

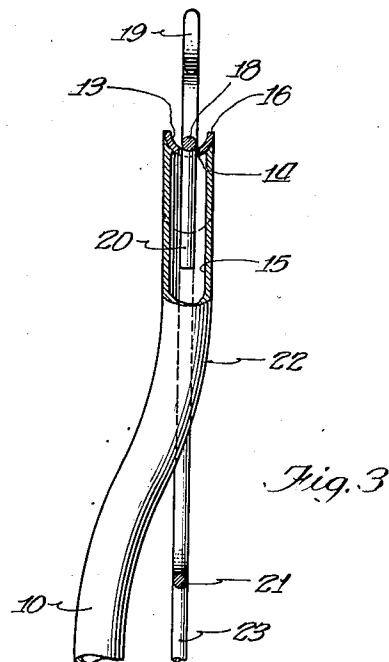
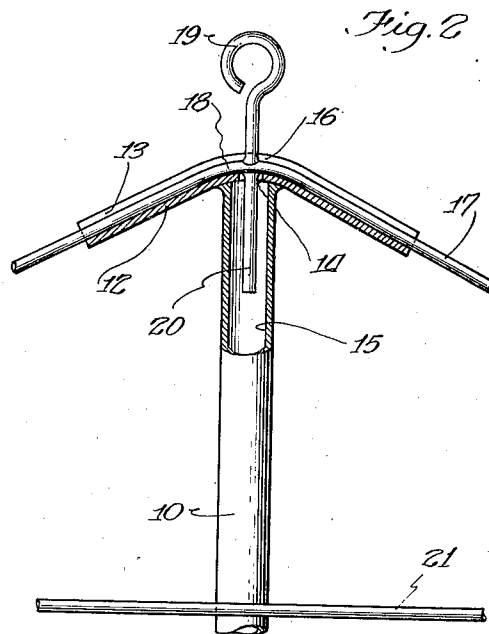
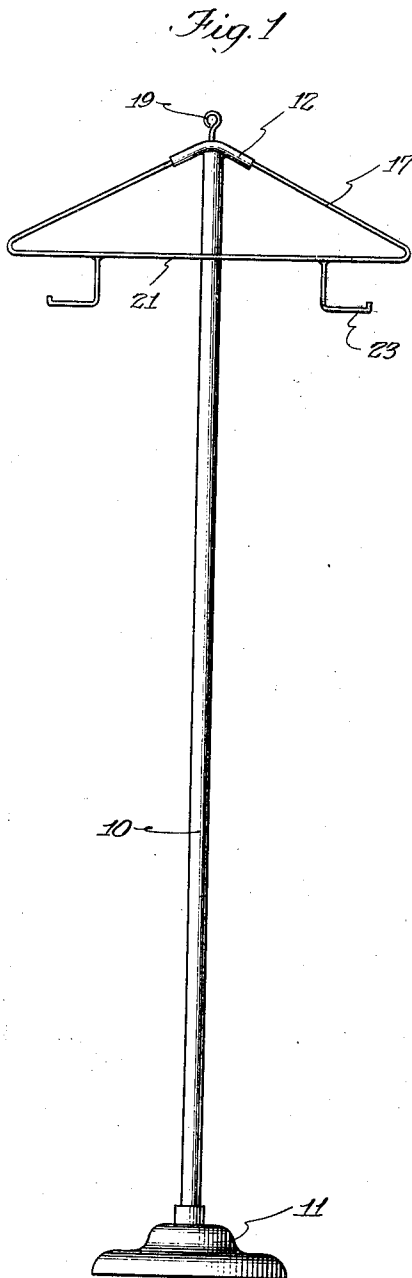
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My invention relates to supports for garments, and more particularly to that type which are adapted to receive an individual garment hanger, and my main object is to provide a support which holds the garment hanger at the required height and retains the same in the proper position.

A further object of the invention is to design the support in the nature of a standard with a seat at the top to receive the garment hanger.

A still further object of the invention is to lend the support a formation to lock the garment hanger from departure after it has once been put in place.

Another object of the invention is to extend the garment hanger with means which serve in cooperation with the post to check tendencies of the garment hanger to depart laterally from the weight of the garments or unbalancing tendencies imposed thereon.

An additional object of the invention is to design a garment hanger with means for supporting accessory articles of apparel.

