A clothes hanger device includes a body having a first upper leg, a second upper leg and a central hook positioned between the first upper leg and the second upper leg. The clothes hanger device also includes a strap that is detachably connected to at least one of the first upper leg and the second upper. The strap may include a medial section adapted to be positioned in contact with a portion of at least one of the first upper leg and the second upper leg, a pair of fastening members adapted to be connectable to one another and positioned opposite one another respective to the medial section, and a first end and a second opposing end. The first and second opposing ends of the strap are adapted to be urged towards one another to hold a garment in place therebetween.
FIG. 9
CLOTHES HANGER DEVICE AND STRAP
FOR CLOTHES HANGING DEVICE

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 61/844,660, filed on Jul. 10, 2013 and titled Clothes Hanger Device, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference except to the extent the disclosure therein is inconsistent with the disclosure herein.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to the field of devices used for hanging clothes, coats, garments, fabrics, or other objects.

BACKGROUND

[0003] The majority of clothes hanger devices are used to hold clothing items with shoulders or straps and generally include a rigid, triangular shape with an arch-shaped hook at the apex of the triangle. Often times, the corners of the clothes hanger are rounded. In addition, many clothes hangers have small hooks attached or molded into the two upper legs of the structure, include notches in the upper legs, which allow the attachment or placement of garment straps or straps attached to the internal portion of a garment, or use fabrics and materials attached to the upper legs to add friction to prevent garments from slipping off the clothes hanger. Some clothes hangers include clips, or bar clips, which typically use a spring to compress two parts of the clip together around the garment, thereby holding it in place on the clothes hanger.

[0004] Of those clothes hanger devices, many do not provide adequate support for hanging garments, especially strapless, single strap, and thin-strapped garments. The clothes hanger devices often stretch and expand the materials leaving indentations in the garment. The clips or notches in some clothes hanger devices are typically not adjustable and fail to provide adequate support for the garments. In addition, many clothing items include internal straps that can be used to hang a garment, but these straps can irritate the skin and be uncomfortable. The internal straps, although meant to be hidden under the garment worn, can also protrude from the garment and be visible, embarrassing, and undesirable.

[0005] U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/803,842 to Mainetti discloses a clothes hanger with a center hook and two upper legs, which include notches. The notches are covered with an anti-slip material. U.S. Pat. No. 5,197,639 to Jerman and Ruiz discloses a hanger with two elongated upper legs attached to a rigid center hook. Upper and lower supporting straps are provided along with loops that receive removable clip members. The hanger further includes pads mated to the body of the hanger by hook and loop fasteners. The hanger may also include an aromatic or scented material within a fabric covering the body of the hanger.

[0006] U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/463,407 to James and Cristoforo discloses a shoulder strap retainer for garments. The device also retains a shoulder strap of an undergarment beneath a shoulder strap of an outer garment by members that are magnetically attracted to each other. One of the members is secured to the strap of an undergarment and the strap of the outer garment is positioned above it. The other member, a decorative base plate, is positioned above the strap of the outer garment and is magnetically attracted to the first member, thereby sandwiching the strap of the outer garment. The device does not attach to clothes hangers and does not hold or support a garment for hanging purposes. The device is also not positionable except on the straps of garments and cannot hold and/or support other portions of garments.

[0007] This background information is provided to reveal information believed by the applicant to be of possible relevance to the present invention. No admission is necessarily intended, nor should be construed, that any of the preceding information constitutes prior art against the present invention.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0008] Accordingly, it is desirable to provide a clothes hanger device and a strap for a clothes hanger device that advantageously secures clothing and/or garments to a hanger without damaging the clothing and/or garments. The present invention advantageously provides such a device, and also advantageously provides a strap that may be used with traditional hangers to hang clothing and/or garments without damaging the clothing and/or garments. The present invention also advantageously allows for the elimination of hanging straps that are typically secured to articles of women’s clothing.

[0009] These and other objectives, features and advantages, according to the present invention are provided by a clothes hanger device that may include a body having a first upper leg, a second upper leg and a central hook positioned between the first upper leg and the second upper leg. The clothes hanger device may also include a strap that is detachably connected one or both of the first upper leg and the second upper leg.

