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FIG. 1.

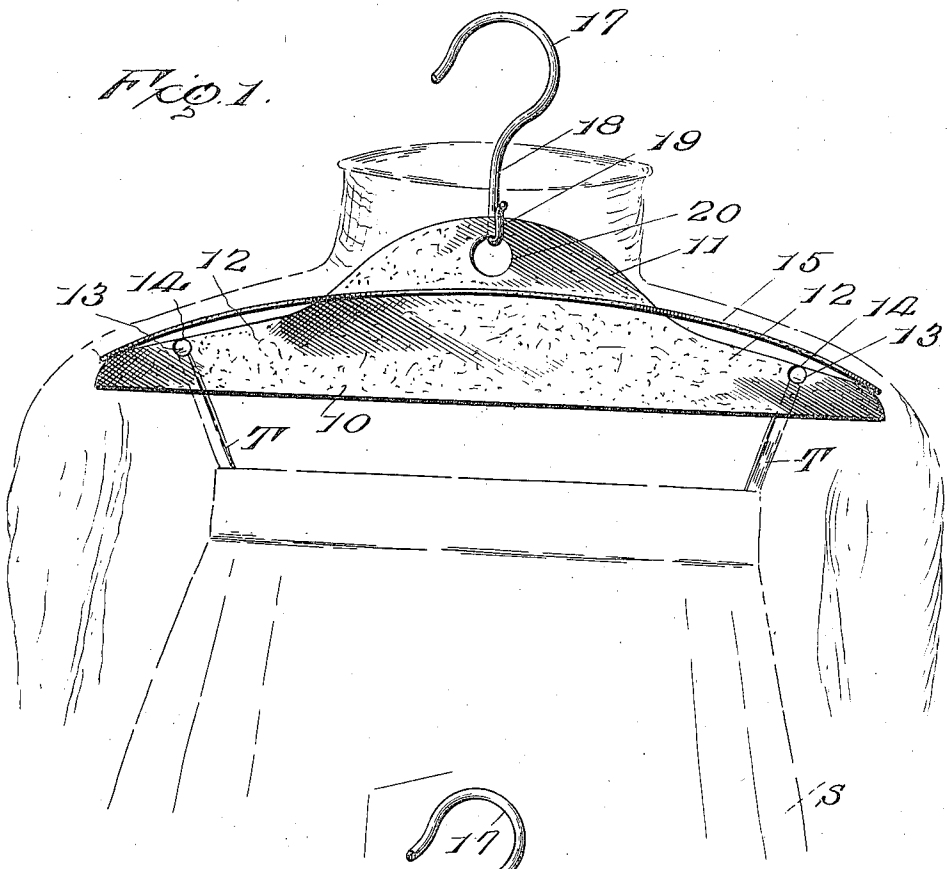
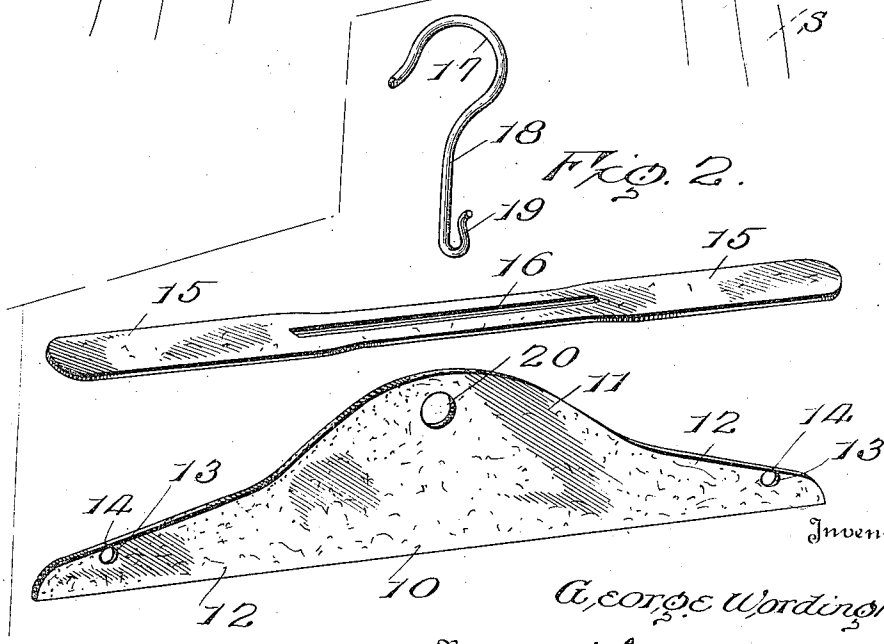


