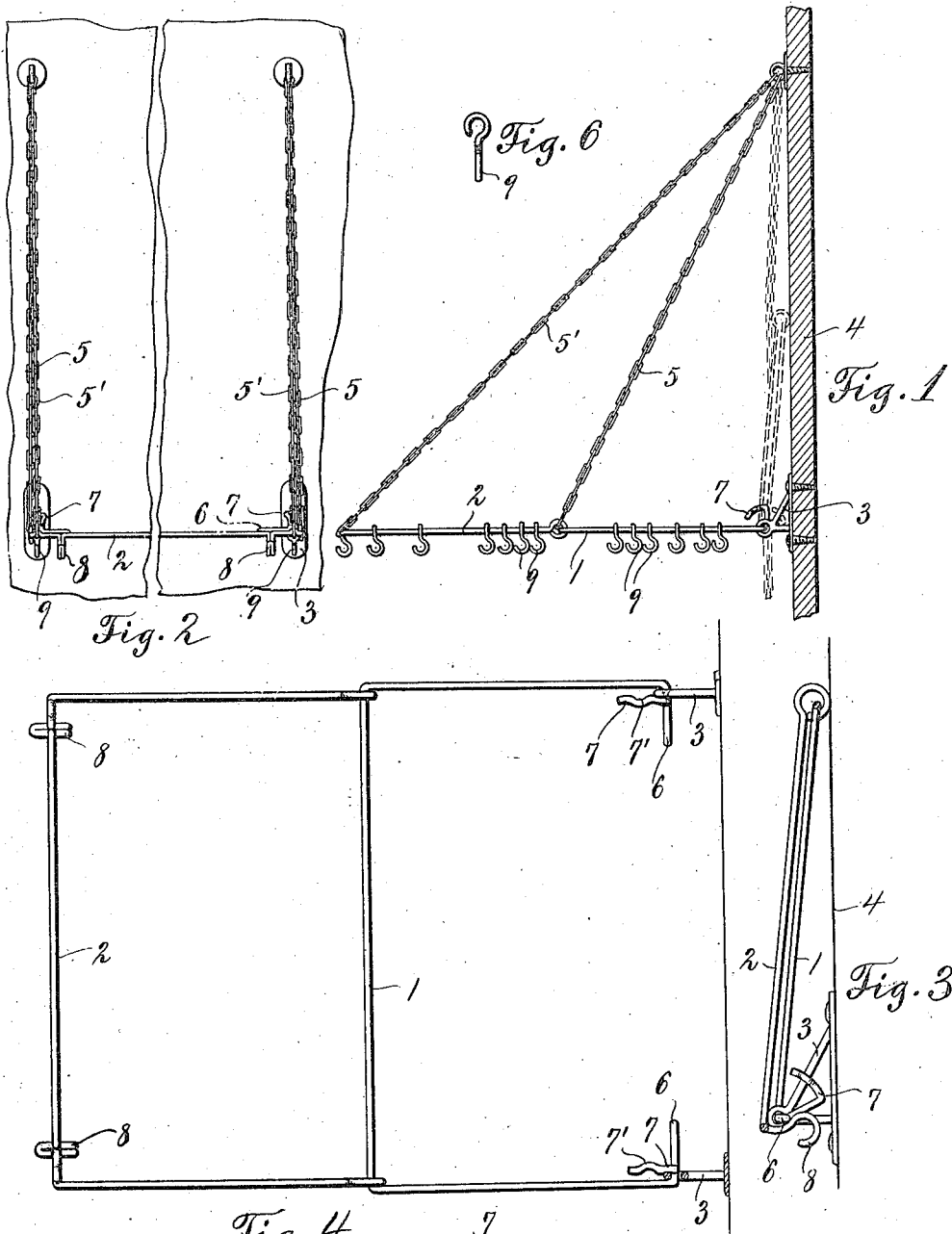


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Fig. 4

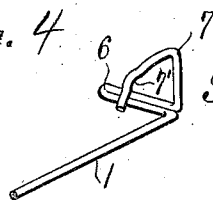


Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES ROBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment hangers and pertains particularly to that class adapted for use in supporting or accommodating a number of garments in a compact and advantageous manner, and which may also be readily movable in an inoperative position to occupy a minimum amount of space when not in use.

An object of the invention is the provision of a device cheap in manufacture and novel in construction embodying foldable frames particularly adapted for use in suspending garments in closets or other small spaces, or which may be used advantageously for display purposes.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel locking means whereby the same may be folded and elevated into a vertical position against its support and locked in such position when not desired.

