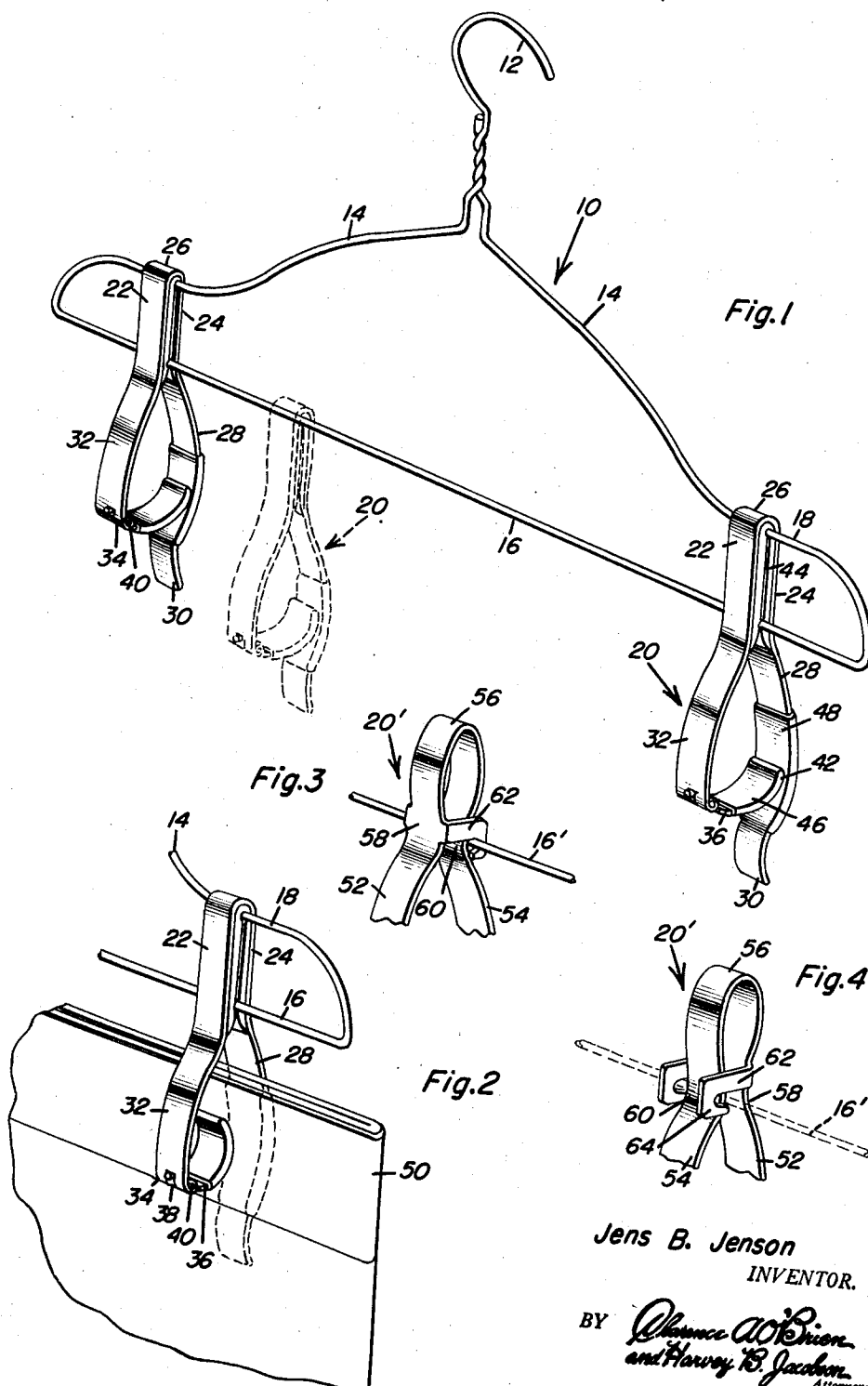


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The present invention generally relates to a device for suspending articles and more particularly for suspending garments such as skirts or the like, which device is in the form of an attachment for a wire-type coat hanger.

An object of the present invention is to provide a skirt hanger for attachment to a wire-type coat hanger incorporating means for frictionally hanging a skirt or similar garment, the weight of the suspended article acting to increase the gripping action of the member which frictionally engages the object.

A further object of the present invention is to provide an attachment for a conventional wire coat hanger which enables the coat hanger to be employed for suspending skirts or similar garments therefrom, there being provided two separate means of attachment of the device to the coat hanger.