[0010] The strap may include a medial section adapted to be positioned in contact with a portion of at least one of the first upper leg and the second upper leg. The strap may also include a pair of fastening members adapted to be connectable to one another and positioned opposite one another respective to the medial section. The strap may further include a first end and a second opposing end. The first and second opposing ends of the strap are adapted to be urged towards one another to hold a garment in place therewith.

[0011] Each of the first and second upper legs may include a recessed portion, and may also include a passageway formed therethrough. The passageway is preferably sized to receive at least a portion of the strap. Any one or all of the first upper leg, the second upper leg, and the central hook may be provided by metallic material, plastic material, and wooden material. Further, the strap may be provided by fabric, rope, twine, rubber, plastic, and/or metal.

[0012] The pair of fastening members may be attachable to one other by one or more of magnets, snaps, hook and loop fasteners, buttons, and clips. In one embodiment of the strap of the clothes hanger device according to the present invention, the first and second opposing ends may include a magnetic system. In this embodiment, the magnetic system may include a first magnet carried by a portion of the first end. The magnetic system may also include a second magnet carried by a portion of the second end. In such a configuration, the first and second magnets are attractive to one another and are configured to hold a garment, cloth, and/or fabric therebetween. The first end may include a first housing that houses the first magnet, and the second end may comprise a second housing to house the second magnet.

[0013] In another embodiment of the strap of the clothes hanger device according to the present invention, each of the first and second ends may include a clip member having...
opposing end portions. The opposing end portions of the clip member are suitable to receive a garment, cloth and/or fabric therebetween. In such an embodiment, the opposing end portions of the clip member may also include ridge shaped sections. In other embodiments of the strap of the clothes hanger device according to the present invention, a decorative feature may be included that is connectable to either or both of the first end and the second end.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] FIG. 1 is a front elevation view of a clothes hanger device including a pair of straps connected thereto according to an embodiment of the present invention.
[0015] FIG. 2 is a front elevation view of the strap of the clothes hanger device illustrated in FIG. 1.
[0016] FIG. 3A is a side elevation view of the strap of the clothes hanger device illustrated in FIG. 1.
[0017] FIG. 3B is a cross sectional view of the magnet system of a second fastener of the strap of the clothes hanger device illustrated in FIG. 1 taken through line 3B-3B of FIG. 3A.
[0018] FIG. 4 is a front elevation view of a clothes hanger device having a pair of straps connected thereto according to an alternate embodiment of the present invention.
[0019] FIG. 5 is a front elevation view of the strap of the clothes hanger device illustrated in FIG. 4.
[0020] FIG. 6A is a side elevation view of the strap of the clothes hanger device illustrated in FIG. 4.
[0021] FIG. 6B is a cross sectional view of a fastening member connected to an end portion of a strap of the clothes hanger device taken through line 6B-6B of FIG. 6A.
[0022] FIG. 7 is a front elevation view of a clothes hanger device according to another embodiment of the present invention.
[0023] FIG. 8 is a front elevation view of a clothes hanger device according to still another embodiment of the present invention.
[0024] FIG. 9 is a top plan view of a kit for assembling a strap of a clothes hanger device according to an embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0025] The present invention will now be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which preferred embodiments of the invention are shown. This invention may, however, be embodied in many different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein. Rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the scope of the invention to those skilled in the art. Those of ordinary skill in the art realize that the following descriptions of the embodiments of the present invention are illustrative and are not intended to be limiting in any way. Other embodiments of the present invention will readily suggest themselves to such skilled persons having the benefit of this disclosure. Like numbers refer to like elements throughout.

[0026] Throughout this disclosure, the present invention may be referred to as relating to hangers, clothes hangers, hanger devices, clothes hanger devices, hanging devices, clothes hanging devices, garment hanging devices, and devices. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that this terminology is only illustrative and does not affect the scope of the invention. For instance, the present invention may just as easily relate to fabric hangers and devices used in retail stores, storage, or home use. Additionally, a person of skill in the art will appreciate that the use of hangers, clothes hangers, hanger devices, or clothes hanger devices within this disclosure is not intended to be limited to any specific form of hanger device or clothes hanger device, and should be read to apply to all forms of hanger devices and/or clothes hanger devices in general. Accordingly, skilled artisans should not view the following disclosure as limited to any particular clothes hanger device, and should read the following disclosure broadly with respect to the same.

