

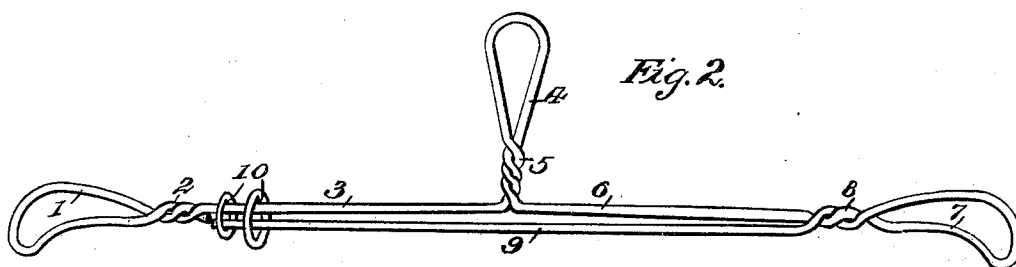
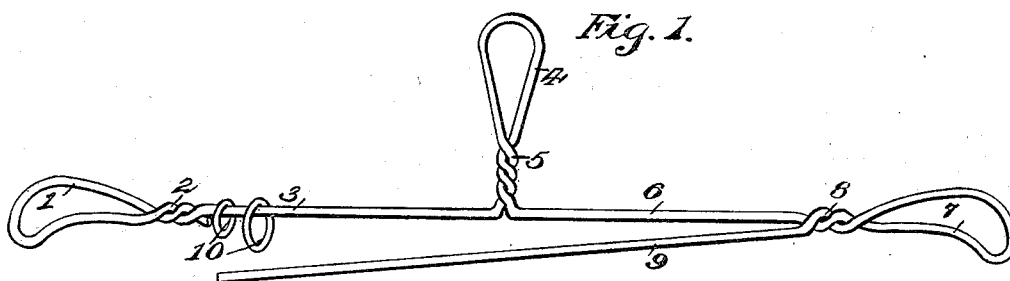
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. CAREY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers; 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.

My invention relates to an improvement in garment-hangers, being designed primarily for the outer clothing and applicable to both male and female attire, the object of the invention being the production of a simple and inexpensive device of serviceable strength and of such construction as to dispense with the joints and springs which render the usual device of this character inefficient after more or less use.

The invention will first be described in connection with the accompanying drawings and then pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of my hanger, the clamping-rod of the trousers-support being shown in inoperative position. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the clamping-rod in the operative position.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that my improved hanger has a supporting-loop adapted to engage a suitable hook or the like to support the device, the usual shoulder-loops to receive and support the coat and vest, a main rod joining and solely supporting the shoulder-loops, from the center of which rod the supporting-loop extends, and a clamping-rod adapted to be secured in coöperative relation with the main rod to hold articles of clothing between them. The clamping-rod is connected at one end with the main rod at the junction of the latter with one of the shoulder-loops, the remainder of the clamping-rod being free and adapted to be secured in coöperative relation with the main rod by a ring sliding on the main rod and over the free end of the clamping-rod. In order to accommodate different thicknesses of articles, the operative position of the clamping-rod with relation to the main rod is made adjustable by providing two or more clamping-rings of different diameter to vary the distance between the rods in operation, as may be desirable.

I have illustrated my hanger and by preference construct it as of a single length of spring-steel wire, forming the device therefrom as follows: The wire near one end thereof is bent in usual or preferred shape to form a shoulder-loop 1, then returned and twisted upon itself at 2, which twist is arranged to include the proximate end of the wire, as clearly shown in the drawings. From the twisted portion 2 the wire is projected horizontally, as at 3, to a point which will be central of the finished hanger, then projected upwardly and bent to form a supporting-loop 4, (or hook, if desired,) then returned and twisted upon itself at 5, then projected horizontally, as at 6, in alinement with part 3, these parts 3 and 6 forming practically a continuous piece and together constituting what I term the "main" rod of the hanger. From the end of part 6 the wire is projected and bent to form a second shoulder-loop 7, similar in shape to shoulder-loop 1, then returned and twisted upon itself at 8, and finally projected, as at 9, in the same horizontal plane as the main rod, with its end free, the part 9 forming what I term the "clamping-rod" of the hanger. Rings 10 of different diameters, which have preferably been cut made to encircle the main rod and the ends secured together, normally rest contiguous the twisted portion 2 in position to be moved to engage and hold in operative position the clamping-rod, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The twisted portion 8 serves as a spring connection between the clamping-rod and the main rod, operating to hold the free end of the latter a slight distance from the main rod when the trousers-support is not in use. This spring being formed by the twisting of the wire is strong and not liable to become inefficient through continuous use.

If desired, the main rod and the clamping-rod may be covered with any suitable material as a protection to the articles supported thereby, though I do not consider such a covering necessary.

From the above description, taken in connection with the drawings, it will be seen that I have provided a light, portable, and readily-stored device wherein the shoulder-loops are adapted to support a coat and vest or bodice, while the clamping members will sup-

port the trousers or skirt, the construction conveniently accommodating an entire outer suit of clothing of either male or female attire in manner to permit the ready removal
5 of any article.

While I have shown and described my invention as preferably constructed of a single length of wire, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself thereto, as the hanger
10 will be as effective if made of suitable lengths of other material or the shoulder-loops made of sheet metal of any preferred size or shape, all of which changes, with others obvious to any one familiar with devices of this character, I consider within the scope and spirit of
15 my invention.

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

A garment-hanger made of a single length 20 of material, bent near one end to form a shoulder-loop, then projected horizontally, then extended upward and bent to form a supporting-loop, then projected horizontally in a plane with the first-mentioned horizontal 25 part, then bent to form a shoulder-loop, and finally projected in the same horizontal plane with the above-mentioned horizontal parts and having its end free, and means to hold said last-mentioned part in clamping position 30 with relation to the first-mentioned horizontal parts.

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

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