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GARMENT HANGER

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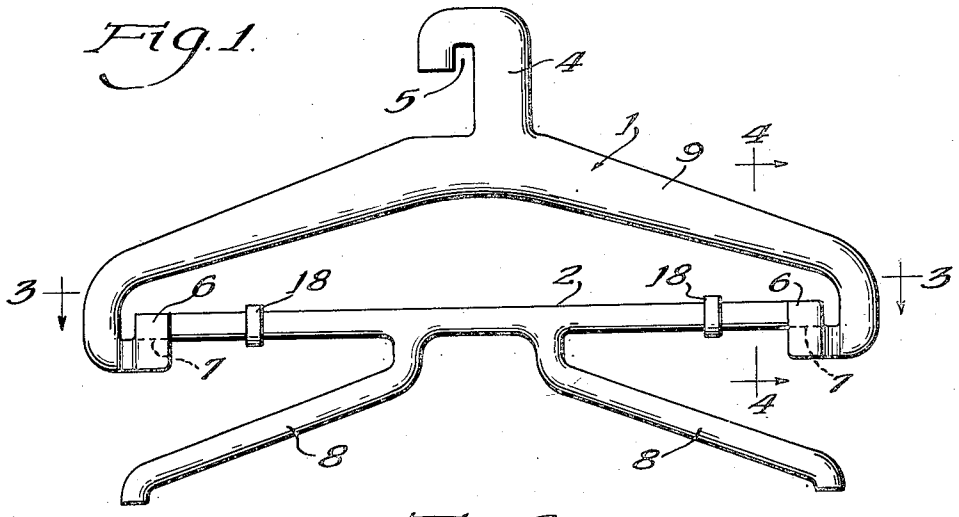


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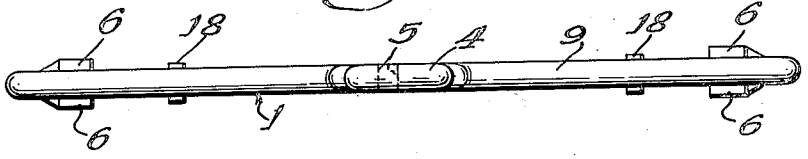


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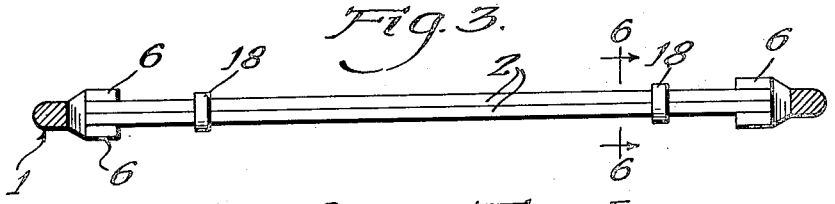


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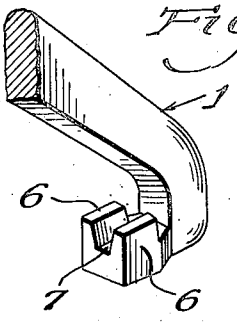


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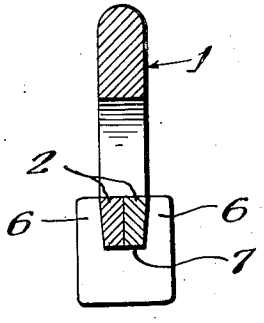
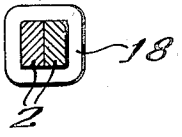


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This is a divisional application for a multiple garment hanger arising out of my application, Serial No. 540,824, filed June 17, 1944. The diversification is for a one-piece device making severate distribution of garments possible for removal or hanging successively in any order desired.

When a clothes wearer puts a three-piece suit upon the conventional type of clothes hanger, he is obliged first to put the vest over the shoulder rack and then the coat over the vest. The probabilities are that he will put the trousers over the horizontal element connecting the shoulder elements before he drapes his other two garment units.

When he has to get dressed, garments he needs last he has to remove from the hanger first. This is rather an awkward predicament. Usually the wearer takes off the two top pieces and drops them on a bed and then gets to the trousers.

The clothes hanger for severate distribution of garments is devised to allow removal of either one of three pieces at a time without interfering with the other pieces. When the wearer removes one of them, the hanger may remain undisturbed on the clothes rod with the other pieces in their suspended position. The device affords removal of the pieces in any order desired. Either the trousers first or the coat first or the vest first, the remaining garment or garments remaining undisturbed.

The severately distributive arrangement is made possible by the unique combination of shoulder rack members and trouser rack member in one unit, each of the members in the combination devised to be separately accessible.