[0027] Although the following detailed description contains many specifics for the purposes of illustration, anyone of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that many variations and alterations to the following details are within the scope of the invention. Accordingly, the following embodiments of the invention are set forth without any loss of generality to, and without imposing limitations upon, the claimed invention.

[0028] In this detailed description of the present invention, a person skilled in the art should note that directional terms such as “above,” “below,” “upper,” “lower,” and other like terms are used for the convenience of the reader in reference to the drawings. Also, a person skilled in the art should notice this description may contain other terminology to convey position, orientation, and direction without departing from the principles of the present invention. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that many variations and alterations to the descriptions contained herein are within the scope of the invention.

[0029] Furthermore, in this detailed description, a person skilled in the art should note that quantitative qualifying terms such as “generally,” “substantially,” “mostly,” and other terms are used, in general, to mean that the referred to object, characteristic, or quality constitutes a majority of the subject of the reference. The meaning of any of these terms is dependent upon the context within which it is used, and the meaning may be expressly modified.

[0030] Referring now to FIGS. 1-6, the clothes hanger device 100 may include a body 110 having first and second upper legs 111, 112 and a central hook 113. The clothes hanger device 100 may further include a strap 120. The body 110 of the clothes hanger device 100 may further include a base which is not illustrated in FIGS. 1-6. The first and second upper legs 111, 112, the central hook 113, and/or the base may be covered partially or entirely in an anti-slip material, deposited by molding, over-molding, spraying, smearing, or pasting. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the body 110, the first and second upper legs 111, 112, and a portion that is adapted to receive the central hook 113 may be integrally molded as a monolithic unit. Those skilled in the art will also appreciate that the central hook 113 may be matingly engaged with the portion that is adapted to receive the central hook. More specifically, the central hook 113 may be made and dates so as to lock in place within the portion that is adapted to receive the central hook.

[0031] The strap 120 may removably or permanently attach to the first upper leg 111, the second upper leg 112, or the base (illustrated in the second embodiment of the invention as 115 in FIG. 7 and discussed in greater detail below). The first upper leg 111, the second upper leg 112, or the base may include a recessed portion 114. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the strap 120 according to embodiments of the present invention may be provided separate and apart from
the clothes hanger device 100. In other words, the present invention contemplates that a consumer may purchase a plurality of straps 120 to be used with existing hangers. This advantageously allows a user to utilize current hangers, thereby minimizing any waste.

[0032] The strap 120 may be positioned around the recessed portion 114 or, more specifically, to engage the recessed portion. The first upper leg 111, the second upper leg 112, or the base may also include a hole (or passageway), such as a loop or hook, within the first upper leg 111, the second upper leg 112, or the base. Use of the passageway will be discussed in greater detail below with respect to alternate embodiments of the present invention. Although the recessed portion 114 is illustrated as being positioned along a medial portion of each of the first upper leg 111 and the second upper leg 112, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the present invention contemplates that the strap 128 be positioned anywhere along the first upper leg 111, a second upper leg 112 or the base. The first and second upper legs 111, 112, the central hook 113, and the base may be metallic, plastic, wooden, a combination of materials, or other material known in the art.

[0033] The strap 120 may be a fabric material, rope material, twine material, rubber material, plastic material, metal material, a combination of materials, or other material known in the art. Those skilled in the art, after having had the benefit of reading this disclosure, will appreciate that any number of straps 120 or any number of recessed portions 114 may be advantageously used while accomplishing the goals, features and objectives according to the present invention. Those skilled in the art will further appreciate that the strap 120 according to the present invention may advantageously be customizable by a user. For example, a user may desire different colored straps to match different colored hangers, or may desire certain types of fabric of the strap to match the type of outfit being hung from the end of the strap.

[0034] The strap 120 of the clothes hanger device 100 according to the present invention also include a medial section 121 that is adapted to be positioned in contact with a portion of either of the first upper leg 111 or the second upper leg 112. More particularly, and with reference to FIGS. 1 and 4, the medial section 121 of each of the straps 120 are positioned to engage the recessed portion 114 of the body 110 when the strap of the clothes hanger device 100 according to the present invention is connected to the body.

