door 27 or any other suitable support. An L-shaped brace 16 is secured to the under surface of the plate 15 adjacent its outer edge and also to the hanger arm 17. This plate 17 projects through the arms of the T-shaped slot. Secured to the upper face of the plate 15 and extending rearwardly to the hanger arm 17, and also secured thereto, is a brace plate 19 which projects through the portion 13 of the T-shaped slot.

The brace 16 may be used for supporting garment hangers on which are mounted the garments to be placed in the bag. This bag 17, in addition to being made flexible, may also be transparent and it is preferred that there be display matter on the outer face of the bag.

The construction is one which permits easy and quick assembly of the bag in position when it is desired to use it and the hook 18, which fits over the door 27, is sufficiently thin so as not to interfere with the proper closing of the door. When this bag 9 is mounted on the outer surface of a closet door the bag, of course, will not interfere with garments and the like which may be contained in the closet.

Should it be desired to store the bag away the plates 11 and 15 may be easily and quickly removed, the hook 18 being detachably connected to the hanger arm 17. The entire structure may then be folded into a compact form.

The plate 15 is provided at its outer edge with the downwardly turned flange 20 and at its rear edge with the downwardly turned flange 21, these flanges serving to "break" the edges of the plate 15 and at the same time reinforce the plate 15.

In Fig. 6 I have shown a modified form of a structure similar to the plate 15 and its associ-

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ated structure. In Fig. 6 a plate 15a is provided at its opposite edges with the upwardly projecting flanges 20a and 21a. The supporting rod 16a is equivalent to the rod 16 shown in Fig. 4. This plate 15a is connected at its rear edge to a plate 22 which is provided with downwardly extending projections 23 and 24 and to which is secured the upwardly projecting supporting arm 25 having the hook 26. This plate may be used with the bag in the same manner as the plate 15 and if desired it may be used as a supporting shelf without being associated with the bag. The upwardly turned flanges 20a and 21a will serve as restraining members for preventing shoes and small articles placed upon the shelf 15a from sliding off.

Experience has shown that the present invention is possessed of considerable utility and is particularly useful where it is desired to conserve space. In view of the fact that the bag 9 may be colored any desired color to harmonize with the decoration of the room, the positioning of the bag on the door will not produce an undesirable appearance.

What I claim is:

1. A garment bag of the class described comprising a flexible enclosure having an opening at one side for entry therinto and embodying a top and a bottom; a rigid member loosely positioned in the bottom and snugly engaging the same for retaining the bag in distended position, the top of said bag having a transversely extended slot formed therein intersecting a longitudinally directed slot therein formed at one edge; a rigid plate in said bag and engaging the interior face of the top thereof for retaining said bag in distended position at the top; a hanger arm secured to said plate and extending outwardly of said bag through said longitudinal slot; and a

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hook on the outer end of said hanger arm for hooking over a supporting body; and a brace plate secured to said hanger arm and to the upper side of said plate and extended through and substantially filling said transversely directed slot.

2. A garment bag of the class described comprising a flexible enclosure having an opening at one side for entry therinto and embodying a top and a bottom, the top of said bag having a transversely extended slot formed therein intersecting a longitudinally directed slot therein formed at one edge; a rigid plate in said bag and engaging the interior face of the top thereof for retaining said bag in distended position at the top; a hanger arm secured to said plate and extending outwardly of said bag through said longitudinal slot; and a hook on the outer end of said hanger arm for hooking over a supporting body; and a brace plate secured to said hanger arm and to the upper side of said plate and extended through and substantially filling said transversely directed slot.

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