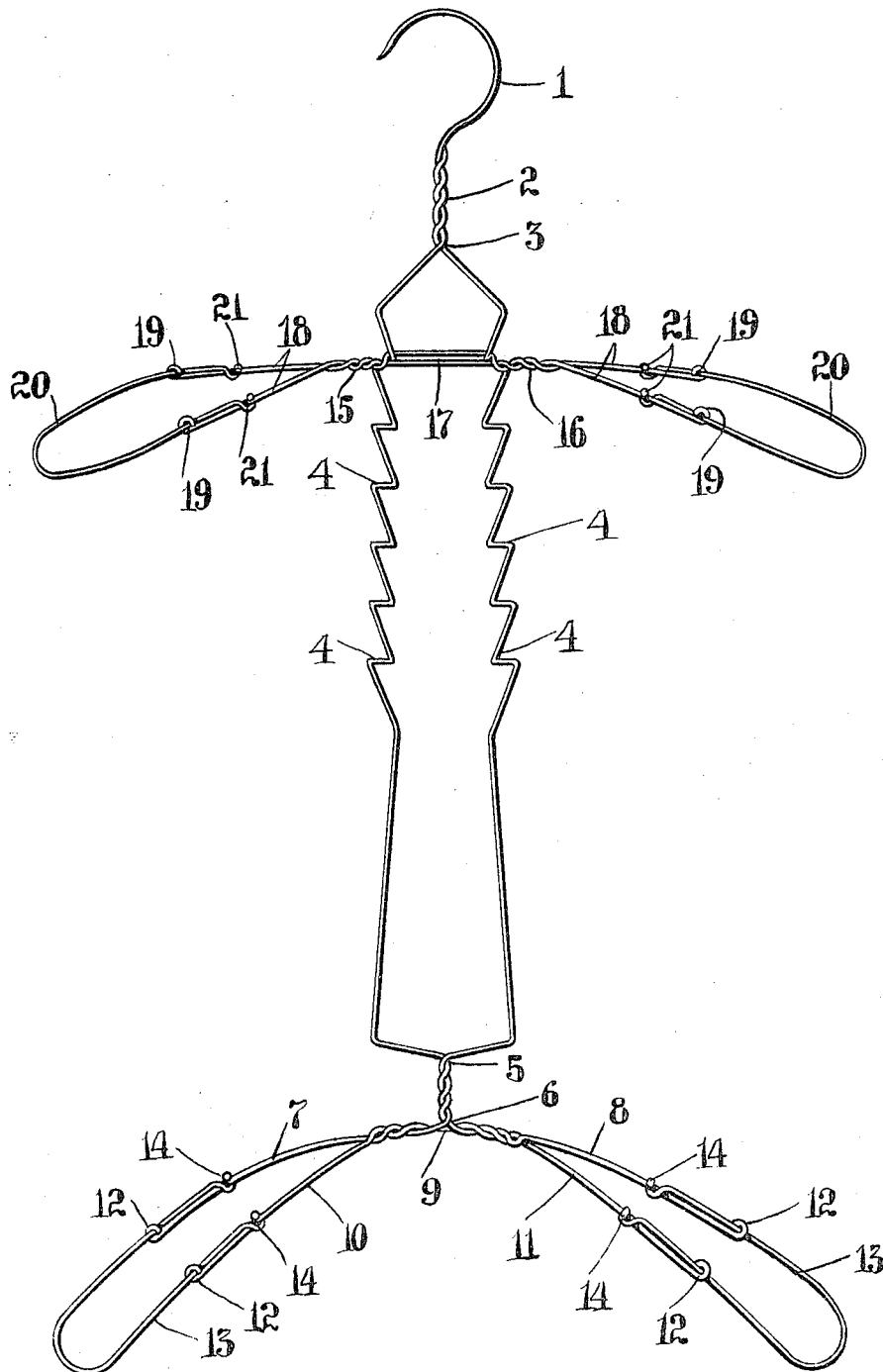


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN DOVE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Litchfield, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to portable garment hangers adapted to support garments along natural lines when not in use.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple inexpensive garment hanger especially adapted to support and preserve the shape of women's gowns which are made in one piece and should when in use be suspended both from the shoulders and the hips. My hanger is effectively adjustable so that gowns of different sizes may be supported thereon. My hanger is thus a stock hanger which may be purchased with the certainty that it can be adjusted to suit the requirements of the user.

The drawing is a perspective view of my garment hanger.

In the drawing 1 is the hook by which the hanger and the gown thereon are supported. My hanger is made of stout, stiff wire throughout. Below the hook 1 the wire is twisted at 2 with a second wire and at 3 the two wires separate outwardly and each is bent into a series of steps 4. At 5 the two wires meet again and are twisted together as indicated. At the point 6 the two wires separate again and extend outwardly as the arms 7 and 8. A third piece of wire 9 is engaged by twisting with the inner portions of the arms 7 and 8 as indicated, and extends on either side to form the arms 10 and 11. Each of the arms 7, 8, 10 and 11 have loops 12 at their extremities to receive the extension pieces 13 which are also provided with loops 14 engaging the outwardly extending arms as shown. Two additional pieces of wire are twisted together at the points 15 and 16 so as to form at 17 a slot-like aperture and so as to provide the four outwardly extending arms 18 having the loops 19 adapted to receive the extension pieces 20 having the inner loops 21 encircling and engaging the arms 18.

It will be seen that my hanger provides upper and lower branches or arms for the support of the gown from the shoulders and

also from the hips. These branches or arms are all adjustable in and out as indicated. 55 Where the loops at the ends of the wires engage the adjoining wires the contact is sufficiently close to provide friction to prevent the sliding of the parts except when a readjustment is desired. To change the distance between the upper and lower branches or supports the stepped uprights are grasped by the hand and forced together until the aperture 17 of the upper arm is free to be moved upward or downward. When the upper arm is at the desired position of adjustment the stepped uprights are released and spring outwardly because of the resiliency of the material to provide a support upon the selected step for the upper arm. 70-

It will be seen that the manufacture of my garment hanger is simple. But few pieces of wire are employed. Because of the easy vertical adjustment of the distance between the two arms and the easy horizontal adjustment of the arms my hanger may be fitted to support effectively at the shoulders and at the hips a one-piece gown. The horizontal adjustability of the arms permits them to be shortened so that the hanger may be packed in a small place. The upper arms may be removed from the structure by sliding the same upward and over the hook 1. 80

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a garment hanger, a pair of upper arms, a pair of lower arms, and a resilient stepped member adjustably supporting one pair of arms. 90

2. In a garment hanger, a pair of upper arms, a pair of lower arms, and a vertical member provided with a series of supports for one pair of arms.

3. In a garment hanger, a pair of upper arms, a pair of lower arms, and two resilient members provided with a series of supports for the adjustable positioning of one pair of arms.

Signed at New York city in the county 1 of New York and State of New York this 20th day of April A. D. 1908.

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