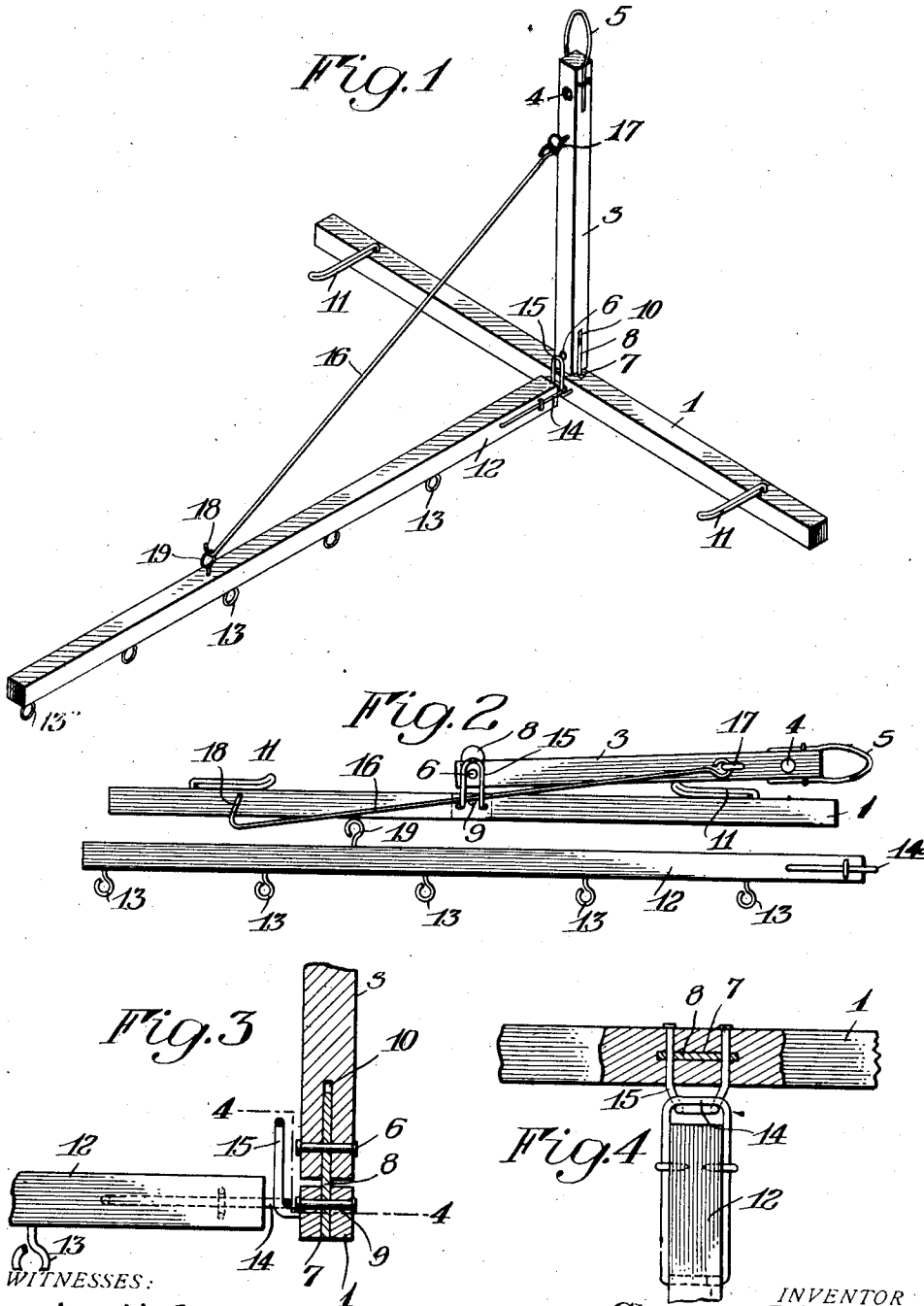


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE A. SOULE, of Canandaigua, in the county of Ontario and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference-numerals marked thereon.

