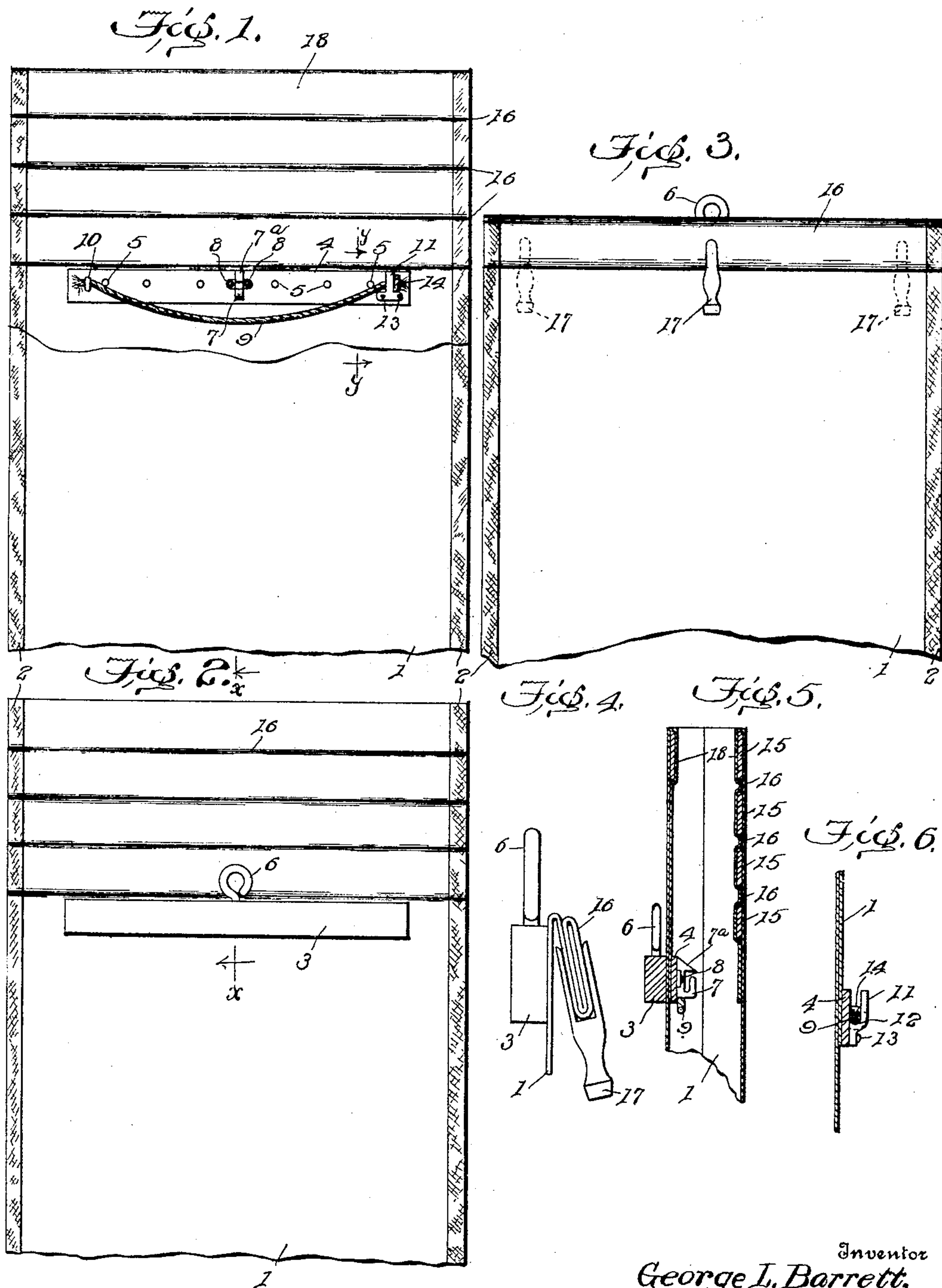


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. BARRETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Clark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Bags, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to clothes-bags, and has for its object to provide an inexpensive and efficient structure for inclosing and supporting a suit of clothes or other garments in such a way that they will be efficiently protected, particularly from moths, and supported in such a way as to prevent unnecessary folding and wrinkling.

To these ends my invention consists in certain novel features, which I will now proceed to describe and will then particularly point out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a bag embodying my invention in one form, the same being shown with its mouth open and with the front portion of the bag broken away to show the internal construction. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same, also with the mouth open. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the same with the mouth of the bag closed. Fig. 4 is an end elevation with the parts in the position shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 2 and looking in the direction of the arrows, and Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view taken on the line *y y* of Fig. 1 and looking in the direction of the arrows.

