

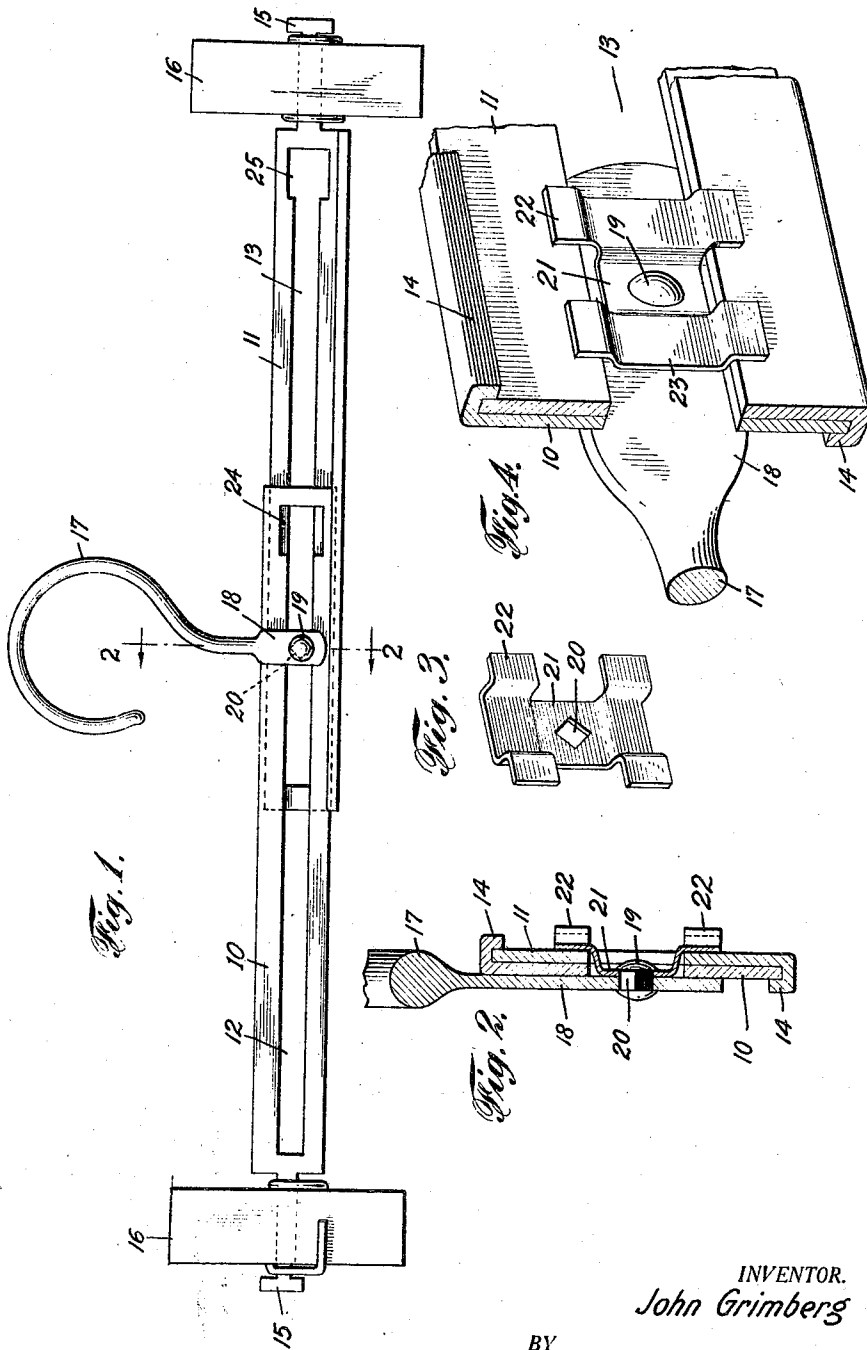
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN GRIMBERG, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to garment hangers and its chief object is to provide a hanger which can be adjusted to receive garments of different widths, so that it can be used, for example, to hang a pair of trousers by the bottom edge thereof or a skirt by the waistband. Another object is to provide an adjustable hanger which can be freely adjusted but will be held firmly in adjusted position, so as to prevent unintentional displacement of the relatively adjustable parts. A further object is to provide a device of the type described which shall be durable in construction and neat in appearance but of such design as to permit manufacture at low cost. To these and other ends the invention I desire to cover by the present Letters Patent comprises all the novel features hereinafter described.