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WORDINGHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Waist and Skirt Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved shirtwaist and skirt hanger and has as its primary object to provide a simple and inexpensive device of this character especially adapted for use by laundries, cleaners, dyers and the like for delivering either a shirtwaist or skirt or both, in a bag instead of folding the garments in a box, as is now commonly practised, with consequent creasing of the garments.

The invention has as a further object to provide a hanger employing a shoulder strip arranged to bear over the upper edges of the arms of the hanger body to thus present relatively broad bearing surfaces to the shoulders of a shirtwaist and consequently prevent the creasing thereof as well as tend to retain the shape of the shirtwaist.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a detachable hook for suspending the hanger body and wherein the said hook will prevent the accidental displacement of the shoulder strip.

The invention has as a still further object to provide a hanger of the above described character wherein the hanger body may be used independently of the shoulder strip and the suspension hook so that the three elements of the device may be introduced to the trade as separate articles.

Other and incidental objects will appear as the description proceeds and in the drawings wherein I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of the invention and wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved shirtwaist and skirt hanger showing, in dotted lines, a skirt and shirtwaist arranged thereon, and

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the elements of the device detached.

As previously intimated, the present invention aims to provide a hanger which will be light and inexpensive. To this end, the body 10 of the hanger is preferably formed as a blank from a piece of cardboard, straw board, or other similar material. Upon its upper side, the body is provided centrally with a hump 11 from which extend arms 12. The hump 11 is rounded or is formed with a curved upper edge which merges into the upper edges of the arms 12 so that the hanger body may properly support a shirtwaist. Formed in the outer extremities of the arms 12, adjacent the upper edges thereof, are openings 13, the walls of which, at their upper sides, are arranged immediately beneath the upper edges of the said arms. Thin webs 14 are thus defined between the upper edges of the arms and the openings 13. These webs may be either cut or left intact, as desired. The openings 13 are adapted to receive the suspension tapes usually found upon the band of an ordinary skirt and, in Fig. 1, I have, in dotted lines, shown a conventional type of skirt at S. The band of this skirt is equipped with the suspension tapes T. These tapes are forced into the openings 13 by breaking through the webs 14 thereof, when the said tapes will then properly support the skirt depending from the hanger. In this connection, it is to be observed that since the body 10 is formed of cardboard or other similar fibrous material, the broken ends of the webs 14 will project over the upper sides of the openings 13 substantially throughout the life of the hanger to thus prevent the accidental displacement of the tapes of a skirt when connected with the hanger.

Complemental to the hanger body, I provide a shoulder strip 15. This strip, as in the instance of the body 10, is also preferably formed as a blank from cardboard or the like. However, the material used in forming this strip is preferably thinner than the material of the body so that the said strip will easily flex. Formed in this strip, centrally thereof, is a longitudinally extending opening or slot 16, coincident with which, the width of the strip is preferably reduced. The slot 16 is adapted to removably receive the hump 11 of the hanger body and, as shown in Fig. 1, the length of the said slot is somewhat less than the major width of the hump. Consequently, the curved side edges of the hump will engage the ends of the slot 16 to support the strip upon the hanger body with the free extremities of the said strip normally spaced above the upper edges of the arms 12 of the body of the hanger. The width of the strip 15

