

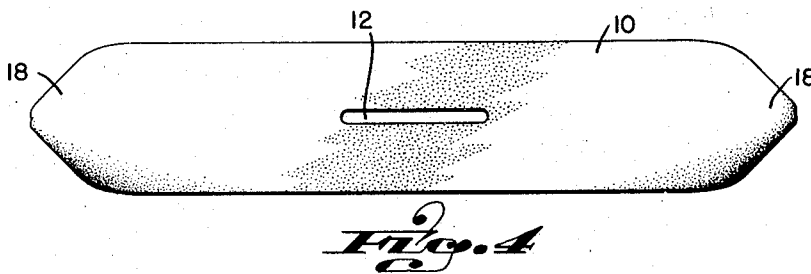
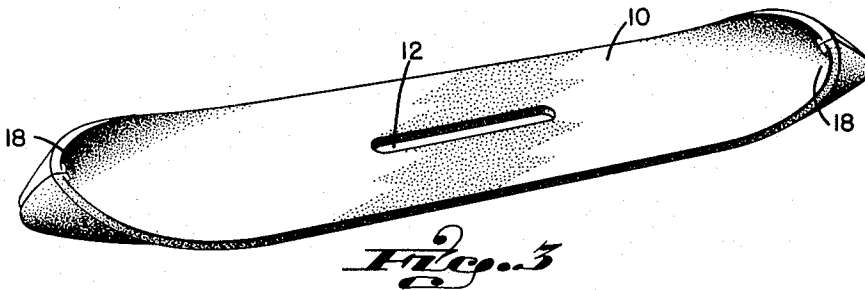
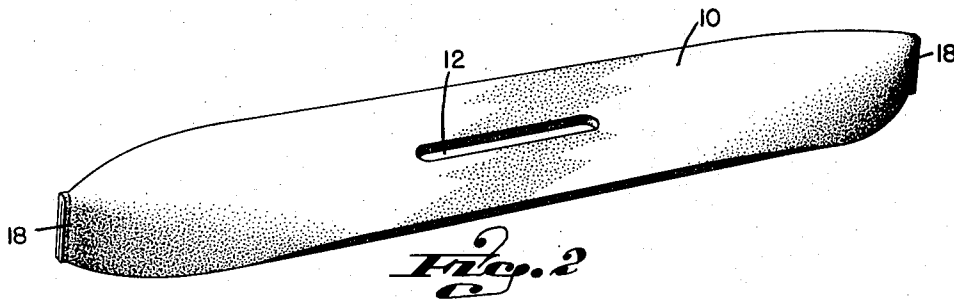
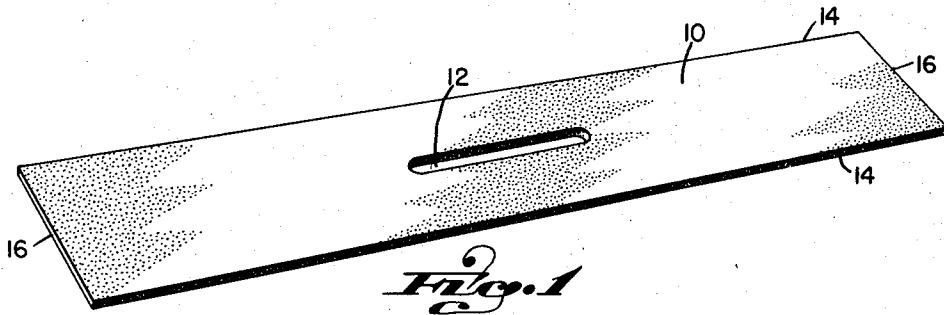
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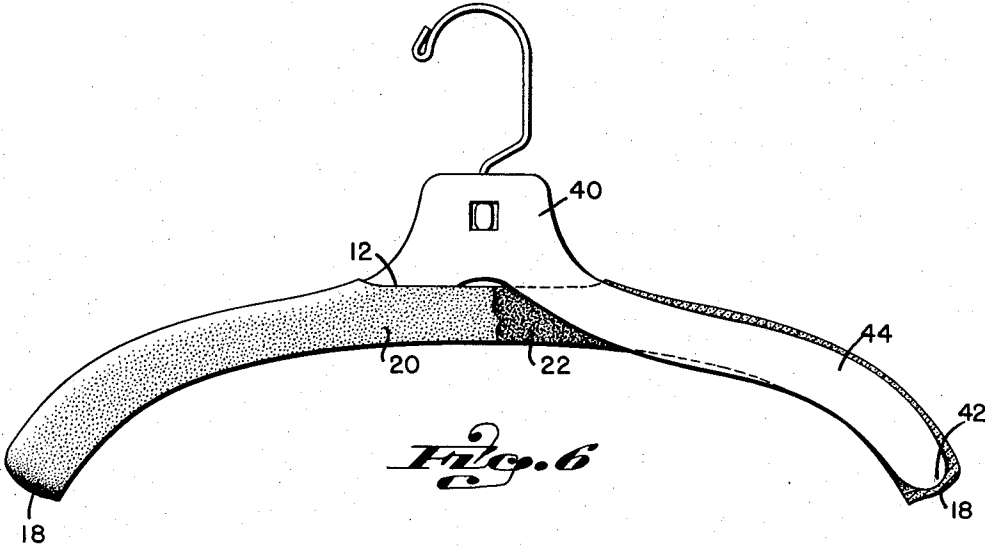
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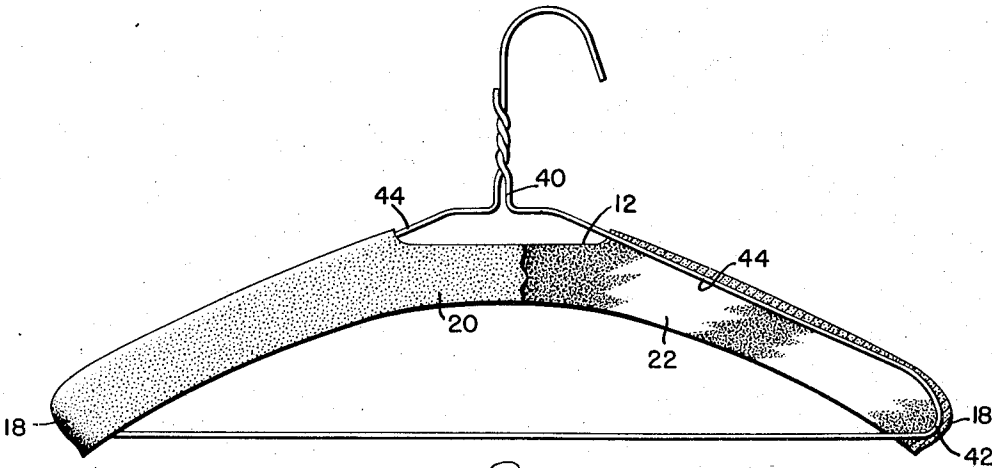
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*Fig. 5*