One form of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—
Fig. 1 is a side view, with the suspending hook turned up to operative position.

Fig. 2 is a detail cross section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, on a larger scale.

Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the spring clamping member by which the sliding arms or parts of the hanger are held in firm frictional engagement to prevent accidental slippage.

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view, on a still larger scale, showing the spring clamping member turned to releasing position, by which the clamping pressure is relieved to permit free adjustment of the sliding parts.

The garment hanger illustrated in the drawings comprises a pair of arms or members 10, 11, in the form of long narrow strips of sheet metal of suitable thickness, provided with elongated slots 12, 13, adapted to register with each other when the parts are arranged face to face in the manner shown. One of the members may have its upper and the other its lower edge bent over to form overhanging guides 14, Figs. 2 and 4, to hold the parts with the slots in register but permit each part to slide longitudinally of the other, as will be readily understood.

At the outer end each arm is provided with a narrow finger 15, on which is mounted a clip 16 to grasp the garment, as the bottom of a pair of trousers, or the waistband of a skirt. These clips may be of the common 60
pincher type, with jaws of hard wood. The hanger is suspended by means of a hook 17.

To accommodate garments of different widths the arms 10 and 11 are shifted in or 65
out as may be necessary to bring the clips into proper position for grasping the garment at the proper points. In order to permit easy adjustment for this purpose and yet have the parts secured firmly enough to 70
permit handling without disturbing the adjustment, the following clamping means are provided.

The hook 17 is rigidly fixed, at its flattened lower end 18, to a clamping member 75
22 of spring metal on the other side of the parts 10, 11, having a longitudinal depression forming a relatively wide rib 23, the width of which is slightly less than the width of the slot 13 in arm 11. This rib 80
is parallel to the lower end of the hook 17. When the hook is swung down in either direction, the pivot disk 19 turning in the registering slots 12, 13, the spring clamping member is rotated in the same direction, 85
which brings the rib 23 into the slot 13, as in Fig. 4. The members 10 and 11 are now free to slide in and out, and hence can be easily adjusted to give the desired distance between the clips. The hook is then swung 90
up again, thereby turning the spring clamping member likewise, and bringing its rib 23 into engagement with the sliding member 11. This puts a spring pressure on the sliding parts and holds them in firm frictional 95
contact, thus preventing unintentional displacement of either in the course of ordinary handling. In order to compel the clamping member to turn with the hook when the latter is swung up or down, the 100
two are riveted together by means of a rivet 20 of angular cross section, as will be readily understood.

In manufacturing the device the hook 17 and clamp 22 are preferably assembled separately, and inserted into place through enlargements 24, 25 of suitable size in the slots 12 and 13 respectively. These enlargements or recesses can be brought into registry for the purpose by sliding the arm 11 inwardly 110
as far as it will go.

It is to be understood that the invention

is not limited to the specific details herein illustrated and described but can be embodied in other forms without departure from its spirit as defined by the following

5 claims.

I claim—

1. In a garment hanger, a pair of longitudinally adjustable members having registering longitudinal slots, a hook for suspending the hanger, pivotally mounted in said slots, and a spring clamping member actuated by pivotal movement of the hook to clamp or release said adjustable members at will.

15 2. In a garment hanger, a pair of longitudinally adjustable members having registering longitudinal slots, spaced means carried by said members for grasping a garment, a hook for suspending the hanger, pivotally mounted in said slots, and a spring clamping member actuated by pivotal movement of the hook to clamp or release said adjustable members at will.

20 3. In a garment hanger, a pair of longi-

tudinally adjustable members having registering longitudinal slots, a hook for suspending the hanger, pivotally mounted in said slots and on one side of said adjustable members, and a spring clamping member on the other side of the member and connected with a hook for rotation thereby; said clamping member having a rib adapted to bear upon the adjoining adjustable member and press the same upon the other when the hook is in upright position, and to lie in said slots when the hook is swung down from upright position.

4. A garment hanger as described in claim 3, in which the slots in the longitudinally adjustable members are provided at adjacent ends with enlargements to permit insertion of the hook and clamping member assembly when said enlargements are brought into registry with each other.

In testimony whereof I hereto affix my signature.

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