[0035] The strap 120 may also include a pair of fastening members 140, 141 that are adapted to be connectable to one another and positioned opposite one another perspective to the medial section 121. More specifically, when it is noted that each strap 120 includes a pair of fastening members, it is meant to include a fastening member 140 that is connectable to an end portion of the strap and that includes a portion that is suitable to carry a garment (or other article of clothing or fabric) therebetween. In the embodiment illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2, the fastening members include a pair of fastening members 140, 141 that are adapted to engage one another when the medial section 121 of the strap 120 is engaged with the recessed portion 114 of the body 110. As illustrated, for example, in FIG. 2, the medial section 121 of the strap is preferably located is equidistant between the first fastener 140 and the second fastener 141. This allows for the medial section to engage the recessed portion 114 of the body in a manner that allows the first fastener 140 and the second fastener 141 to be engaged to one another therebelow.

[0036] It is to be understood by those skilled in the art that the pair of fastening members 140, 141 being connectable to one another is not necessarily meant to be limited in a way that requires for each of the pair of fastening members 140, 141 to be in contact with one another. More specifically, the pair of fastening members 140, 141 are adapted to be conncetted to the respective first end 190 and second end 191 of the strap 120. The first end 190 and the second end 191 oppose one another, and are adapted to be urged towards one another to hold a garment in place therebetween. Accordingly, using the terminology that the pair of fastening members 140, 141 are connectable to one another is meant to include a scenario wherein a garment is held in place between the pair of fastening members 140, 141 when the first and second ends 190, 191 are urged towards one another.

[0037] Referring now additionally to FIG. 2, the strap 120 may include a first portion 130 and a second portion 131. The first and second portions 130, 131 may, for example, be provided by connector members. The connector members of the first and second portions 130, 131 advantageously allow for the strap 120 to be stabilized when connected to the recessed portion 114 of the body 110. More specifically, after the medial section 121 of the strap 120 is positioned in contact with the recessed portion 114 of the body 110, the connector members of the first and second portions 130, 131 may be connected to one another so that the strap 120 is secured (or in a more secure position) with respect to the connection to the recessed portion 114 on the body 110. More particularly, and with reference to FIGS. 3A, B, the first fastener 140 may include a first housing 200 so that a first one of the magnets 150 may be carried thereby. The second fastener 141 may include a second housing 201 so that a second one of the magnets 150 may be carried thereby. The magnets 150 may be configured within the first housing 200 and the second housing 201 as to be attractable to one another. More specifically, when the magnets 150 are positioned to be carried by the first housing 200 and the second housing 201, they may be aligned so that opposite polarities are facing one another when the medial section 121 of the strap 120 engages the recessed portion 114 of the body 110. In other words, when the strap 120 is connected to the recessed portion 114 of the body 100 and so that the first fastener 140 and the second fastener 141 are facing one another, the polarities of the magnets that are facing one another are opposite to one another so as to cause attraction between the first fastener 140 and the second fastener 141.
The housings 200, 201 of the magnet system may, for example, be provided by a plastic molding. More specifically, and as perhaps best illustrated in FIG. 3B, the housing 201 may be molded so that an end of the strap is positioned therein, and so that the magnet 150 is carried thereby. Those skilled in the art will appreciate, however, that the housing 201 may be provided by a structure that can be opened so that the magnet 150 can be positioned within and taken out of an interior portion of the structure.

Referring now back to FIG. 1, a decorative or ornamental feature 160 of the strap 120 of the clothes hanger device 100 is now described in greater detail. The present invention contemplates that various ornamental features may be made as part of the strap 120. The decorative feature 160 may be adapted to be connectable to an end portion of the strap 120 so as to advantageously provide customizability of the strap to the user. For example, the decorative feature 160 may be a flower, or other decoration, that may be connected to one of the fastening members 140. In the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 1, the decorative feature 160 may include a magnet so that the decorative feature may be magnetically connected to either one of the first fastener 140 or the second fastener 141. More specifically, providing the decorative feature 160 with a magnet may allow for the decorative feature to be connected to the magnets 150 of the fasteners 140, 141.

