

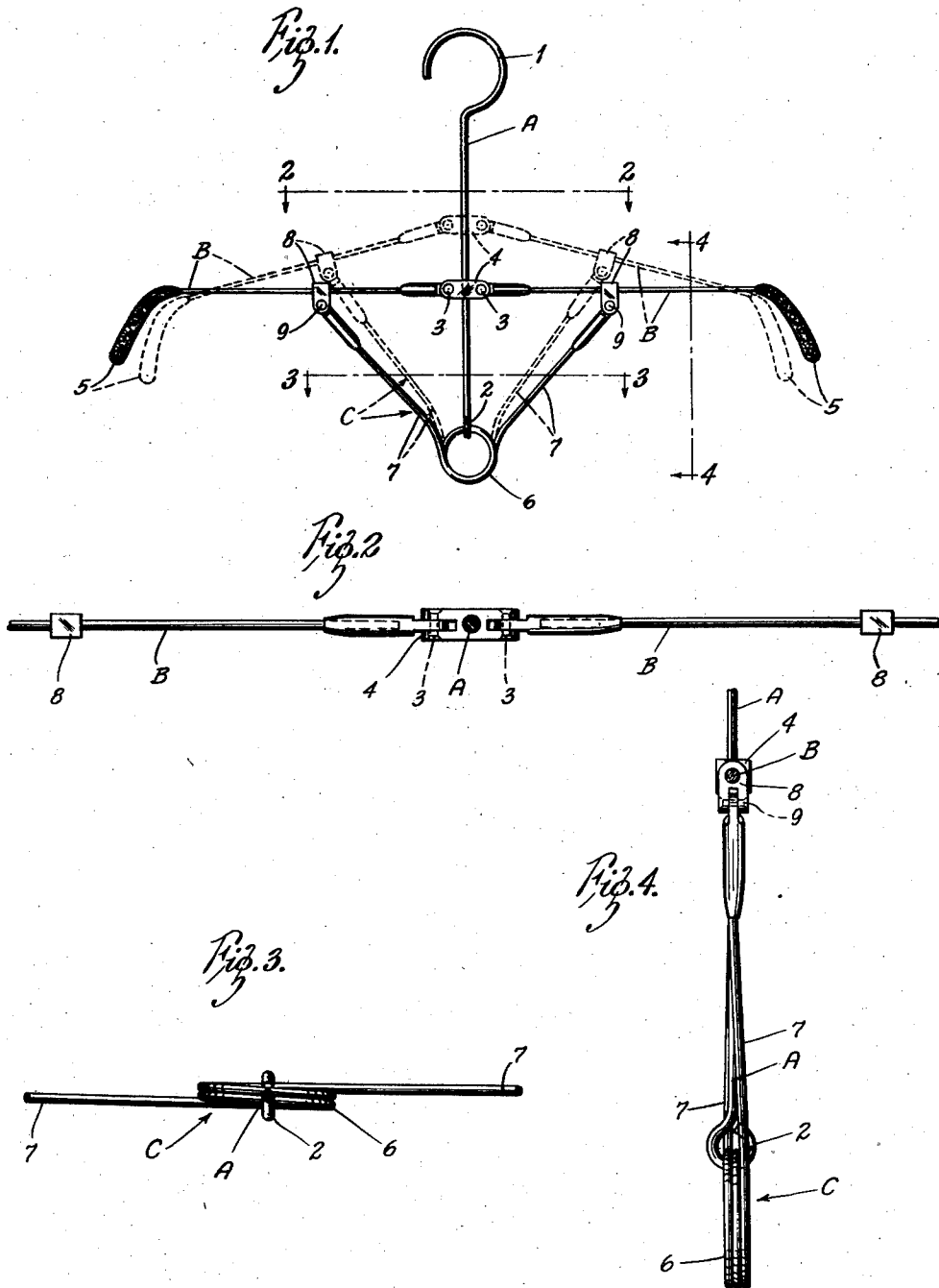
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This invention relates to garment hangers, particularly skirt hangers. It has for its principal objects to devise a simple and economical skirt hanger which will afford proper support for skirts of different waist sizes and which can be quickly and easily inserted in and removed from the skirt. The invention consists in the skirt hanger and in the construction, combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification and wherein like symbols refer to like parts wherever they occur,

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a skirt hanger embodying my invention, the dotted lines showing the hanger in skirt supporting position,

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary horizontal cross-section on the line 2-2 in Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a horizontal cross-section on the line 3-3 in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary vertical cross-section on the line 4-4 in Fig. 1.

