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GARMENT HANGER.

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Fig. 1.

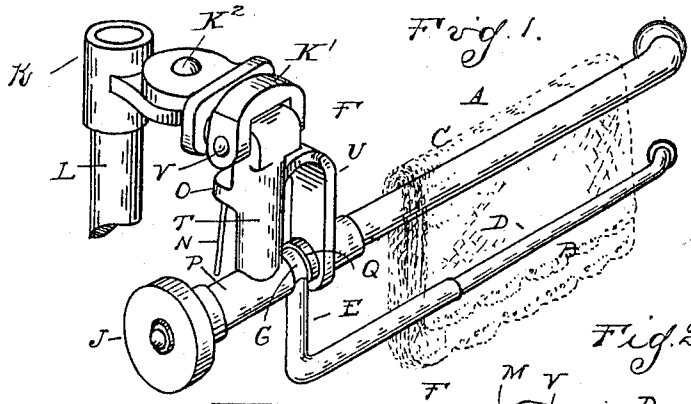


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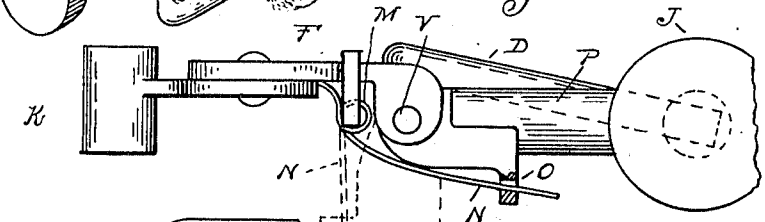


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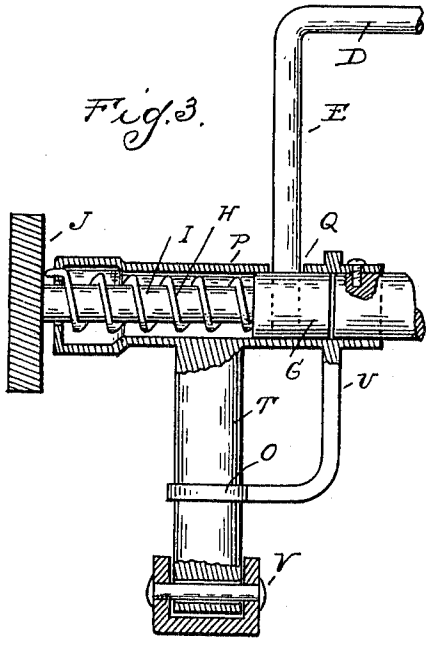
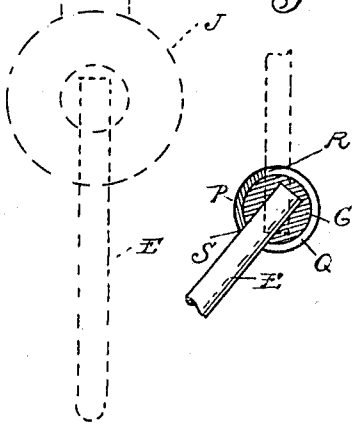


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST LEMKE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to garment hangers and more particularly to a hanger adapted for use in opera houses, churches, automobiles or the like.

The invention resides in the peculiar construction, arrangement and combination of parts as will more fully hereinafter appear.

In the drawings,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device embodying the invention, applied to seats; Fig. 2 is an end elevation; Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional views illustrating certain details of construction.

In hangers adapted to be attached to the backs of seats in opera houses or the like, it is very desirable to have the hanger not only occupy as little space as possible, but also to have it so constructed that it will hold the garment in close proximity to the back of the seat. I have, therefore, provided a device which lies in close proximity to the seat back, which will permit the garment to be readily applied thereto.

The hanger comprises a section A forming the support for the garment, and a section B adjustable in relation to the section A and serving as a retainer. The section A is herein shown as comprising an arm C and the section B as formed angle-shaped, providing an outwardly-extending arm D spaced from the arm C and an inwardly-projecting portion E.

F is a bracket to which the arm C is rigidly attached, and journaled in this bracket is a bearing G to which the projection E is attached. The bearing G is normally held so that the arm D will be in its outward position of adjustment by means of a spring H. This bearing is provided with an extension I to which an operating knob J is attached, the knob serving as a means for rotating the bearing against the tension of the spring to move the arm D to its initial position of adjustment. The bracket F is connected for vertical swinging movement by a pivot *v* to a supporting member K′, which in turn is connected for movement horizontally. In the drawing the supporting member K′ is shown as having a pivotal connection K^2 with a member K that is rigidly connected with a rod L at the top thereof, said rod being arranged to extend adjacent the back of the seat. Preferably the bracket is retained in its downward position of adjustment by means of a spring M having one end secured to the bracket and the other end N slidingly engaging an apertured portion O of the bracket.