Yet another important feature of the present invention is to provide a skirt hanger which is simple in construction, easy to attach to a wire coat hanger and relatively inexpensive to manufacture.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a wire coat hanger and the attachment therefor forming the skirt hanger of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a partial perspective view of the present invention supporting a skirt;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating an alternative manner of mounting the attachment on the wire coat hanger; and

Figure 4 is a rear partial perspective view of the construction of Figure 3.

Referring now specifically to the drawings, the numeral 10 generally designates a wire coat hanger which is of substantially conventional construction and includes a hook 12, a pair of downwardly and outwardly inclined wire members 14 interconnected by a bottom member 16. Adjacent the juncture between the inclined members 14 and the bottom member 16, the inclined members 14 are formed in substantially parallel relation to the bottom member 16 these portions of the inclined members 14 being designated by the numeral 18.

Mounted on the wire coat hanger 10 is a pair of supporting members generally designated by numeral 20, each of which is substantially U-shaped in configuration and has a pair of legs 22 and 24 interconnected by a small bight portion 26, the legs 22 and 24 being disposed in closely spaced parallel relation for a portion of their length. The leg 24 is provided with an outwardly bowed lower terminal end portion 28, the outer end of the bowed portion 28 being flared outwardly as indicated by numeral 30. The leg 22 is also bowed outwardly as designated by numeral 32 and terminates in a pair of lugs 34 forming hinge pintles for hingedly supporting a clamp member 36

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which also has a hinge pintle forming lug 38 thereon for receiving a hinge pin 40. The clamp member 36 is curved with its inner end 42 being oriented upwardly and resting against the inner surface of the bowed portion 28 of the leg 24.

The inner surfaces of the legs 22 and 24 are provided with a rubber covering 44 for grippingly engaging the bottom member 16 and parallel portions 18 of the coat hanger 10. Also, the clamp member 36 is covered with a felt covering 46 while the co-acting portion of the bowed portion 28 is also covered with felt as indicated by numeral 48 whereby a skirt 50 may be clamped therebetween with the downward pull of the skirt 50 tending to pivot the clamp member 36 downwardly thus increasing the gripping action of the clamp member 36 and supporting the skirt 50.

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate an alternative method of applying the attachments 20' to the bottom 16' of a coat hanger, the attachment 20' having a pair of bowed legs 52 and 54 joined together by a bight portion 56. The leg 52 has an inwardly bent portion 58 and the leg 54 has a matching inwardly bent portion 60. The inwardly bent portion 58 is provided with a pair of laterally extending lugs 62 terminating in hook-shaped elements 64 facing the outer surface of the leg 54 whereby the hook-shaped portions 64 may be engaged with the bottom member 16' while the latter is disposed against the outer surface of the inwardly bent portion 60 of the leg 54 thereby detachably and resiliently securing the attachment 20' to the bottom member 16' of the coat hanger. It is pointed out that the attachments 20 and 20' could be employed with other supporting mechanisms and the device may be supported from only the bottom wire 16 as shown by dotted lines in Figure 1 and may be adjusted as to distance between the attachments depending upon the width of the skirt or article to be supported.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A hanger for skirts comprising a wire coat hanger having at least one horizontal wire, a pair of U-shaped members detachably mounted in inverted position on said wire, means on said members for grippingly engaging said wire, the lower ends of the legs of the U-shaped members being arcuately bowed and disposed in spaced relation for receiving a portion of a skirt, and a pivotal clamp member mounted on one of said legs and extending upwardly and towards the other leg whereby the skirt disposed between the other leg and the free end of the clamp member will be frictionally retained in position with the weight of the skirt increasing the clamping action of the clamp member, said clamp member being longer than the distance between the lower ends of the legs thereby maintaining the clamp member in inclined position, said means for engaging said wire including a pair of hook-shaped members on one leg of each U-shaped member, said hook-shaped members extending beyond the other leg and adapted to engage over the wire with the other leg adapted to resiliently urge the wire into gripping engagement with the hook-shaped members.

2. The combination of claim 1, wherein the free end of the clamp member and the inner surface of the other leg is covered with a friction increasing material thereby increasing the gripping action on the skirt.

3. A garment hanging attachment for wire coat hangers, said attachment comprising an inverted substantially U-

shaped member including a pair of legs and a bight portion connecting upper ends of said legs together, means provided on the lower end portions of said legs for gripping a garment therebetween, and a pair of spaced hook-shaped elements provided on one of said legs adjacent said bight portion, said hook-shaped elements extending beyond the other leg and being adapted to engage a wire coat hanger with said other leg adapted to resiliently urge the wire coat hanger into engagement with said hook-shaped elements.

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