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a novel garment hanger illustrating the present invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating an extremity of the coat receiving portion of the hanger, and

Figure 6 is a detail sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 3.

As illustrated in the drawing, the novel garment hanger indicated generally at 1, comprises a pair of opposed and downwardly sloping shoulder supporting elements 9, the extremities of which are preferably inwardly and upwardly directed as illustrated at 6. Each extremity 6 is provided with a recess or socket 7 adapted to receive therein an extremity of a trouser supporting element 2 as will be hereinafter more fully described.

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Centrally located suspension means are provided, comprising a hook-like member 4, preferably slotted as indicated at 5 whereby the hanger may be supported upon a suitable rail or rod. It will be obvious, however, that the hanger may be conveniently retained upon any hook, nail, or the like, and that no special rail, rod, or other suspension means is requisite.

The trouser supporting element 2 preferably comprises a pair of complementary bars, the outer vertical faces of which may be inwardly tapered adjacent the extremities thereof for ready reception within the recesses 7, it being noted that the vertical walls of these recesses may be correspondingly inclined. Locking rings 18 surround the bars 2 and are slidably mounted thereon for maintaining said bars in associated relationship.

One, or both, of the bars 2 is provided with a pair of opposed and downwardly sloping shoulder supporting elements 8, disposed in substantial parallelism with respect to the shoulder supporting elements 9. The members or arms 8 thus provide a garment supporting portion depending beneath the trouser supporting member 2.

The novel garment hanger thus described permits of the ready positioning thereon, or removal therefrom, of a plurality of articles of wearing apparel in the order desired and without necessity for giving consideration to which of said articles should be given precedence to avoid interference in connection with the positioning thereof.

For example, consideration being given to the usual coat, vest and trousers comprising a suit of men's clothing, the wearer may first remove his coat and position the same upon the shoulder supporting members 9, in the usual manner. He may then remove his trousers and hang them from the trouser supporting element or rack 2, since this rack may be readily lifted from the sockets 7 without any necessity for disturbing the coat. In using this rack, the locking rings 18 are removed from the bars 2 and the trouser cuffs or the adjacent trouser material is positioned between said bars following which the rings 18 are replaced upon the bars with the trousers securely locked in position and hanging therefrom. The trouser rack is then returned to its position within the sockets 7. The final garment, the vest, may be positioned upon the supporting arms 8 either before or after the trouser rack has been returned to supported position.

It will be apparent that the garment hanger is in no wise limited to use as above described, or in connection with men's clothing alone. The novel hanger readily lends itself to a multiplicity of other uses such as the draping of skirts, scarves, neckties, or trousers over the horizontal bars of the trouser rack, the supporting of blouses or the like, or the positioning thereon of any other article of men's or women's wearing apparel.

It will be obvious to those skilled in this art that various changes may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit and scope thereof, and therefore the invention is not limited by that which is shown in the drawing and described in the specification, but only as indicated in the appended claims.

With this suggestive description, merely as a basis, I claim:

1. A garment hanger comprising suspension means, a pair of opposed downwardly sloping shoulder supporting members depending from said suspension means, inwardly turned and upwardly directed lower extremities on said shoulder supporting members, each of said upwardly directed extremities being provided with a recess, a pair of horizontally disposed bars supported within said recesses, locking rings surrounding said bars for maintaining them in associated relation, and a pair of opposed downwardly sloping arms depending from said bars, said arms being disposed in substantial parallelism to said sloping shoulder supporting members.

2. A garment hanger comprising suspension means, a pair of integrally formed opposed downwardly sloping shoulder supporting members depending from said suspension means, inwardly

turned and upwardly directed extremities on said shoulder supporting members, each of said upwardly directed extremities being provided with a recess, a pair of horizontally disposed bars supported by the extremities thereof within said recesses, locking rings slidably mounted upon said bars for normally maintaining them in associated relation, and a pair of integral opposed downwardly sloping arms depending from said bars, said arms being disposed in substantial parallelism with respect to said sloping shoulder supporting members.

3. A garment hanger adapted to support a plurality of garments and comprising substantially centrally located suspension means, a pair of integrally formed opposed downwardly sloping shoulder supporting members depending from said suspension means, inwardly turned and upwardly directed extremities on said shoulder supporting means, each of said upwardly directed extremities being provided with a recess having inwardly tapered side walls, a pair of horizontally disposed bars supported by the extremities thereof within said recesses, the outer vertical side wall of each bar extremity being complementarily tapered with respect to the taper of said recesses, locking rings slidably mounted upon said bars for maintaining a garment positioned therebetween, and a pair of integral opposed downwardly sloping garment supporting arms depending from said bars, said arms being disposed in substantial parallelism with respect to said sloping shoulder supporting members.

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