*Fig. 6*



*Fig. 7*

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## COVER FOR GARMENT HANGER

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This invention relates to covers for garment hangers, and more particularly to a cover which is characterized by its flexible, elastic, durable, flame resistant, soft, attractive and non-skid characteristics.

An object of the invention is to provide a cover for a garment hanger, wherein the cover is fabricated from a sheet of flexible, resilient, elastic, soft, cellular material having end pockets adapted to receive the ends of a garment hanger, said cover being stretched endwise during application to the hanger.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger cover having the hereinabove described characteristics the greater portion of which is initially in substantially flat condition until the pocketed ends thereof have been associated with the ends of a hanger, at which time the tensile forces imparted to the cover by reason of its having been stretched endwise during association with the hanger automatically cause portions of the cover intermediate the pocketed ends to turn downwardly, thereby forming front and rear sections which span the end pockets of the cover and snugly engage adjacent portions of the hanger therebetween.

Still a further object of the invention is to fabricate such a cover from sheet or strip polyurethane.

These and other objects are attained by the means described herein and as disclosed in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a sheet of material in the process of being fabricated into a cover embodying the teachings of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is similar to Fig. 1, disclosing the pocket forming step in the fabrication of the cover.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, wherein the cover member has been turned inside out.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of a cover embodying the teachings of the present invention.

