

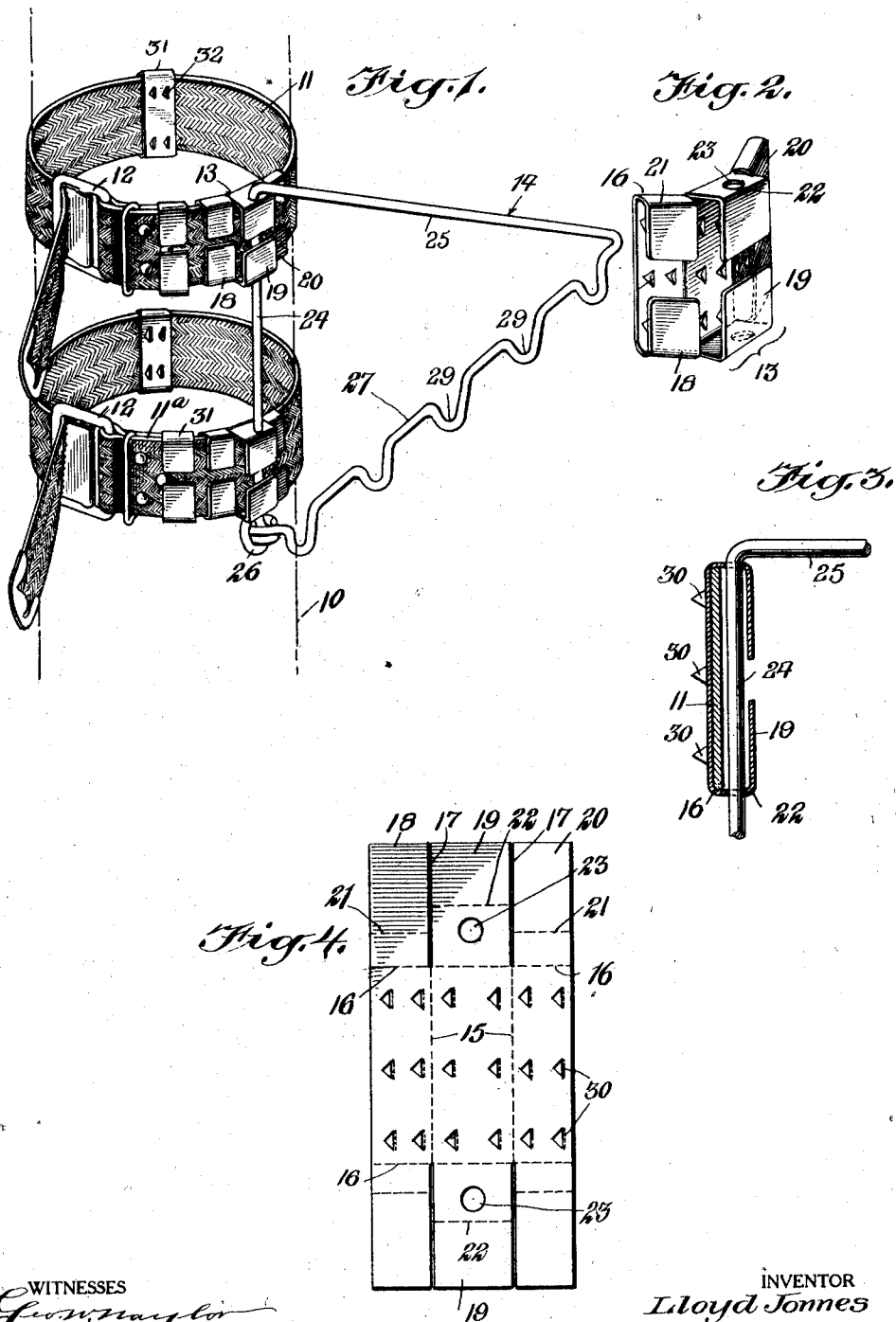
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The present invention is concerned with the provision of a supporting means for garment hangers which may have a wide and varied range of utility in the arts, but which is peculiarly suited for attachment to tent poles, or other locations where it is undesirable to drive nails into the supporting pole or post.

An object of the invention is to provide a unique type of bracket for supporting a plurality of coat hangers or other garment hangers, and to provide means for supporting the bracket upon a tent pole or equivalent device without the use of nails or any other securing instrumentalities which might mar or damage the pole.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be attached with facility and expedition to a tent pole or other supporting column, and a device which when in applied position will support a number of garment hangers in properly spaced relationship to each other.

Still further objects of the invention are to provide a support for garment hangers which will be of simple, practical construction, rugged, durable and efficient in use, and well suited to the requirements of economical manufacture, and convenient storage or transportation in a small amount of space.

With the above noted and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claims. The invention may be more fully understood from the following description in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing a garment hanger support in applied position upon a pole which is indicated in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a view of one of the main supporting straps for the hanger bracket.

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view through the bracket support and strap.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blank from which the bracket support is formed.

