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DUAL GARMENT HANGERS

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Fig.1.

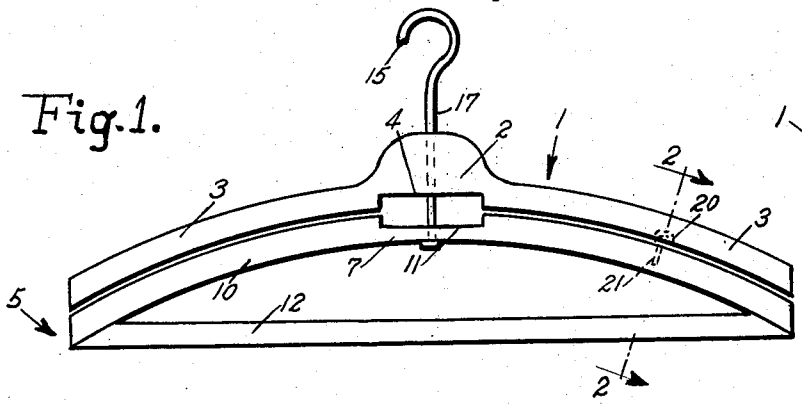
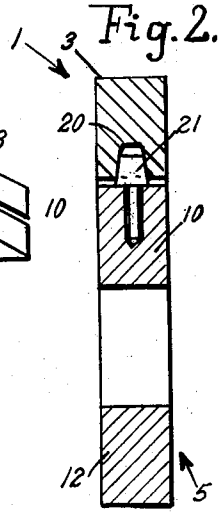


Fig.2.



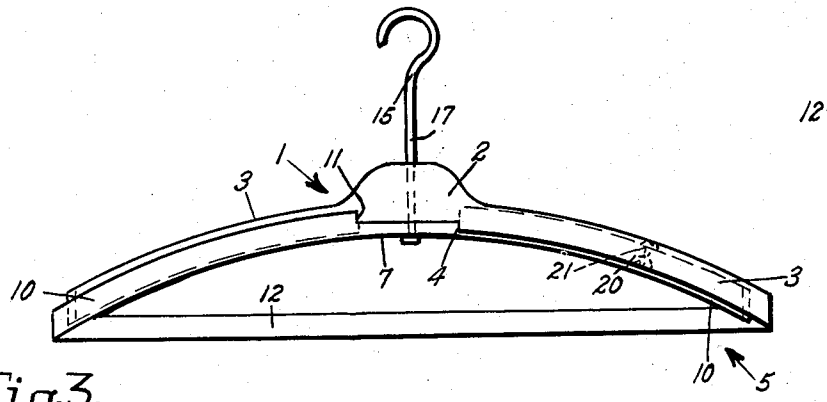


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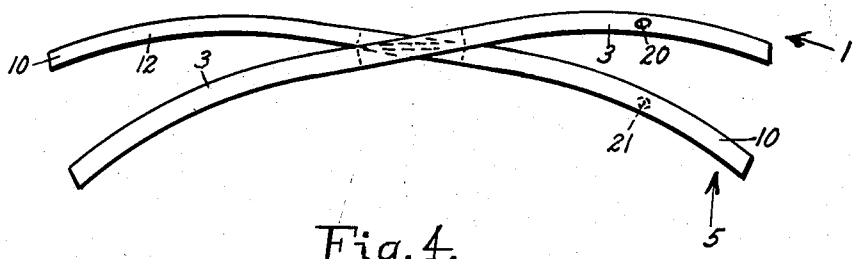


Fig.4.

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The present invention relates to improvements in garment hangers and, more specifically in hangers for coats, overcoats, vests and the like, although the same can be used also for trousers, skirts or similar wearing apparel.

One object of the present invention is the provision of a device of the character described which will support the garments in such a manner that they maintain approximately the same shape as when worn upon the person.

Another object of the present invention is the provision of a device of the character described which serves the same purpose as very wide, heavy and expensive hangers, but which requires only a minimum of space—thus reducing shipping and storage space—which is light in weight, and which also is inexpensive to manufacture.