As shown in Fig. 3, the member G is journaled in a horizontal, tubular portion P of the bracket, which is slotted at Q to permit movement of the projection E, the slot being of sufficient length as to provide stops R and S respectively limiting movement of the projection E in opposite directions. The horizontal portion P is carried by a downwardly extending part T, and in order to add strength to the bracket, the part T is provided with an arm U which extends outwardly and downwardly therefrom and is secured to the horizontal section P.

In operation, normally the parts are as shown in Fig. 1. When it is desired to engage the garment with the arm C, the knob J is grasped and turned to move the arm D to its initial position of adjustment, and the sections A B are then lifted upward about the pivot V until the parts are in the position shown in Fig. 2. The garment is then placed in proper position in relation to the arm C preferably by sliding the same in back of and then folding the same over the arm, and upon releasing the knob J the spring M will return the bracket to the position shown in Fig. 1, while the spring H will rotate the bearing G, moving the retaining section to its outward position of adjustment, in which the latter section serves to press the garment inward or toward the back of the seat.

As will be understood the section B when in operative holding position is adapted to engage the supported garment independently of the supporting section A and at a point different from the point of engagement of the supporting section with the garment.

While I have shown and described the preferred form of my invention, I do not desire to limit my protection to the exact construction shown, but consider the invention to be sufficiently broad to embody various modifications.

What I claim as my invention is:—

1. A garment hanger including a garment

supporting section, a retaining section spaced from and extending substantially parallel to the supporting section, said retaining section being movable around the supporting section and adapted to engage the supported garment independently of the supporting section and at a point different from the point of engagement of the supporting section with the garment, and supporting means for said sections.

2. In a garment hanger, the combination with an arm forming a support for the garment, of a second arm spaced from and movable about the first-mentioned arm and serving as a retainer, a rotatable bearing carrying the retaining arm, means for rotating the bearing, and a bracket carrying said arms.

3. In a garment hanger, the combination with an arm for supporting the garment, a bracket to which said arm is connected, a bearing in said bracket, rotatable in relation to the first-mentioned arm, a second arm forming a retainer and movable around said first mentioned arm, said second arm having an inwardly-extending projection connected to said bearing, means for rotating said bearing, and a spring tending normally to hold said bearing in one position of adjustment.

4. In a garment hanger, the combination with an arm forming a support for the garment, a bracket having a horizontal portion to which said arm is connected, a bearing journaled in said horizontal portion, a garment-retaining arm having an inwardly-extending projection connected to said bearing, a knob for rotating said bearing, a spring tending to hold the bearing in one position of adjustment, a support to which said bracket is connected, and means for yieldably retaining the bracket in its initial position of adjustment.

5. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket pivotally connected with said support, a garment supporting section and a retaining section carried by said bracket, said retaining section being spaced from said garment supporting section to engage the supported garment independently of the supporting section and at a point separate from the point of engagement of the supporting section with the garment.

6. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket pivotally connected with said support for movement vertically, a garment supporting section and a retaining section carried by said bracket, said retaining section extending substantially parallel with the said supporting section, and being spaced from the same to engage the supported garment at a point separate from the point of engagement of the said supporting section with the garment.

7. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket connected to said support for vertical swinging movement, a garment supporting section and a retaining section carried by said bracket, said retaining section being movable relative to the supporting section and adapted to engage the supported garment at a point separate from the point of engagement of the supporting section with the garment.

8. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket connected to said support for vertical swinging movement, a garment supporting section and a retaining section carried by said bracket, said sections extending substantially parallel with each other and one of said sections being movable around the other.

9. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket connected to said support for vertical swinging movement, a garment supporting section and a retaining section carried by said bracket, said retaining section being movable relative to the supporting section and adapted to engage the supported garment at a point separate from the point of engagement of the supporting section with the garment, and yieldable means normally maintaining the bracket in one position of adjustment.

10. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket connected to said support for vertical swinging movement, a garment supporting section and a retaining section carried by said bracket, said retaining section being movable relative to the supporting section and adapted to engage the supported garment at a point separate from the point of engagement of the supporting section with the garment, yieldable means normally maintaining the bracket in one position of adjustment, and means normally maintaining the retaining section in one position of adjustment.

11. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket connected to said support for vertical swinging movement, a garment supporting section and a retaining section carried by said bracket, said retaining section extending substantially parallel with the supporting section and being movable around the said supporting section, means for operating the retaining section, and yieldable means normally maintaining said retaining section in one position of adjustment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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