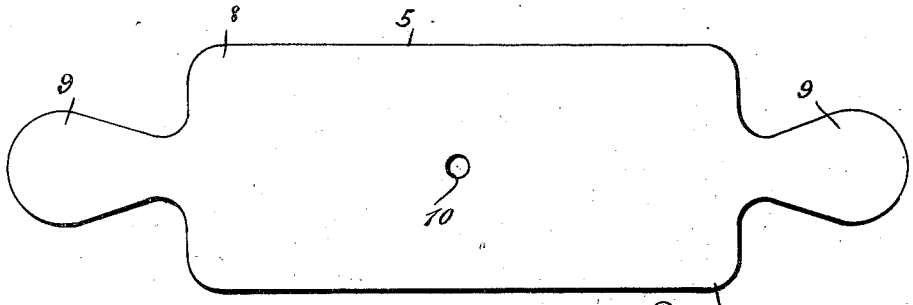
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Fig. 1.



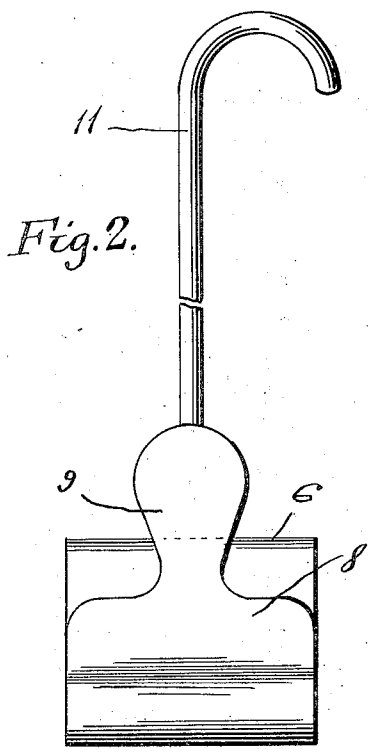


Fig. 2.

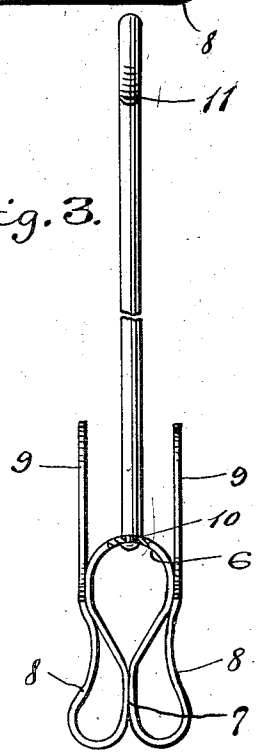


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSIE P. HATCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Asheville, in the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, 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 invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in garment supports and more particularly to a device for supporting garments of various thicknesses.

An important object of this invention is to provide a garment support comprised in its body portion of a single blank of spring metal bent to form a garment engaging portion and having arms extending therefrom for operating the garment controlling portion of the device.

A further object of this invention is to provide a garment support which is easy to apply to garments, efficient in use, and cheap to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a plan view of a blank of spring metal forming the body portion of the device,

Figure 2 is a side elevation of a garment support embodied in my invention, and

Figure 3 is an end elevation of the same.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 designates a blank of relatively thin spring metal adapted to be heated and bent in the form shown in Figures 2 and 3. The blank of spring metal 5 is bent intermediate its ends to form a retaining portion or loop having a bight portion 6. Inwardly extending jaws 7 complete said loop and extend from the bight portion 6 and have their inner faces at the terminals thereof contacting. The lower portions of the jaws 7 diverge outwardly and are formed integral as is obvious with upwardly extending side plates 8 having arms 9 of a reduced width extending upwardly therefrom. The said plates 8 are sprung to form concave portions which extend transversely of the plates. The fact that the plates are made concave and are of spring metal, causes them to exert pull at either end of the arc so formed, and this force assists in holding the garment firmly between the jaws 7. The pressure so exerted is first felt at the points where the arms 9 contact with the sides of the bight 6 and at the point where the jaws diverge outwardly, and it may readily be seen how it will be transmitted to the jaws 7. As illustrated in Figure 3, the inner sides of the arms 9 contact with the outer sides of the bight portion 6 of the device and are adapted to fulcrum thereon for opening the jaws 7. Thus arms 9 contact with the said loops to form second retaining portions or loops. From an inspection of this figure it will be further noted that the gripping jaws 7 are so bent that they first extend in converging relation and then extend parallel before being curved away from each other. Therefore the two jaws meet with flat contacting faces instead of with a line contact. This will permit a garment to be firmly gripped without the impression of a line being formed in the garment. It will be obvious to open the jaws, the arms 9 on each side of the bight portion are pressed inwardly, thereby opening the jaws the desired degree. The bight portion 6 is provided with a centrally disposed opening 10 adapted to receive the lower end of a hook 11. The hook 11 has a swivel connection with the device thereby permitting of the ready turning of the same.

In using the device, the terminals 9 or manipulating portions are pressed toward each other which will open the loop 6 at the portions 7 so that a garment or other article may enter the loop and thus be clasped or suspended. Thereafter, either or both of the portions 9 may be moved in the opposite direction, that is away from the suspending means 11 so that an article or articles may be placed or clasped in the additional loops at 8. Thus the placing of articles in the additional loops 8 will not in any way interfere with the retention of the first article in the loop 6.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is understood that I may make such minor changes in arrangement and construction

of parts, as will remain within the spirit of the invention, and scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A hanger made from a single blank, in combination with a suspending means, the hanger comprising a retaining loop with its bight uppermost and engaged by said means, the terminals of said loop being in contact, arms extending from said terminals toward said bight to provide additional loops and contacting with said bight adjacent the entrances to the additional loops, said arms extending above the first mentioned loop and terminating short of the upper extremity of the suspending means and spaced from said suspending means by said first mentioned loop to constitute manipulating portions.

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

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