My skirt hanger comprises a central upright suspension member A, preferably of wire, which is bent at its upper end to provide a suitable supporting hook 1 and at its lower end to provide an eye 2. Disposed one on each side of the suspension member A are two hanger arms B whose inner or adjacent ends are connected by horizontal pivots 3 to a link 4 that is mounted for free sliding movement on said suspension member between the hook 1 and the eye 2 thereof. The hanger arms B terminate at their outer ends in suitably padded downwardly curved portions 5 adapted to engage the waistband of a skirt.

The hanger arms B are pivotally supported intermediate between the inner and outer ends on a resilient supporting member C, preferably a wire, which is coiled to provide a horizontally disposed helical torsion spring 6 with two upwardly diverging arms 7 extending one from each end thereof on each side of the suspension member A. The resilient supporting member C of the hanger is disposed below the hanger arms B and their connecting link 4; and the torsion spring 6 is disposed with its axis parallel to the pivots 3 and with the upper portions of its coils supported in the eye 2 at the lower end of the suspension member A. The outstanding hanger arms B have depending bifurcated lugs 8 rigid therewith that straddle the upper ends of the respective arms 7 of the resilient support C and are connected thereto by horizontal pivots 9 that are disposed parallel to the pivots 3, whereby said hanger arms and their connecting link 4 are

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normally held in endwise alinement substantially at right angles to the upright suspension member A.

In use, the link 4 is drawn upwardly along the upright suspension support A by placing the fingers beneath said link and thumb on the lower portion of the supporting hook 1, thereby causing the inner ends of the outstanding hanger arms B to move upwardly with said link and the curved outer ends 5 of said arms to swing downwardly and inwardly towards each other. At the same time, the hanger arms B and the supporting arms 7 of the resilient supporting member C are drawn inwardly and exert a winding action on the torsion spring 6. The downwardly inclined hanger arms B of the hanger are then inserted in the waistband of the skirt and the upward pull on the link 4 is released, whereby the uncoiling action of the torsion spring 6 tends to straighten said arm and spread the curved outer ends 5 thereof into engagement with the waistband so as to hold the latter in taut position.

The hereinbefore described skirt hanger is light in weight and of simple and economical construction and may be operated with one hand for insertion in and removal from the skirt. The hanger is adapted to support skirts of different waistband sizes; and the torsion spring holds the curved outer ends of the hanger arms in engagement with the waistband when the slidable connecting link is released.

What I claim is:

1. A garment hanger comprising a suspension member, a member slidable on said suspension member, a pair of outstanding hanger arms disposed on opposite sides of said suspension member and pivotally connected at their inner ends to the slidable member for movement therewith and vertical swinging movement relative thereto, and a supporting member for said hanger arms comprising a single torsion spring secured to said suspension member below said slidable member and having two upwardly diverging arms extending one from each end of said spring and pivotally connected one to each hanger arm for normally holding the same in a substantially horizontal position, whereby said hanger arms are inclined downwardly and outwardly when said slidable member is pulled upwardly on said suspension member and a winding action is imparted to said spring which tends to unwind and restore said hanger arms to horizontal position when the upward pull on said slidable member is released.

2. A garment hanger comprising a suspension member having an eye at the lower end thereof,

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a link slidable on said suspension member, a pair of outstanding hanger arms disposed on opposite sides of said suspension member and pivotally connected at their inner ends to said link for movement therewith and vertical swinging movement relative thereto, and a supporting member for said hanger arms comprising a single helical coil spring supported in the eye at the lower end of said suspension member and having two upwardly diverging arms extending one from each end of said spring and pivotally connected one

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to each hanger arm for normally holding the same in a substantially horizontal position, whereby said hanger arms are adapted to be inclined downwardly and outwardly when said link is pulled upwardly on said suspension member and a winding action is imparted to said spring which tends to unwind and restore said hanger arms to horizontal position when the upward pull on said link is released.

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