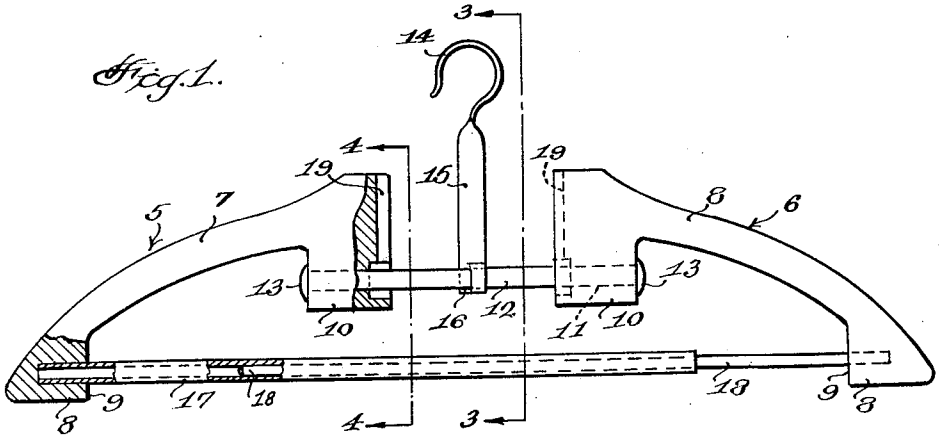
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Fig. 1.



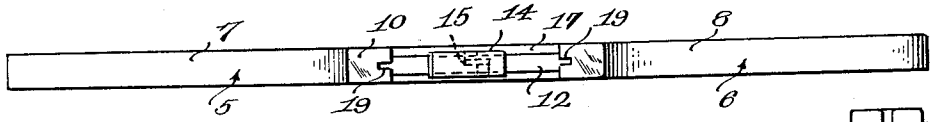


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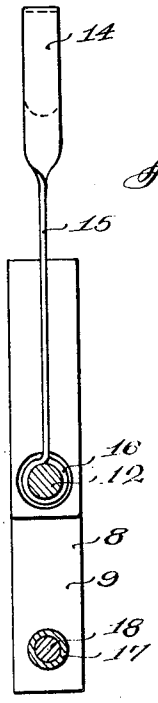
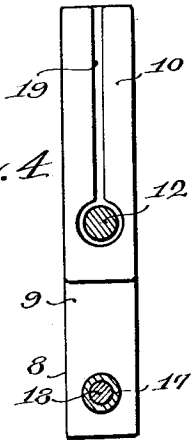


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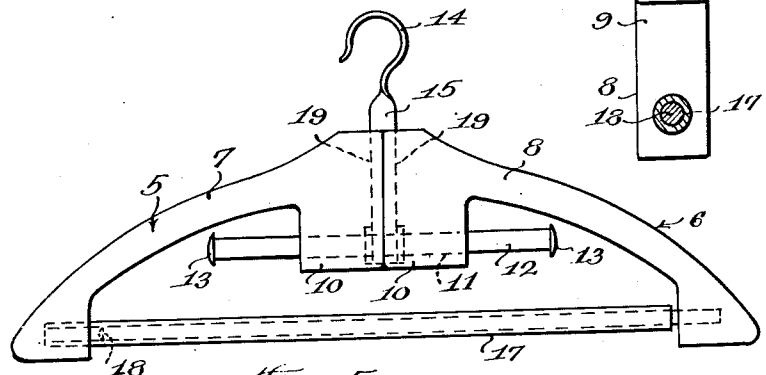


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The present invention relates to improvements in garment hangers and more particularly to a coat and pants hanger, offering certain advantages and points of merit over conventional hangers.

An important object of the present invention is to provide a hanger, which may be extended lengthwise to accommodate coats of various sizes.

Another important object of the invention is to provide an extensible garment hanger, which while incorporating extension means, the cost of manufacture is not materially increased.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character stated, which will be durable and not susceptible to the ready development of defects.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger, which may be manufactured of plastics or in fact any other suitable material that will not be derogative to the use and appearance of the structure.

These and various other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to the reader of the following description.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of the hanger with portions in section, and showing the sections separated;

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the hanger;

Figure 3 is a vertical section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a vertical section taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a side elevational view showing the sections of the hanger in closed position.

Referring to the drawing, wherein like numerals designate like parts, it can be seen that the hanger is made up of a pair of side sections 5, 6.

These side sections include curved shoulder members 7, 8, respectively, each of which has a thickened lower portion 8 and these thickened portions have opposed vertical faces 9.

The upper ends of the shoulder members 7 and 8 have depending block formations 10, formed with horizontal openings therethrough for receiving a round bar 12. This bar 12 extends entirely through the block formations 10 and has heads or stop formations 13 at its ends to abut the outer sides of the block formations 10 to prevent displacement of the sections 5, 6 from the rod 12.

Numeral 14 denotes a hanger hook, having a depending strap shank 15, the lower end of which is wrapped about the medial portion of the rod 12, as at 16 and preferably welded thereto.

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To prevent the rod 12 and hook 14, 15 from rotating with respect to the sections 5, 6, suitable spline means may be provided in one or both of the block formations 10, with respect to the rod 12.

Extending in downwardly spaced relation with respect to the rod 12 is an elongated tube 17 projecting from the thick formation 8 of the shoulder member 7 and cooperative with this is an elongated rod 18 projecting from the thickened formation 8 of the shoulder member 6, the elongated rod 18, extending into the tube 17. The tube 17 and the rod 18 coact to provide a pants holder, besides serving as a guide between the shoulder members 7, 8.

As stated above, the shank 15 of the hook 14 is preferably of strap metal and to accommodate this shank, when the sections 5, 6 are closed, the vertical faces of the blocks 10, 10 have narrow slots 19 therein. Thus, when the sections 5, 6 are closed, as shown in Figure 5, the block formations 10, 10 will abut and the slots 19, 19 will be receiving the shank 15.

Obviously, the hanger sections 5, 6 may be manufactured of any desired material. As a matter of fact, it is possible to construct the entire structure of plastic, or partially of plastics, wood and metal.

Obviously, when a large size coat is to be supported, the hanger is lengthened to accommodate the particular coat size. Heretofore, hangers have been of a standard size, with the result that when a large coat is supported thereby, the ends of the hanger do not extend to the arms, with the result that the shoulder portions of the large size coat are deformed, and noticeably so.

While the foregoing description sets forth the invention in specific terms, it is to be understood that numerous changes in the shape, size and materials may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, as claimed hereinafter.

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

A device of the character described comprising a pair of outwardly and downwardly curved shoulder members, a pair of blocks each integrally formed with and dependent from the inner end of one of said shoulder members, said blocks each having a laterally extending opening adjacent the lower end thereof, a support rod extending slidably through said openings, a stop head formed at each end of said support rod, a supporting hook, a shank integrally dependent from said hook, a collar formed integrally with the lower end of said shank and centrally affixed about said

support rod, a thickened lower end portion for each of said shoulder members, a guide tube affixed to one of said end portions, and a guide rod affixed to the other end portion and slidable in said guide tube, said blocks having complementary grooves formed in their inner faces for the reception of the interposed portions of said shank and said collar.

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