Referring now additionally to FIGS. 4, 5 and 6A-6B, an alternate embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100 according to present invention. In this embodiment of the hanger device, the first and second fasteners 140, 141' are provided by eclipse member 210. The clip member 210 may, for example, be a spring-loaded clip member that has opposing end portions suitable to receive a garment, cloth, fabric, or other article therebetween. Accordingly, upon connecting the medial portion 121' to the recessed portion 114' of the body 110', the clip member 210 may hang downwardly therefrom and suitable to engage a portion of an item of clothing so that the item of clothing may be positioned between the end portions of the clip member. As perhaps best illustrated, for example, in FIG. 6B, the clip member 121 may include opposing end portions. The opposing end portions of the clip member 121 may include ridge shaped sections. The configuration of the ridge shaped sections may advantageously provide a more secured connection between the clip member 210 and the article of clothing to be held thereby.

As perhaps also best illustrated in FIG. 6B, the end of the strap 120' (in this case, the second end 191' of the strap 120') is adapted to be carried by a portion of the clip member 210'. In a preferred embodiment, the second end 191' of the strap is folded and carried by a passageway formed in an end portion of the clip number 210'. Those skilled in the art, however, will appreciate that there are several contemplated ways to connect the second end 191' of the strap 120' to the clip member 210'. The other elements of the second embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100 and the strap 120' are similar to those of the first embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100 and the strap 120 are labeled with prime notation, and require no further discussion herein.

Referring now to FIG. 7, yet another embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100' according to the present invention is described in greater detail. In this embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100', a base 115' may be provided that is connected between end portions of the first upper leg 111' and the second upper leg 112'. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the body 110', the first upper leg 111', the second upper leg 112' and the base 115' may be integrally formed as a monolithic unit. The other aspects of this embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100' are similar to those of the first embodiment of the clothes hanging device 100, are labeled with double prime notation, and require no further discussion herein.

Referring now additionally to FIG. 8, yet another embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100" is described in greater detail. In this embodiment of the clothes hanger device, a top member 215" is positioned to contact a portion of the body 110" and the first upper leg 111" and the second upper leg 112" adjacent to the recessed portion 114". Accordingly, a passageway 116" is formed and defined by the recessed portion 114" and the top member 215". The strap 120" may illustratively be passed through the passageway 116" when being connected to the body 110". More particularly, the passageway 116" is preferably sized to receive at least a portion of the strap 120". In the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 8, the passageway 116" is sized so that the strap 120 may pass therethrough with plenty of room. It is preferable, however, that the first and second fasteners 140", 141" be sized so as to be able to fit through the passageway so that a user may readily pass the first fastener 141" through the passageway and extend the strap 120" to a point where the medial section 121" is positioned adjacent to the recessed portion 114". The other aspects of this embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100" are similar to those of the first embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100, are labeled with triple prime notation, and require no further discussion herein.

Referring now to FIG. 9, a kit 170 according to an embodiment of the present invention is now described in greater detail. The kit 170 may include a package 171, a plurality of straps 120 carried by the package, and a plurality of decorative features 160 carried by the package. Instructions 180 on how to use the straps 120 may also be provided.

In the embodiment of the clothes hanger device 100, 100', 100", and 100''' described above, although magnets and clips have been described, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the fasteners may also be provided by snaps, buttons, and hook and loop fasteners.

The first and second upper leg 111, 112, the central hook 113, and the base may be at least one of molded and overmolded, which may be individually and separately, and which may be accomplished by any molding process known in the art, including, but not limited to blow molding, sintering, compression molding, extrusion molding, injection molding, matrix molding, transfer molding, and thermoforming. The first and second upper leg 111, 112, the central hook 113, and the base may be attached by glue, adhesive, fastener, screw, bolt, welding, or any other means known in the art.

Some of the illustrative aspects of the present invention may be advantageous in solving the problems herein described and other problems not discussed which are discoverable by a skilled artisan.

While the above description contains much specificity, these should not be construed as limitations on the scope of any embodiment, but as exemplifications of the presented embodiments thereof. Many other ramifications and variations are possible within the teachings of the various embodiments. While the invention has been described with reference to exemplary embodiments, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes may be made and equivalents may be substituted for elements thereof with-
out departing from the scope of the invention. In addition, many modifications may be made to adapt a particular situation or material to the teachings of the invention without departing from the essential scope thereof. Therefore, it is intended that the invention not be limited to the particular embodiment disclosed as the best or only mode contemplated for carrying out this invention. Also, in the drawings and the description, there have been disclosed exemplary embodiments of the invention and, although specific terms may have been employed, they are unless otherwise stated used in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation, the scope of the invention therefore not being so limited. Moreover, the use of the terms first, second, etc. do not denote any order or importance, but rather the terms first, second, etc. are used to distinguish one element from another. Furthermore, the use of the terms a, an, etc. do not denote a limitation of quantity, but rather denote the presence of at least one of the referenced item.

