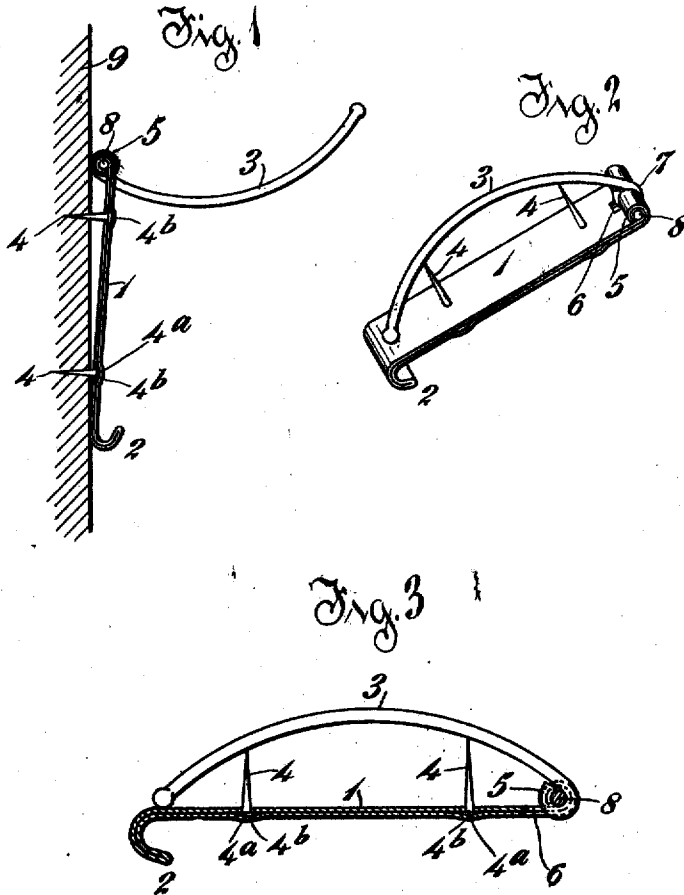


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE MANSER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combination hat and coat hangers and the object thereof is to provide a portable device that can be carried on the person or otherwise rendered convenient to apply in place for supporting the hat and coat or other similar garment of the user and to be readily detached from place when the hat and garment are removed, or as may be desired in connection with such portable device for the purpose named.

The invention consists of a vertical laminated body portion having an outwardly-disposed hook-formation at its lower end and an inwardly-disposed eye-formation at its upper end, two or more pointed prongs having internal heads incased in said laminated body portion and extending through the back of said body portion and an arm pivotally-connected at one end to said eye-formation and adapted to be swung outwardly at an angle to said body portion for holding a hat or like article of wear and, also, adapted to be swung inwardly toward the back of the body portion for folding in small compass and forming a guard over the points of said prongs.

Other features of the invention will be fully hereinafter described and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the device showing it in position for use, detachably-secured in place on an upright surface, the latter being shown in fragmentary section; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the device as it appears when folded and out of use; and Fig. 3, a longitudinal, central section of the device, showing it in its folded condition, but on a slightly larger scale than that seen in the two previous views.

In these views, 1 indicates the vertical main member or body portion of the device, 2 a hook-formation at its lower end and 3 an arm pivotally-connected at one end to the upper end of said body portion. 4, 4 indicate pointed prongs projecting from the inner face or back of said body portion 1,

and 5 is an eye formed at the upper end of the body portion and centrally spaced or slitted at 6 to receive the inner eye-end 7 of the arm 3, a pin 8 being inserted through the eyes 5 and 7 for the due pivoting of the arm 3. The inner end of the slit 6 forms a shoulder or rest for the inner end of the arm 3 when the latter is extended outwardly in position for use in holding a hat or the like.

The body portion 1 is preferably made of a single strip of sheet-metal that is bent over centrally and then the two halves brought together in double array or laminated form, the opposite ends of the strip being brought into flush-arrangement and then brought over in circular form to provide for the slitted eye 5 at one end of the body portion and the hook-formation 2 being made in the opposite end of the body portion where the strip of metal has been bent over midlength. Before, however, the slitted eye 5 is made in the body portion, the pointed ends of the prongs 4 are inserted through holes made at suitable distances apart in one plate of the laminated or double body portion, such plate forming the back of the body portion, and these prongs are held in place by means of the heads 4^a that lie between the layers or plates of the double body portion, as best seen in Fig. 3. It will be seen that the prongs are made similar to ordinary carpet tacks, being tapered from their heads toward their points and the laminated body portion is made of very thin metal that bulges slightly, as shown at 4^b owing to the presence of the prong-heads beneath. When the two halves or layers of the strip of metal are brought together to form the laminated or double body portion, such body portion is sufficiently stiff to impart the desired strength and rigidity to the device for use, or at least to suit the ordinary use to which garment-hooks are put.

It is obvious that the body portion could be made of a single thickness of metal and the prongs projected from the back thereof with their head-ends duly riveted in place, without departing from the preferred form just described.

In attaching the device, the arm 3 is extended in a forward position at the upper end of the body portion 1 and the pressure of the thumb is brought to bear upon the body portion at points on the face thereof where the bulges 4^b occur, thus being in direct line of forcing the prongs inwardly

into the face of a wooden or like penetrable surface 9, as best seen in Fig. 1. The coat-hanger tape or loop engages the lower hook 2 in hanging that garment in place and the hat is hung, as customary, on the arm 3. When the device is not in use and it is desired to carry it on the person, it can be readily pulled from place by catching hold of the arm 3 and drawing outwardly, the lower end of the body portion 1 acting as a fulcrum and the prongs readily withdrawing from anchoring place in the surface 9. The weight of the garment hanging on the hook 2 will not pull the device from place, as the pull or draft on the body portion is perpendicular at that point and the light weight of a hat or like head-cover is not sufficient to overcome the frictional resistance of the prongs 4 in the surface 9 to cause the device to become accidentally disengaged from place. When the device has been removed, the arm 3 is folded over on its pivot so that its outer end rests in contact with the back of the body portion and,

the pointed prongs projecting along the longitudinal center of the body portion, such arm 3 forms a guard over said prongs to prevent the latter coming in contact with the person or other objects, so that the hanger can be conveniently carried in the pocket for convenient use where and when desired.

I claim:—

A hat and coat hanger comprising a laminated body portion having at one end a coat-hook formation and at its other end a slitted eye-formation, independent pointed prongs projecting rearwardly through holes in and from the back-plate of said laminated body portion and having anchoring-heads intervening the layers or plates of said laminated body portion and a folding hat-arm pivotally-connected at one end to the slitted eye-formation in the body portion.

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