at its extremities may be varied as found most desirable and it will now be seen that when a shirtwaist is placed upon the hanger, as shown in Fig. 1, the free extremities of the strip will extend beneath the shoulders of the shirtwaist and present a relatively broad bearing area thereto. Consequently, the shoulder strip will hold the shoulders of the shirtwaist away from the upper edges of the arms 12 to prevent creasing of the shirtwaist at the said shoulders as well as tend to retain the shirtwaist in shape. The weight of the shirtwaist will, of course, flex the extremities of the shoulder strip downwardly to engage the upper edges of the arms 12 of the hanger body which will then sustain the said strip at its ends to support the shirtwaist. In this connection, it will be noted that normally the extremities of the shoulder strip will extend away from the upper edges of the arms 12 between the sides of the hump 11 and the outer ends of the arms. Consequently, the portions of the strip 15 between the hump 11 and outer ends of the arms 12 will be supported by the said arms to yieldably sustain the shoulders of the shirtwaist. Moreover, the extremities of the strip, in being flexed toward the arms of the hanger body, will further tend to yieldably support the shirtwaist so that at no time will the shirtwaist be permitted to drape over any rigid edges to consequently crease the shirtwaist at the shoulders thereof.

Associated with the hanger body is a double ended suspension device 17 therefor. This suspension device is preferably provided with a relatively long shank 18, at the outer end of which is formed a small hook 19. The hook 19 is, as particularly shown in Fig. 2, provided with a contracted throat from which the bill of the hook is deflected laterally for easy engagement through a suitable opening 20 formed in the hump 11 of the hanger body adjacent the upper edge thereof. The hanger body with a shirtwaist and skirt arranged thereon may thus be readily hung in any convenient place desired and in this connection, it is to be noted that the hook 17 will, when engaged with the hanger body, prevent accidental displacement of the shoulder strip 15. Furthermore, it is to be noted that when the hook is thus engaged with the hanger body, the portion of the hump 11 between the opening 20 and the upper edge of the said hump will lie within the reduced throat of the hook 19 to prevent undue lateral swing of the hanger body upon the said hook and tend to steady the hanger body when suspended by the hook. Since the suspension device is formed with a relatively long shank, the hook bill at the upper end of the said shank will not interfere with the neck of a shirtwaist upon the hanger body.

As will now be readily seen in view of the previous description, my improved shirtwaist and skirt hanger may be readily employed by laundries, cleaners, dyers and the like for delivering shirtwaists and skirts in bags. Folding of the clothing is thus avoided with its consequent wrinkling. During transit, the hook 17 may, of course, be employed for suspending the shirtwaist and skirt upon the hanger body and upon the delivery of the articles, the hook may then be detached, when the owner may then suspend the shirtwaist and skirt within a closet or like place by means of the opening 20 in the hanger body. Thus a laundry or other like plant using my improved type of shirtwaist hanger may purchase any required quantity of the hanger bodies 10 and shoulder strips 15, but only so many of the hooks as will be found necessary to support such of the hanger bodies as are used in the laundry and in delivering the articles of clothing cleaned since, by making the hooks detachable, the said hooks may be used over and over again. Also, in this connection, it is to be noted that the hanger body may be used without the shoulder strip 15. Consequently, in any instance where a laundryman should feel financially unable to purchase the said strips, the hanger bodies may, nevertheless, be sold independently thereof. I therefore provide an arrangement whereby the several elements of the hanger may be introduced to the trade independently of each other.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A device of the character described including a hanger body provided with supporting arms and formed medially with a hump, and a shoulder strip slotted to receive said hump and supported thereby to overlie the said arms.

2. A device of the character described including a hanger body provided with supporting arms and formed medially with a hump, and a resilient shoulder strip having the hump fitting therethrough and supported by the hump in position with the free extremities of the said strip normally extending above the arms in spaced relation thereto.

3. A device of the character described including a hanger body provided with a hump having an opening formed therethrough, and a double ended suspension device provided at its inner extremity with a hook removably engaging through said opening, the bill of the said hook being deflected at its outer extremity for insertion through the opening and the hook being provided with a reduced throat to receive the portion of the hump between the said opening and the upper edge of the hump for limiting the hanger body in its lateral swinging movement upon the said hook.

4. A device of the character described including a hanger body provided with supporting arms, and a shoulder strip connected intermediate of its ends with the body and rigidly supported thereon above the arms with its extremities overlying the said arms in spaced relation thereto and adapted to be fixed to rest against the said arms.

5. A device of the character described including a hanger body provided with supporting arms and formed medially with a hump, a shoulder strip fitted over the said hump to overlie the said arms, and a suspension device connected with the hump above the said strip and preventing accidental displacement of the strip from said hump.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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