[0050] Thus the scope of the invention should be determined by the appended claims and their legal equivalents, and not by the examples given. That which is claimed is:

1. A clothes hanger device comprising:
   a body having a first upper leg, a second upper leg and a central hook positioned between the first upper leg and the second upper leg; and
   a strap that is detachably connected to at least one of the first upper leg and the second upper leg comprising:
   a medial section adapted to be positioned in contact with
   a portion of at least one of the first upper leg and the second upper leg,
   a pair of fastening members adapted to be connectable to
   one another and positioned opposite one another respective to the medial section,
   a first end and a second opposing end;
   wherein the first and second opposing ends of the strap are adapted to be urged towards one another to hold a garment in place therebetween.

2. The clothes hanger device according to claim 1 wherein each of the first and second upper legs include a recessed portion.

3. The clothes hanger device according to claim 1 wherein each of the first and second upper legs include a passageway formed therethrough; and
   wherein the passageway is sized to receive at least a portion of the strap.

4. The clothes hanger device according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the first upper leg, the second upper leg, and the central hook is at least one of metallic material, plastic material, and wooden material.

5. The clothes hanger device according to claim 1 wherein the strap is at least one of fabric, rope, twine, rubber, plastic, and metal.

6. The clothes hanger device according to claim 1 wherein the pair of fastening members are attachable to one other by at least one of magnets, snaps, hook and loop fasteners, buttons, and clips.

7. The clothes hanger device according to claim 1 wherein the first and second opposing ends include a magnetic system.

8. The clothes hanger device according to claim 7 wherein the magnetic system includes a first magnet carried by a portion of the first end and a second magnet carried by a portion of the second end so that the first and second magnets are attractable to one another and are configured to hold at least one of a garment, cloth, and fabric therebetween.

9. The clothes hanger device according to claim 8 wherein the first end comprises a first housing that houses the first magnet; and wherein the second end comprises a second housing to house the second magnet.

10. The clothes hanger device according to claim 1 wherein each of the first and second ends comprise a clip member having opposing end portions suitable to receive at least one of a garment, cloth and fabric therebetween.

11. The clothes hanger device according to claim 10 wherein the opposing end portions of the clip member include ridge shaped sections.

12. The clothes hanger device according to claim 1 further comprising a decorative feature that is connectable to at least one of the first end and the second end.

13. A strap for a clothes hanger device comprising:
   a medial section adapted to be positioned in contact with a portion of a hanger;
   a pair of fastening members adapted to be connectable to
   one another and positioned opposite one another respective to the medial section;
   a first end and a second opposing end;
   a first housing carried by the first end;
   a second housing carried by the second end;
   a first magnet carried by the first housing; and
   a second magnet carried by the second housing;
   wherein the first and second magnets are configured within
   the respective first and second housings to be attractable to
   one another and to hold at least one of a garment, cloth, and fabric in place therebetween.

14. The strap according to claim 13 wherein the strap is at least one of fabric, rope, twine, rubber, plastic, and metal.

15. The strap according to claim 13 further comprising a decorative feature that is connectable to at least one of the first end and the second end.

16. The strap according to claim 15 wherein the decorative feature comprises a magnet that is configured to be magnetically connected to a respective at least one of the first and second magnets.

17. A strap for a clothes hanger device comprising:
   a medial section adapted to be positioned in contact with a portion of a hanger;
   a pair of fastening members adapted to be connectable to
   one another and positioned opposite one another respective to the medial section;
   a first end and a second opposing end;
   a first clip member carried by a first end;
   a second clip member carried by the second end;
   wherein each of the first and second clip members have end
   portions suitable to receive at least one of a garment, cloth and fabric therebetween;
   wherein each of the first and second clip members include
   a spring to urge the end portions together.

18. The strap according to claim 17 wherein the opposing end portions of the clip member include ridge shaped sections.

19. The strap according to claim 17 wherein the strap is at least one of fabric, rope, twine, rubber, plastic, and metal.

20. The strap according to claim 17 further comprising a decorative feature that is connectable to at least one of the first end and the second end.