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CLOTHES HANGER BAR

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FIG 1

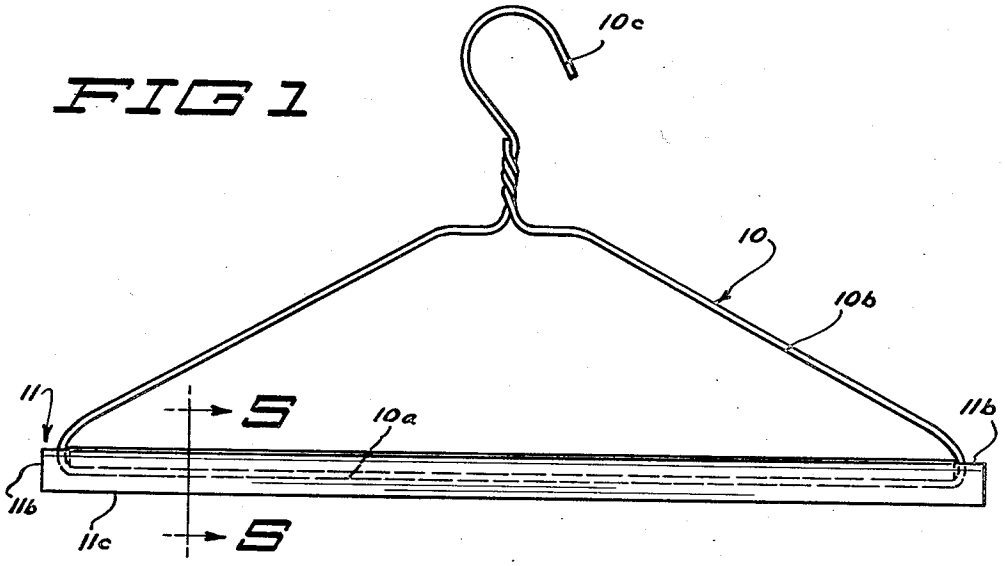


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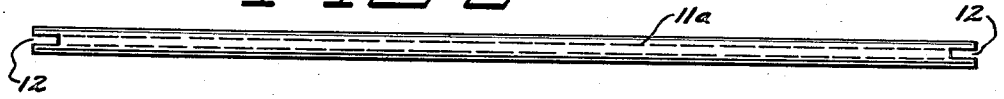


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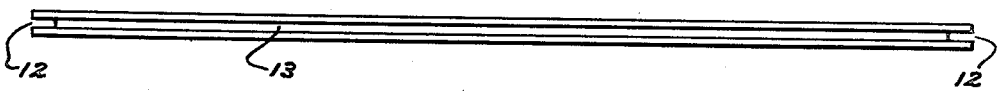


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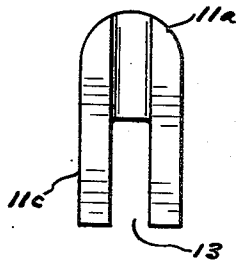


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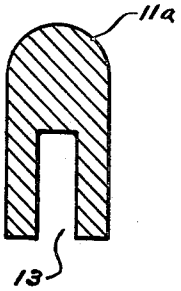
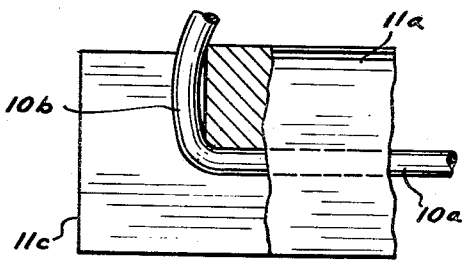


FIG 6



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This invention relates to a device to be used in connection with a clothes hanger and more particularly with a wire clothes hanger. This invention is adapted to be used with a clothes hanger made from a wire or rod in connection with hanging such garments as trousers from the cross member of such a hanger.

It is generally the practice for cleaning establishments to use and furnish a hanger having an elongated wire or rod at its bottom with upwardly extending supporting means at the ends thereof. Such supporting means commonly converge to and are connected to a supporting hook. Usually trousers are hung over said elongated wire or rod when such trousers are delivered in a cleaned and pressed or pressed condition. This practice is not altogether satisfactory as said elongated member tends to buckle or bend under the weight of the trousers hung thereon. Said elongated member also tends to crease the trousers hung thereon.

It is an object of this invention to provide a device adapted to overlie a wire hanger and be secured thereto to provide a hanging surface for trousers which will not objectionally crease the same.

