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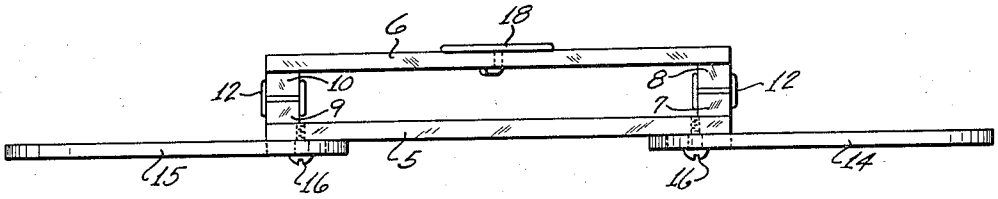


FIG. 1.

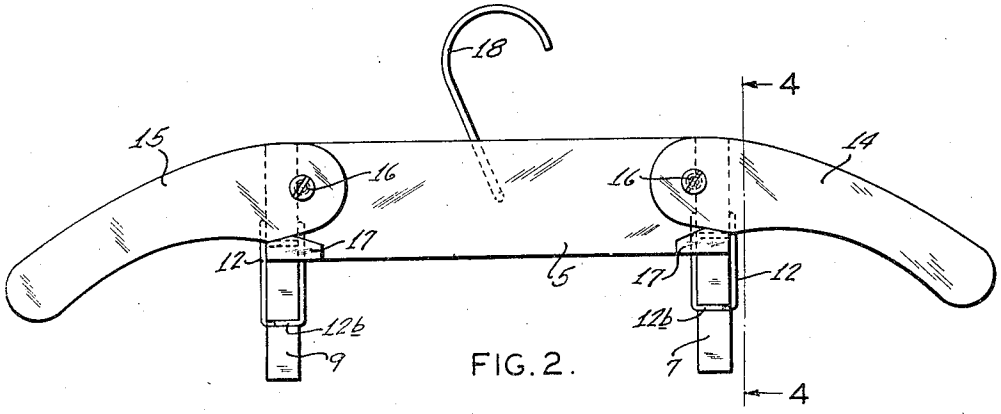


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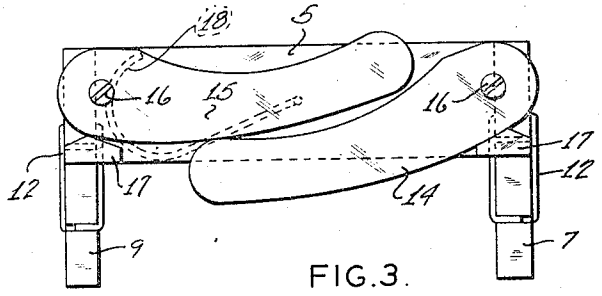


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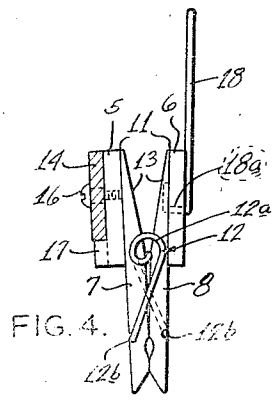


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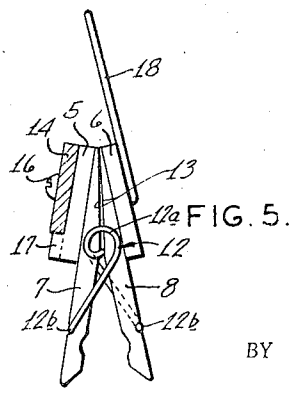


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This invention relates to hangers for coats, pants and skirts, and the main object of the invention is to provide a foldable hanger of this kind, in simple and practical form, and having means engaging and holding a coat or skirt and a pair of pants or trousers.