Another advantageous feature of the device is that it may be folded when it is desired to use only one frame of the same, and thereby economize in space occupied.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists in the combination, arrangement, and construction of parts, all as hereinafter more fully described, claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the invention showing garment hangers or hooks applied thereto, the support being in section, and the position of the device when folded out of use shown in dotted lines; Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the invention as applied to its support; Fig. 3 is a view in section showing the coöperation of the locking means with the supporting bracket; Fig. 4 is a plan view, the hooks and flexible supporting members being omitted, and one of the supporting brackets shown partly in section; Fig. 5 is a view showing the locking member and lateral arm; and Fig. 6 is a view showing one of the garment hooks used in connection with the device.

Throughout the following detail description and on the several figures of the draw-

ings, similar parts are referred to by like reference characters.

The device embodying this invention is constructed of wire or other suitable material and comprises an inner frame or section 1 and outer frame 2, said frames being preferably rectangular in shape, and the inner frame being pivotally mounted in supporting brackets 3 secured to a wall or other support 4, by means of screws or the like. The outer frame 2 is pivotally secured to the frame 1, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, the extremities of the wire being bent around the transverse member of the frame 1. Attached to the wall 4 a suitable distance above the brackets 3 are secured the flexible supporting members, such as chains 5 and 5', provided on both sides of the frames 1 and 2 and preferably connected to the frame 2 at its points of pivot and to the outer transverse member of said frame 2, the chains being adapted to support the frames in a horizontal extended operative position.

The extremities of the frame 1 are peculiarly formed, being bent inwardly first through the supporting brackets 3 and back upon themselves to form the lateral arm 6, then upwardly and forwardly to form the angular locking member 7, said locking member having a recess 7' therein.

The outer transverse member of the frame 2 has formed therein the hooks 8 which perform a dual function, being adapted for use as supporting hooks for garments when the device is in operative position and also adapted to engage with the lateral arms 6 when folded to lock the frame 2 in inoperative position, as when folded against the support 4.

The device as thus described may be placed in a closet or any other preferred place for the support of garments in large numbers, affording a very compact arrangement when in use and the same may be readily folded into inoperative position when not desired by taking hold of the side members of the frame 2, raising the frames vertically in an obvious manner, so that the frame 1 will fold against the support 4, being locked in such position when the recesses 7' in the locking members 7 engage with the supporting brackets 3, and the frame 2 being folded downwardly upon the frame 1 until the hooks 8 engage under the lateral arms 6, as most clearly shown in Fig. 3.

When it is desired to use only one frame of the device, the frame 2 may be folded upwardly and upon the frame 1. It will be apparent that the hooks 9 on the frame 2 will still occupy proper position for use in suspending garments in coöperation with the hooks on the frame 1, affording a very compact device for the purpose desired.

Having thus fully described my invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. In combination with a support, a garment hanger comprising frames pivotally secured together, brackets secured to said support for pivotally mounting said frames, flexible members adapted to hold the frames in extended operative position, and locking members formed in one of the frames adapted to engage with said brackets to hold the hanger in folded or inoperative position.

2. In combination with a support, a garment hanger comprising frames pivotally secured together, brackets secured to said support for pivotally mounting said frames, flexible members adapted to hold the frames in extended operative position, locking members formed in one of the frames adapted to engage with said brackets to hold the hanger in folded or inoperative position, and hooks formed in the other frame to lock the same in folded or inoperative position.

3. In combination with a support, a garment hanger comprising frames pivotally secured together, brackets secured to said support for pivotally mounting said frames, flexible members adapted to hold the frames in extended operative position, one of said frames being formed with lateral arms and provided with locking members having re-

cesses therein to engage with said brackets to hold the hanger in folded inoperative position, and hooks formed in the other frame to engage with the lateral arms aforesaid to lock the last mentioned frame in inoperative position.

4. In combination with a support, a garment hanger comprising frames pivotally secured together, a support for pivotally mounting said frames, and flexible members secured to the support, one of said frames being adapted to fold upwardly upon the other into inoperative position and also adapted to fold beneath the other frame when the latter is raised into folded inoperative position.

5. In combination with a support, a garment hanger comprising an inner frame, brackets secured to said support for pivotally mounting said inner frame, an outer frame pivotally secured to the inner frame, flexible members secured to said support and attached to the outer frame to hold said frames in extended horizontal operative position, lateral arms formed in the inner frame and mounted in said brackets, angular locking members having recesses therein formed in said frame and adapted to engage with the brackets aforesaid to lock the hanger in folded inoperative position, hooks formed in the outer frame adapted to support garments and to lock the latter in inoperative folded position, and garment hooks slidably mounted upon said frames.

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

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