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## GARMENT HANGER SUPPORT

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My invention relates to a new and useful garment hanger support particularly adapted for use as field equipment in tents, and the like, for military encampment and otherwise.

It is well known that in field encampments where several individuals are billeted in a single tent, space is rather sparse and it becomes imperative to provide means for neatly and compactly keeping the various articles of apparel in daily use, without folding or rumpling such articles, as would happen if trunks, travelling bags and similar equipment is employed. It is further desirable to avoid littering the floor of the tent with articles of apparel discarded at night or due to a change of weather or to pile up such articles on chairs, cots and all other available supports which gives a tent a distinctly untidy appearance and contributes to the discomfort of its occupants.

To this end I have devised a novel garment hanger support comprising an adjustable collar adapted to be clamped to a tent pole, and horizontally extending supports detachably secured to and carried by said collar, said horizontal supports being adapted to support a plurality of garment hangers to accommodate several persons, and being foldable to facilitate packing and transportation thus imparting to my novel device a very desirable compactness.

My invention further comprehends the use of a collar of the character stated, from which a plurality of horizontally extending supports radiate in different directions to increase the effective capacity of my novel support the use of which is not necessarily restricted to supporting garment hangers but which may be used for suspending other articles in use also.

My invention further contemplates various other novel features of construction and advantage which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

For the purpose of illustrating my invention, I submit the annexed drawing to explain the specification and claims below, but it is to be understood that my said drawing is merely illustrative of the invention and

that my invention is not limited to the precise form and assembly illustrated.

In the accompanying drawing, Fig. 1 represents a view in side elevation of a garment hanger support embodying my invention, shown applied to a tent pole.

Fig. 2 represents a section, on an enlarged scale, on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 represents a sectional view, similar to Figure 2 showing a modified form of my invention.

Fig. 3 represents a section, on an enlarged scale, on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing, in which like reference characters indicate like parts, 1 designates a tent pole or other support to which my novel garment hanger support 2 comprising the lower horizontal supporting arm 3, and the upper, rearwardly and upwardly inclined reinforcing arm 4 is applied. The arms 3 and 4 are formed of an integral rod or bar and form at their outer end the hook or rack 5 for supporting a hat or the like. The inner ends 6 and 7 of the arms 3 and 4 respectively are deflected downwardly and pass through the eyelets or apertures 8 formed in the body of the collar sections 9, and are provided with the eyelets 10 through which pass the cotter pins 11, detachably to secure said arms to said sections, as will be understood from Figs. 1 and 3.

The collar sections 9 are composed of the substantially semicircular castings 12 and 13, which are joined or hinged together by the pivot bolt 14 passing through the registering and aligning apertures 15 in the flattened tongue portion 16 of the casting 13 and the bifurcated end 17 of the casting 12, said tongue portion 16 being adapted to seat between the bifurcations of the end portion 17 of the casting 12, as will be best understood from Figs. 1 and 2. By providing a plurality of successive apertures 15 in the flattened tongue portion 16 and the bifurcated portion 17, I render the collar composed of the sections 9 diametrically and circumferentially readily adjustable so that the same may be clamped around tent poles (or similar supports) of different sizes (see Fig. 2). The collar sections after having been set or ad-

justed to the proper size by manipulation of the bolt 14 form a collar which is clamped around the pole 1, by the bolt 18 and wing nut 19. The collar sections 9 are provided with the inner teeth or projections 20 which firmly engage the pole 1 when the collar is clamped therearound, thus preventing the accidental rotation or slipping of said clamps from the desired position with respect to said pole.

In order to maintain the support 2 (comprising the arms 3 and 4) in any given, predetermined position, I provide the lugs or ears 23, on either side of the aperture 8, which thus form a groove or seat for the inner portions of the arms 3 and 4, thereby to prevent the accidental rotation of the support 2 with respect to the collar, it being understood that said lugs 23 may be omitted if desired, as the weight of the support 2, especially when under a load, will probably suffice to hold it in position without the aid of any auxiliary external devices.

In order to permit the rotation of the support 2 when it is desired to move the same into and out of the way position, the downwardly deflected ends 6 and 7 of the arms 3 and 4 are made of a length sufficient to permit of the raising of said arms into the position shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, to clear the upper edges of the ears 23, whereupon, the support 2, freed from the groove between said lugs or ears, may be rotated with respect to the supporting collar at any desired angle. 24 designates a garment hanger supported from the lower arm 3 of my novel support to illustrate the manner of use, it being understood that my support 2 is equally adapted for supporting articles of apparel, blankets, towels and the like, with or without the aid of the hanger 24.

In Fig. 4 I have illustrated the use of a plurality of supports 2 radiating from either side of the collar, the construction and assembly of said arms and their adjuncts being identical with that heretofore described and shown in Figs 1 to 3, except that in my modified construction I have provided the lower arms 3 with the hinges 25 in proximity to the bent elbow portion 5, to permit of the folding of the arms 3 and 4 of the support 2 to facilitate packing and transportation.

It will thus be seen that I have devised a new and useful support, which is particularly adapted for use in field encampments and which may be supported by or secured to the tent pole or similar support, to serve as a garment hanger support or as a support for other articles in use such as blankets, towels, etc., my novel support being easily transported and applied, and providing accommodation for several individuals, without occupying any of the useful space available within a tent, and imparting to the latter a neat and comfortable appearance not present when articles of clothing and the like are

strewn all over the cots and chairs, as is obvious.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a device of the character stated, a hinged, sectional, rigid collar adapted to be secured to a vertical support, means on the inner surface of said collar for preventing rotation thereof with respect to said support, means for diametrically adjusting said collar, a lug carried by said collar and having an aperture therein, and an arm detachably engaging said aperture, there being a groove in said lug adapted to engage said arm normally to prevent the rotation thereof with respect to said collar.

2. In a device of the character stated, a hinged, sectional, rigid collar adapted to be secured to a vertical support, means on the inner surface of said collar for preventing rotation thereof with respect to said support, means for diametrically adjusting said collar, a lug carried by said collar and having an aperture therein, and an arm detachably engaging said aperture, there being a groove in said lug adapted to engage said arm normally to prevent the rotation thereof with respect to said collar, the depth of said groove being less than the depth of said aperture whereby said arm may be disengaged from said groove without being disengaged from said lug, whereby said arm may be rotated with respect to said collar.

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