Fig. 5 is a side elevational view of the cover of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 illustrates the subject cover applied to a wooden or a plastic garment hanger.

Fig. 7 illustrates the subject cover applied to a wire garment hanger.

With reference now to Fig. 1, the numeral 10 denotes generally a sheet of flexible, elastic, durable, flame resistant, soft, sparkling, non-skidding, cellular material such as, by way of example, a sheet of polyurethane, which is provided with a medial aperture 12, said sheet having substantially parallel side edges 14 and end edges 16. In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the medial aperture is in the form of an elongate slot of a length approximating or exceeding the overall width of sheet 10.

The opposite sides of the ends of the sheet are folded upwardly together in a plane at right angles with the plane of sheet 10, after which these ends are permanently secured together such as by means of stitching, stapling, tacking, adhesive, or the like, for thereby providing pockets 18 at the ends of the sheet.

In some instances it may be desirable to turn the pocket portions 18 inside out as illustrated in Fig. 3, however it should be understood that the ability and operating characteristics of the cover are in no way altered; however, the appearances are somewhat improved.

With particular reference now to Figs. 6 and 7, it will be noted that my cover is adapted to be associated with any of the various types of commercially available garment hangers by first inserting the upwardly projecting shank portion 40 thereof upwardly through medial aperture 12 of the cover. The ends of the cover are then stretched endwise for seating pockets 18 of the covers over the ends 42 of legs 44 of the hanger, a pair of which legs extend in opposite directions from the central upwardly projecting shank portion 40.

When the cover member is thus subjected to an endwise stretching force, the flat central portion 10 thereof will be automatically folded downwardly whereby to provide front and rear sections 20 and 22 which span pockets 18 and which are disposed in parallelism snugly engaging the opposite side faces of legs 44 of the hanger. In this manner the cover is securely though releasably anchored to the hanger.

It has been found that when the cover is fabricated from sheet polyurethane and wherein the overall length of the cover, as in Figs. 2 through 5, inclusive, prior to being applied to a hanger, approximates 12 inches in length, said cover may be stretched by from 6% to 30% of its original length incident to being applied to various types of standard and commercially available hangers. Endwise stretching of the cover within the above limits will provide all of the desired results, and provides a glamorous, non-skid, soft cover which will effectively anchor even the sheepest and flimsiest of garments, including negligees, and the like, to a hanger.

From the foregoing, it will be noted that I have thus provided a highly efficient, sanitary, inexpensive, slip-proof cover which may be associated with any type of commercially available garment hanger.

It should be understood that various changes in the structural details of the device may be made, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An improved cover adapted for use with any of the various types of conventional wood, wire, and plastic garment hangers having a pair of legs which extend in opposite directions from the base of a central upwardly projecting shank portion and a hook extending upwardly from the shank portion, the shank portion of the different types of hangers varying in configuration, height and cross sectional size, the cover fabricated from a sheet of elastic, soft, non-skid material and comprising a substantially flat central portion having a medial aperture therethrough, said aperture being located centrally of the ends of the cover and having a dimension longitudinally along the medial line thereof of a size to pass the hanger hook broadside therethrough, and the cover having ends which terminate in closed-ended, open-bottomed pockets to receive the outer ends of the hanger, the length of the cover being less than the length of the hanger body and being stretchable endwise for seating the ends of the hanger legs in said pockets and placing the cover under tension to anchor it to the hanger body, the cover in the region of and directly bordering the medial aperture being free from restraint to be stretched to enlarge the medial aperture, the medial aperture being normally of less size than the cross sectional size of the base of the shank portion of the body of some of the types of hangers, but of sufficient size so that by stretching the cover in the region of the medial aperture, the aperture

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can be readily enlarged sufficiently to allow the base of the shank portion of the hanger to be inserted there-through and permit that portion of the cover adjoining the medial aperture to embrace the inner end portions of the hanger legs adjoining the shank portion, whereby when the cover is stretched endwise and the outer ends of the hanger legs are seated in the pockets, the cover conforms to the contour of and tightly embraces the legs throughout the length thereof.

2. A cover as described in claim 1, wherein the medial aperture consists of an elongate slot located centrally of the ends of the cover and extending longitudinally along the medial line thereof.

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