With the above objects in view, and any others which may suggest themselves from the description to follow, a better understanding of the invention may be had by a reference to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the garment support;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged elevation of the upper portion thereof on an enlarged scale, partly broken away; and

Fig. 3 is a vertical section substantially along the middle of Fig. 2.

While the novel garment support may be employed generally or for special purposes, it is mainly designed for church use. The professional wardrobe of a priest or cleric usually includes coat or robe types of garments and also accessory articles, such as girdles, stoles or veils, and these garments and articles are usually arranged in a vestibule or ante-chamber in a chest of drawers. From time to time vestments or accessory articles for a service are required to be handily available, and I have found it a tiresome and tedious task to delve into the set of drawers and pick out the garments or accessory articles at the time they are needed. The novel garment support has therefore been designed as a stand on which the vestments may be placed in advance of the time when they are to be used, and as an adjunct easily reached and suitable for a handy change of apparel.

In accordance with the foregoing, specific reference to the drawing indicates a support at 10 and

essentially in the form of a standard having a base 11. The standard is preferably of tubular construction in order to combine lightness above the base with strength; and at its upper end it is formed with a T-type of head piece 12 which is of channel formation with the hollow opening upwardly, as indicated at 13. The head piece has a medial aperture 14 in communication with the internal bore 15 of the standard; and the head piece is arched with a rounded crown 16, the arms 12 extending inclinedly from the latter.

The top of the standard is adapted to receive a triangular garment hanger 17, which is of stock sufficiently heavy to support the intended class of garments. The arch 18 of the hanger 17 is adapted to seat in the channel 13 of the head piece 12, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

The garment hanger 17 has an upwardly extended hook 19 by means of which it is hung on a nail or bracket when the garment supported by the hanger is stored or put away; and the shank of the hook 19 is extended downwardly from the arch 18 in the form of a stem 20 which passes through the aperture 14 into the hollow of the standard when the hanger is seated on the latter.

In order that the hanger 17 may be suspended with its bottom 21 over the standard, the upper part of the latter is offset forwardly near the top as indicated at 22 in Fig. 3. Also, such bottom carries a pair of hooks 23.

In using the improved garment support, the standard 10 is placed or concealed at a point handily reached from the altar platform. It then receives a garment hanger 17 carrying the coat or robe next required to be worn, with the accessory articles, such as a girdle, stole or veil hung on the hooks 23. Thus, when the change is to be made, the new outfit is in a handy position and ready to be put on as the old one is removed, the change entailing but a brief amount of time and enabling the priest to return to the platform almost immediately. Of course, the change may be made more quickly if an attendant is available for assistance.

It will be evident from the above description that I have provided a garment support which is not only handy for the change of apparel according to duty, but also serves as a stand on which vestments may be properly hung and kept from wrinkling prior to the time of their use. For the present purpose the hanger 17 and its hooks 23 are constructed of heavy stock, so as to be firm and hold their form despite the weight of the garments or articles supported thereby. The head piece 12 is of a form to properly seat and

center the arch 18 of the garment hanger, the channel 13 retaining the latter against accidental departure. This safeguard is further insured by the stem 20 which positively locks the hanger 5 from slippage or accidental dislodgment from the arch as long as the standard 10 is in the upright position. Finally, the offset 22 of the standard places the garment hanger sufficiently forward to hang freely and with its bottom 21 away from the 10 standard, so as not to strike or mar the same.

While I have described the invention along specific lines, various minor changes or refinements may be made therein from time to time without departing from its principle, and I consider all such changes and refinements as coming 15 within the scope and spirit of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A support for a garment hanger having an 20 inverted V-shaped garment supporting portion,

comprising a standard, an inverted V-shaped head piece for said standard having a shape corresponding to that of said hanger portion, and said head piece being longitudinally channeled to receive said hanger portion to prevent lateral dis- 5 lodgment of the same.

2. A support for a garment hanger having an inverted V-shaped garment supporting portion and a radially inwardly directed stem carried thereby, comprising a standard, an inverted V- 10 shaped head piece for said standard having a shape corresponding to that of said hanger portion, said head piece being longitudinally channeled to receive said hanger portion to prevent lateral dislodgment of the same, and means en- 15 gageable with said stem to prevent tilting of said hanger in said channel.

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