A further object of the present invention is the provision of a device of the character described which is easy and simple to use, reliable in operation, of a pleasing outer appearance, handy, sturdy, durable, and well adapted for withstanding the rough usage to which devices of this type frequently are subjected.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangements of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawing a preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a side view of a preferred embodiment of my invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a side view like Fig. 1, showing the hanger in a different position; and,

Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view of the hanger in the position of Fig. 3.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing the numeral 1 denotes a first body formed to support a garment. The body 1 has an increased center portion 2 and arcuated branch portions 3, which preferably are curved as shown in Figs. 1, 3 and 4. The lower side of the center portion 2 is provided with a longitudinal recess 4. A second body 5, formed like the body 1 and having a center portion 7 as well as branch portions 10, has a recess 11 in the upper side of its center portion 7, and preferably is provided with a cross member 12 to which trousers and the like may be attached. A hook 15 has a longitudinal shaft portion 17

which is secured to the center portion 7 of the body 5 and is shiftably extended through the center portion 2 of the member 1.

I prefer to provide the bodies 1 and 5 with any suitable means for keeping them in registering alignment, the body 1 above the body 5, when not in use, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Said means in the instant shown consist of a small bore 20 in a branch portion 3 of the member 1, and a pin 21 or the like in the member 5 adapted for entering the bore 20 when the bodies 1 and 5 are in the position of Figs. 1 and 2.

In order to move the bodies 1 and 5 from their positions of Figs. 1 and 2 to their respective positions of Figs. 3 and 4, the body 1 first is pulled upwardly along the stem portion 17 of the hook 15, so that the pin 21 does no longer engage the hole 20. Thereupon, the bodies 1 and 5 are swung into the position shown in Fig. 4, and finally, the body 1 is shifted on the shaft portion 17 downwardly upon the body 5, thereby the recesses 4 and 11 interlocking each other, so that the angular relation of the bodies 1 and 5 to each other cannot be changed inadvertently. Thus the curved branch portions 3 and 10 form a garment support shaped to contour the body curvature of a wearer of a garment.

My new and improved dual or duplex garment hanger, when its bodies 1 and 5 are in the position of Figs. 3 and 4, keep the shoulder portions of men's and women's clothing in the same shaped which they assume when they are actually worn. Thus these garments, such as suit jackets, overcoats and the like, cannot be pressed flat while hanging close to other garments, they will thus retain their natural shape, and wrinkles will disappear within a short period of time from a garment supported by my hanger. However, the so-called "lift and twist" feature of my invention allows the bodies 1 and 5 to swing close together one above the other, as may be seen in Figs. 1 and 2, for holding shirts, blouses and other light garments and thus save space in a closet or the like.

Since certain changes may be made in the above article and different embodiments of the invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the following claims are intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which as a mattrer of language might be said to fall therebetween.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising a first body formed to support a garment and having a center portion provided with a rectangular open recess at its lower side, a second body beneath said first body being formed to support a garment and having a center portion provided with a rectangular open recess at its upper side, and a hook having a shaft secured to the center portion of said second body being slidably extended through the center portion of said first body, the recesses in said bodies being adapted to be brought into mutual engagement with each other when said bodies are angularly disposed to each other, so that by means of said engaging recesses a predetermined angular position of the first body relative to the second body can be maintained.

2. A dual garment hanger comprising a first arcuate body having a raised center portion provided with a longitudinal rectangular open recess at its lower side, a second arcuate body beneath said first body having a center portion provided with a longitudinal rectangular open recess at its upper side, a hook having a shaft secured to the center portion of said second body being slidably and rotatably extended through the center portion of said first body, and means for temporarily maintaining said bodies in registering alignment with each other being provided on said bodies, said recesses in said bodies being longer than said bodies are thick and being adapted for

interdigitating engagement with each other when said bodies are angularly disposed to each other at a predetermined angle, so that by means of said engaging recesses a predetermined angular position of the first body relative to the second body can be maintained.

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