More particularly the object of the invention is to provide a two-part or double frame, including a pair of short, flat side or cross-pieces, strips or members arranged side by side in slightly spaced relation, aligned pairs of trouser jaws anchored at their upper ends to the ends of the two cross-strips and depended vertically or perpendicularly to the side pieces, for engaging at their lower ends a pair of trousers, loop-springs coiled and braced between the jaws of each pair so as to hold each pair together in operative relation and to press or close them together upon the lower ends of an inserted pair of trousers, and a pair of coat arms pivotally pinned at one end to the ends of the cross-strips of the frame, so that they may be either compactly folded down upon the frame for storage or may be opened out in alignment with the frame for receiving a coat or skirt as hung thereover.

With the stated objects in view, with such other objects and advantages as may appear from the specifications, a preferred embodiment of the invention is shown in the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the hanger, the coat arms opened out.

Figure 2 is a frontal side view of the assembly of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a frontal side view of the assembly of Figures 1 and 2, with the coat arms folded inwardly upon the frame.

Figure 4 is an end view of the hanger, showing the trouser jaws closed together, as for engaging the ends of trouser legs inserted therein between. Said trouser legs are not shown.

Figure 5 is an end view of the hanger, showing the trouser jaws sprung open, as for releasing therefrom the trouser legs referred to.

The invention comprises a pair of short, flat and oblong, side or cross pieces **5**, **6**, arranged side by side in suitably spaced relation, two pairs of trouser jaws **7**, **8** and **9**, **10**, rigidly anchored by glue or otherwise, as indicated at **11**, to the ends of the side pieces, the jaws of each pair being secured to opposite side pieces as shown, and being depended in parallel relation at each end, perpendicularly to the side pieces. The jaws of each pair are resiliently linked together by loop-springs **12**, formed medially with loops **12***a* disposed at either side of the jaws, at the lower margins of the side-pieces, and having their ends **12***b* extended down cross-wise over the edges of the jaws, and turned transversely over the outer sides of the lower ends thereof, in such manner as to resiliently hold and press the jaws together. These springs thus also serve to hold the side pieces **5**, **6**, together in the form of a unitary frame. The upper ends of the trouser jaws **7**, **8**, are tapered or bevelled off as shown at **13**, thus enabling these upper ends to be pressed close together for correspondingly spreading or opening the lower ends of the jaws for receiving or releasing trouser legs.

A pair of flat, arcuate coat arms **14**, **15**, are pivotally pinned by longitudinally aligned pins **16** passed through their inner ends, to the ends of the outer side of one of the cross or side pieces, the piece **5** as here shown, and are thus adapted to fold together inwardly upon the piece **5**, as shown in Figure 3, for storage, or to open out longitudinally in approximate alignment, as shown in Figure 2, for receiving a coat or skirt. The arcuate formation of these arms both conforms them to the shoulder lines of the garment hung thereon, and enables them to be folded down closely together for storage when not in use. Stops **17** secured to the outer sides of the ends of the cross-piece **5**, immediately below the arms **14**, **15**, limit the outward movement of these arms to their proper alignment for supporting a coat, as shown in Figure 2. A hook **18** is pivotally mounted at its lower or inner end, through the rear side piece **6**, as indicated at **18***a*, and thus this hook may be swung out for engaging a nail (not shown) or may be folded down along the piece **6** when not in use.

From the foregoing description it is thought the construction and use of the hanger will be well understood. The trouser legs (not shown) are smoothly laid together and then inserted at their ends between the jaws **7**, **8**, which releasably grip and hold them. The coat or skirt (not shown) is nicely hung over the top of the hanger and its out-spread arms **14**, **15**.

Minor changes may be made in the embodiment here shown, within the scope of the claims.

I claim:

1. In a device of the kind described, a pair of flat, oblong frame members spaced apart side by side, pairs of trouser jaws secured at one end perpendicularly to the ends of the frame members, one jaw to each member at each end thereof in cooperative alignment, springs connected to the pairs of jaws for supporting them

in cooperative alignment and normally resiliently closing them together at their working ends for engaging trouser legs, a pair of flat, arcuate arms each pivoted at one end to the outer side of one of the ends of one of the frame members and arranged to open longitudinally outward for receiving a garment thereover, and to fold inwardly upon one another for storage.

2. In a device as defined in claim 1, a hook pivoted to the opposite frame member and arranged to open out for use and to fold down along the frame for storage.

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