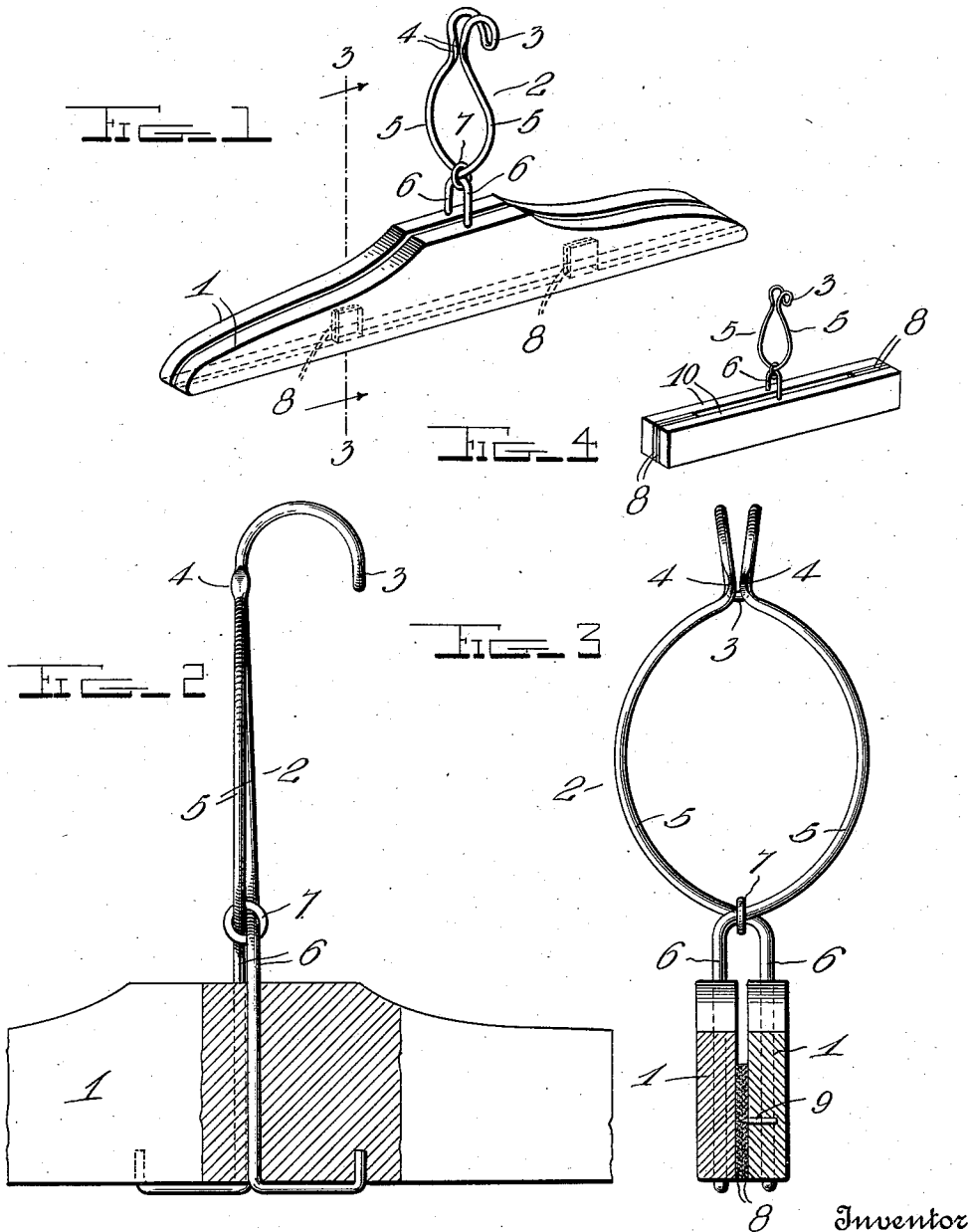


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW R. SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ann Arbor, in the county of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in combination trousers or skirt and coat hanger.

One object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will be simple, strong, durable and inexpensive in construction and having means whereby a pair of trousers or a skirt may be firmly gripped and supported and means to support a coat in proper shape.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hanger constructed in accordance with the invention; Fig. 2 is a side view partly in section; Fig. 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of the hanger.

My improved hanger comprises a pair of trousers or skirt clamping or gripping bars 1 which are preferably formed of wood. The bars 1 are connected to the ends of a combined clamping spring and supporting device formed from a single spring wire rod bent upon itself midway between its ends to form a loop 2. The loop end of the rod is bent laterally to form a supporting hook 3.

At the inner end of the hook the engaging portions of the rod are flattened to form bearing surfaces 4 whereby the two ends or members are prevented from slipping past each other when forced together and whereby a firm contact between these parts is provided when the spring portion of the clamp is compressed.

Immediately below the contacting parts of the rod the members or ends are bent outwardly in opposite directions, thence downwardly and inwardly to form outwardly

curved spring members 5. The lower ends 6 of the members 5 are bent downwardly at an angle and forced through the bars 1. The ends 6 after being forced through the bars 1 are bent laterally at right angles then upwardly said upwardly bent ends being forced into the lower edges of the bars thus clenching and securely fastening the supporting hook and spring to the bars 1. The ends of the members 5 where they are bent downwardly to engage the bars 1 are crossed and at their point of crossing have loosely engaged therewith a ring 7 whereby the members 5 and ends 6 are prevented from spreading or separating when said members are operated to open and close the hanger bars.

By bringing the parts of the rod together at the inner end of the hook and flattening said engaging portions, the members 5 and the parts of the rod forming the hook 3 both act as springs and exert a pressure on the bars 1 to force the same together and into firm engagement with the garment. The garment engaging bars 1 are preferably provided on their inner surfaces with pads 8 of felt or similar fabric and on the inner side of one of the bars are secured pins 9 which are designed to enter the garment with which the bars are engaged thus positively gripping the garment.

The bars 1 may be and are preferably designed to provide a coat hanger and for this purpose are constructed with inclined and curved upper edges or in the form usually provided for coat hangers whereby a coat will be properly supported when hung thereon.

In Fig. 4 of the drawings is shown a slightly modified form of the hanger wherein the clamping bars are constructed in the form of straight strips 10. In all other respects the hanger shown in this figure is the same as the hanger first shown and described.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

5 A garment hanger comprising a pair of garment engaging bars, a combined supporting hook and clamping member comprising a spring wire rod bent upon itself
10 midway between its ends to form a loop, said loop being bent to form the supporting hook, the portion of the rod forming the loop being flattened and engaged at the inner end of the hook and whereby said hook
15 forming portions of the rod provide spring clamping members, said ends of the rod being bent laterally below the point of their engagement at the inner end of the hook to

form additional spring clamping members, crossed bar engaging members formed on the lower ends of the clamping members, whereby said supporting hook and spring members are secured to the clamping bars 20 and a ring engaged with said spring and bar engaging members to prevent the lateral separation of the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses. 25

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