In the drawings I have used the reference character 10 to designate a suitable support to which the hanger bracket is adapted to be secured. Obviously this support may be of any character, although the device is particularly suitable for attachment to tent

poles or for wooden posts or columns in instances where it is undesirable to nail into, or otherwise mar the column or post.

In general, the device includes a pair of flexible adjustable straps 11 and 11<sup>a</sup> carrying the usual buckles 12, these straps being secured around the post in spaced relationship to each other. Supporting and strengthening guide brackets shown in Fig. 2 and indicated generally by the reference character 13 are carried by the straps 11 and 11<sup>a</sup>, and serve to cooperatively provide mounting for the coat hanger supporting bracket indicated generally by the reference character 14.

The blank from which the bracket 13 is formed is illustrated in Fig. 4 and it will be noted that the blank is of general elongated rectangular shape formed with a pair of parallel longitudinal fold lines 15 intersected by a pair of parallel transverse fold lines 16. The blank is slitted as at 17 along the fold lines 15 from the ends of the blank inwardly to the transverse fold lines 16. The slits 17 define three bendable tongues 18, 19 and 20 at each end of the blank. Tongues 18 and 20 are bent over at right angles on the fold lines 16, and are then additionally bent on transverse fold lines 21, so that they cooperate with the main body portion of the blank to define channels for the reception of the straps 11 and 11<sup>a</sup>, as the case may be. The central tongues 19 are also folded at right angles on the fold lines 16, and additionally folded on transverse fold lines 22 spaced from the fold lines 16 a greater distance than the fold lines 21. Thus, the central tongues 19 when bent to the position shown in Fig. 2, also cooperate with the intermediate portion of the blank to define a strap receiving channel, but this channel is preferably wider than the channels defined by the tongues 18 and 20, and the portion of the blank body which is associated therewith.

Apertures 23 are provided in those portions of the tongues 19 which are defined between the fold lines 22 and 16. These apertures are adapted for the reception of the vertical leg 24 of the approximately triangularly shaped hanger supporting bracket 14. With the two brackets 13 in position on their respective straps, and with all four of the openings aligned, the vertical leg 24 of bracket 14 is securely retained against

vertical shifting movement, and in fact against any movement other than rotational.

The horizontal upper side 25 of the triangular bracket 24 is integrally connected to an inclined wire arm 27 formed at intervals with depressed portions defining notches 29. The lower inner end of arm 27 is twisted or otherwise secured to the lower end of the vertical leg 24 as shown at 26.

The notches 29 serve as pockets adapted to receive the hook ends of conventional garment hangers.

In most instances, it is desirable that the three sections of the blank from which the bracket 13 is formed be bent slightly on the longitudinal fold lines 15, so that these sections will conform as nearly as possible to the exterior shape of the support 10 with which they are associated. If desired, any suitable number of metal spurs or prongs 30 may be struck from the body of the blank, and these spurs engaging the wooden pole 10 will effectually prevent the straps 11, 11<sup>a</sup> from slipping. Additional channel pieces 31 corresponding in shape to one section of the blank which forms the bracket 13 may also be provided, and slipped along the straps to positions approximately diametrically opposite to the location of the brackets 13. These channel members 31 may also be provided with spurs as indicated at 32, if desired.

Even without the spurs the weight of the garments on the bracket 14 will tend to retain the straps 11, 11<sup>a</sup> in properly spaced relationship, since the weight of the garments will act through the vertical arm 34 of bracket 14 to force the straps 11, 11<sup>a</sup> into firm engagement with their supporting column 10.

Obviously, various changes and alterations might be made in the general form and arrangement of parts described without departing from the invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself to the details set forth, but shall consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall

within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A device of the class described including a pair of flexible straps adapted to encircle an upright support at spaced points, aligned channelled brackets receiving and carried by the straps, a clothes hanger supporting bracket mounted in the channelled brackets, said channelled brackets including a plurality of sections bendable relative to each other to conform to the surface shape of the upright support.

2. A device of the class described including a pair of flexible straps adapted to encircle an upright support at spaced points, aligned channelled brackets receiving and carried by the straps, a clothes hanger supporting bracket mounted in the channelled brackets, said channelled brackets including a plurality of sections bendable relative to each other to conform to the surface shape of the upright support, each section including an intermediate portion lying between the strap and support, and tongues overlying the outer face of the strap.

3. A device of the class described including a pair of flexible straps adapted to encircle an upright support at spaced points, aligned channelled brackets receiving and carried by the straps, a clothes hanger supporting bracket mounted in the channelled brackets, said channelled brackets including a plurality of sections bendable relative to each other to conform to the surface shape of the upright support, each section including an intermediate portion lying between the strap and support, and tongues overlying the outer face of the strap, the tongues of one section being spaced further from the strap than the tongues of adjacent sections, and being integral with apertured horizontal portions for receiving the vertical leg of a substantially triangular hanger supporting bracket.

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