It is another object of this invention to provide a device for overlying a wire hanger which will provide rigidity for the elongated horizontal wire or rod of such a hanger to provide a satisfactory hanging surface for garments such as trousers.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a device made of a suitable material such as wood or plastic to overlie the elongated horizontal wire or rod of a wire clothes hanger and be secured thereto so as to remain firmly in position and yet be readily removable.

It is a more specific object of this invention to provide a device or bar made of a suitable material such as wood or plastic having a slot about three sides thereof adapted to receive therein the horizontal elongated wire or rod of a wire clothes hanger and also a small portion of the supporting means adjacent the ends thereof so as to be secured firmly in position and yet be readily removable therefrom.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views and in which:

Fig. 1 is a view in side elevation of applicant's device mounted on a clothes hanger;

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Fig. 2 is a top plan view with a portion shown in dotted line;

Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view;

Fig. 4 is a view in end elevation;

Fig. 5 is a view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1, as indicated by the arrows; and

Fig. 6 is an enlarged view of an end portion in elevation with a portion broken away and a portion shown in dotted line.

Referring to the drawings, a clothes hanger 10 of very common form is shown. This is a common variety of a wire clothes hanger. Said hanger comprises an elongated wire or rod 10*a*, upwardly extending members 10*b* which converge or extend to an upper supporting hook 10*c*.

Again referring to the drawings, applicant's device comprises a bar 11, as shown, and while it could take various shapes, it is shown as being generally rectangular in horizontal section with a rounded or convexly curved top portion 11*a*. Applicant's device or bar may be made of any suitable material having substantial rigidity. The end portions 11*b* of said bar 11 have open-ended slots 12 extending vertically therethrough. Said slots respectively extend inwardly an equal distance to a point where the space therebetween is approximately equal to the length of said elongated wire or rod 10*a* with an allowance for a slight longitudinal movement. The bottom portion 11*c* of said bar 11 has a slot or groove 13 extending longitudinally thereacross and for a considerable depth therein. Said slot 13 is in alignment with and merges with slots 12. Preferably said slots 12 and 13 have a width just sufficient to be able to receive therein said rod 10*a* and the lower side portions adjacent its ends.

In operation, a hanger 10 and a member or bar 11 are respectively taken in hand. An end portion 11*b* of said member 11 is placed about a side portion of member 10*b* adjacent one of the end portions of rod 10*a*. Said side portion is received in the slot 12 in said end portion. Said member 11 is then pushed downwardly until rod 10*a* is received in slot 13 and the other side portion 11*b* is received in the other slotted end portion of bar 11. Bar 11 is thus securely placed in position. It has slight longitudinal movement but not a sufficient amount to permit it to become dislodged from position by use. One or more pairs of trousers may be hung on said bar 11. Said bar will not bend or buckle under the weight of such trousers. The rounded upper surface 11*a* of said bar 11 will have little tendency, if any, to cause a crease to be made in trousers hung thereon. Said rounded surface has sub-

stantial width and a substantially non-slipping surface so that when trousers are hung thereover sufficient friction is present to greatly minimize any tendency for trousers to slip off.

Thus it is seen that I have provided a hanger bar which is easily and inexpensively made and which may be made of material which may be otherwise considered waste material. It is a general practice to deliver men's trousers which have been cleaned and pressed or pressed on a wire clothes hanger. A very substantial number of such trousers are kept in the home on such hangers. Applicant's hanger bar when used on a wire clothes hanger substantially improves such a hanger as a means upon which to hang garments such as men's trousers.

It will of course be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the parts, without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which generally stated, consists in a device capable of carrying out the objects above set forth, in the parts and combinations of parts disclosed and defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A device adapted to be used with a wire clothes hanger, which hanger has a horizontal rod or wire with supporting means at the ends thereof comprising an elongated member generally rectangular in vertical section having a rounded top and having end portions with vertically extending open-ended slots therethrough,

the bottom portion of said member having a second slot extending longitudinally therethrough and having side walls of susbtantial height, said walls being spaced to closely fit said horizontal rod or wire whereby said device can be placed on said hanger with said horizontal member disposed in said second slot and said supporting members disposed respectively in said first mentioned slots.

2. A device adapted to be used with a wire clothes hanger, which hanger has a horizontal wire or rod and upwardly extending members at the ends thereof comprising an elongated member of substantially rigid material generally rectangular in horizontal section with a convexly curved top surface and having substantial vertical dimension, the same having vertically extending open-ended slots in its end portions and having a second slot of substantial depth extending longitudinally therethrough and said slots having walls spaced to closely fit said upstanding members whereby said device is adapted to be disposed on said hanger with said upwardly extending members disposed in said first mentioned slots and said horizontal wire disposed in said second mentioned slot.

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