My present invention relates to furniture and more particularly to wardrobe fixtures and it has for its object to provide a simple, cheap and convenient garment hanger of substantial capacity and adapted to be applied to a wall or similar support. The improvements are directed in part toward features of general structure permitting the hanger to be folded, when not in use, into small compass with little effort and without the use of tools and to be partially folded when still in place but not required for use or required for very limited use. To these and other ends the invention resides in certain improvements and combinations of parts all as will be hereinafter more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment hanger constructed in accordance with and illustrating one embodiment of my invention, the same being shown in position for use;

Fig. 2 is a front view of the hanger completely folded;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary section in a vertical plane through the center of the device, and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary section on the line 4-4 of Fig. 3.

Similar reference numerals throughout the several views indicate the same parts.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates a base member designed to occupy a horizontal position against a wall. It is suspended at the center from an upright 3 that is provided at its upper end with an aperture 4 and also preferably with a large eye 5 by means of which the device may be hung from a nail or screwed to the wall or supported on the ordinary closet hook. The upright 3 is pivoted to the base member 1 at 6, as shown in detail in

Fig. 3. For this purpose, the center of the base member 1 is slotted vertically at 7 and a vertical plate 8 is secured in the slot by pins 9. The lower end of the upright 3 is bifurcated at 10 to receive the plate 8 and the pivot pin 6 carried by such bifurcated end has its bearing in the plate 8 which is preferably of sheet metal while the other parts are preferably made of wood, so that the bearing will not wear quickly and also the upright 3 cannot twist with respect to the base member 1. When the device is folded, as shown in Fig. 2, the upright 3 is turned on the pivot 6 to a position substantially parallel with and longitudinally of the base member 1. The latter may be provided with forwardly projecting garment hooks 11 and these are preferably pivoted in the base member so that they also may be swung in to the position shown in Fig. 2 in the plane of the base member and the upright.

The chief capacity of the device for suspending garments resides in a forwardly extending horizontal arm 12 provided at intervals on its under side with eyes 13 to receive a plurality of the ordinary coat hangers. The inner end of this arm is fitted with a wire yoke 14 forming an eye that co-operates with a forwardly and upwardly extending hook 15 on a base member 1 at or near the lower end of the upright 3. This hook 15 may also be made of a wire loop having a flat or two point contact with the squared end of the eye 14 so that undue lateral swinging movement of the arm 12 is discouraged. The outer portion of the said arm 12 is supported in its operative horizontal position by a rigid stay 16 passing through an eye 17 in the upper portion of the upright 3 by which element it is carried, while the other end of the stay is provided with an open hook 18 that is detachably engaged with an eye 19 on the outer portion of the arm 12.

When it is desired to complete the fold of the device, the stay 16 is disengaged from the arm at 19 and brought parallel and against the parts 1 and 3, as shown in Fig. 2, while the arm 12 is lifted off of the hook 15 and placed in a similar position, as shown in the same figure. These arrangements make the hanger easy to pack for shipment and readily stored within a small space.

A device constructed in accordance with my invention may be manufactured with

profit from the waste lumber or cuttings of most any woodworking establishment so far as its major elements are concerned while a few lengths of wire and some screw-eyes supply substantially all of the rest of the material required.

It is obvious that the stay 16 may be disengaged and the arm 12 dropped to lie flat against the wall without removing the hanger altogether if it is in the way, while the hooks 11 remain in position for limited use.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a garment hanger, the combination with a base adapted to rest against a wall, of a rigid upright secured thereto substantially perpendicular to the base and provided with means by which the base and upright may be suspended, a detachable garment supporting arm extending outwardly from the base at substantially right angles to the base and upright and means for bracing said garment supporting arm, said base, upright and garment arm being readily folded into a compact bundle no longer than the longest member, and containing those members arranged in parallelism.

2. In a garment hanger, the combination with a base member adapted to rest against a wall, of an upright by means of which the

base member is suspended from a support, said upright being pivoted to the base member to fold longitudinally against the same, a garment supporting arm extending at right angles from said elements and detachably connected to one of them near the pivot with a two point connection and means for bracing the arm.

3. In a garment hanger the combination with a base member adapted to rest against a wall, of a rigid upright by means of which the base member may be suspended, said upright and base member being pivotally connected whereby they may be folded parallel when not in use, a garment hook mounted on said base member to extend outwardly therefrom and also to be swung into alinement with the base member, a garment supporting arm detachably connected with said base member and adapted for pivotal movement only in a plane at right angles to the axis of the base member when connected therewith, said arm having garment supporting hooks thereon, connecting devices on the upright and garment supporting arm, a rigid and detachable bracing member adapted to engage the connecting device on the upright member and garment supporting arm.

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