In the said drawings, 1 represents a suitable bag normally flat and of a size sufficient to inclose and support the garments without requiring them to be folded. This bag is preferably constructed of strong paper and may be reinforced at its edges by binding-strips 2 of a suitable textile fabric. To the outside of this bag there is secured at the back thereof near the top a bar 3, preferably of wood, the same being connected to the body of the bag in any suitable way, the construction which I prefer for this purpose being that shown, in which there is provided on the inside of the bag a strip 4, of heavy cardboard or the like, the bar 3 and strip 4 being secured together, so as to firmly grip the paper of the bag between them by means of tacks 5 or other suitable securing devices. The bar 3 is provided with a loop or hook 6, by means of which the bag may be suspended

from any suitable support, such as a closet or wardrobe hook. The bar 3 forms a suitable base to carry the supporting device from which the garments are suspended within the bag. One of these supporting devices consists of a hook 7, secured centrally to the bar by means of screws or nails 8, which pass through or bear upon suitable lugs on the base of the hook and also pass through the strip 4 and back of the bag 1, screwing into the wooden bar 3 and clamping the hook firmly in position against the same, at the same time aiding in uniting the strip, bag, and bar. The hook 7 is upwardly directed and is intended to receive a coat-hanger or clothes-hanger of any approved form, preferably such a one as will support a coat and vest and at the same time keep them in shape. The hook is provided with a downwardly-extending inclined guard 7^a, which will not only prevent the clothes from catching on the hook when they are introduced into the bag, but to also prevent accidental disengagement of the hanger from the hook. The supporting device also comprises a cord or flexible support 9, secured to the bar 3 at one end and detachably connected thereto at the other end, said cord being intended to form a support for a pair of trousers, a lady's skirt, or any other garment which it is desired to store away. The permanently-fastened end of the cord may be secured in any suitable manner, and I have shown for this purpose a staple 10, passing over the cord and driven through the strip 4 and back of the bag into the wooden bar 3, so as to clamp that end of the cord firmly against the bar. This staple also serves to further unite the strip, bag, and bar. At the other end of the bar is located a hook 11, offset from the bar, so as to form a space 12 of a width such as to snugly receive the cord. This hook is secured to the bar by screws 13, similar to the screws 8 of the central hook and also serving to more firmly unite the parts at this end of the bar. The cord is provided with an enlarged free end 14, formed in any suitable manner, preferably by tying a knot therein, as shown, said enlargement being greater than the width of the space 12, so that when the cord is engaged in said space the knot or enlargement will prevent the end of the cord from slipping through the hook and will thus form a simple and effective means for detachably connecting that end of the cord to the supporting-bar. The detachability of one end of the cord greatly

facilitates the operation of introducing the garment and applying the supporting device and also permits it being passed through any opening in the garment, so as to more effectively support the same.

The bag extends some distance above the bar 3 and its supporting devices, and one or both of the sides thereof, preferably the front side, is provided with a plurality of stiffening-strips 15, extending across the bag from one lateral margin thereof to the other. These stiffening-strips may be made of any suitable material, preferably paper-board or cardboard, and are arranged parallel to each other at successively-increasing distances downward. In this way it will be observed that the unstiffened parts 16 of the bag lying between the adjacent edges of the strips are of successively-increasing width from the mouth of the bag to the supporting-bar 3. By reason of this construction the bag can be closed by bringing its front and rear walls or sides together and repeatedly folding them successively in the same direction, so as to form a flat roll or volute which will be compact and which will tightly close the mouth of the bag, so as to effectually prevent the entrance of moths, dust, or any other undesirable thing. It will be seen that the increasing width of the spaces 16 accommodates the successively-increasing diameter of the roll and facilitates its proper formation and the resulting location of the strips 15 in parallel planes when the mouth of the bag is closed. The parts may be held in this position by means of one or more suitable clamps or clips 17, which grip the folded sections of the bag in the manner shown more particularly in Fig. 4. The strips 15 may be secured in position by any suitable means, such as gluing them, and they are preferably inclosed between the wall of the bag 1 and a protecting and inclosing sheet or strip 18, glued to the inner face of said wall of the bag, so as to cover and inclose the strips 15.

It will be seen that the bag thus constructed is adapted to support a suit of clothes (coat, vest, and trousers) in such a way as to prevent their being folded and wrinkled, that the garments may be readily placed within and

removed from the bag, and that when the garments are within the bag they will be effectually protected from moths and the like by means of a closure which is readily operated either to close or open the mouth of the bag. The structure is simple and inexpensive and at the same time efficient for its purpose.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a clothes-bag of the character described, the combination, with a normally flat paper bag, of an external wooden supporting-bar extending across the bag at the back thereof and provided with a suspending device, a corresponding reinforcing-strip of cardboard or the like located on the inside of the back of the bag, and securing and garment-supporting devices passing through the reinforcing-strip and bag and engaging the supporting-bar, substantially as described.

2. A clothes-bag of the character described, consisting of a normally flat paper bag provided with parallel transverse stiffening-strips located adjacent to its mouth at successively-increasing intervals between the strips, whereby the mouth portion of the bag is adapted to fold into a continuous flat roll, in combination with clamping means for holding the roll thus formed, substantially as described.

3. A clothes-bag of the character described, comprising a normally flat paper bag provided with supporting devices located some distance below its mouth, that part of the bag between said supporting devices and mouth being provided with a plurality of parallel transverse stiffening-strips separated by downwardly-increasing intervals, whereby said portion of the bag is adapted to fold into a flat roll, in combination with clips or clamping devices for holding said roll when formed, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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