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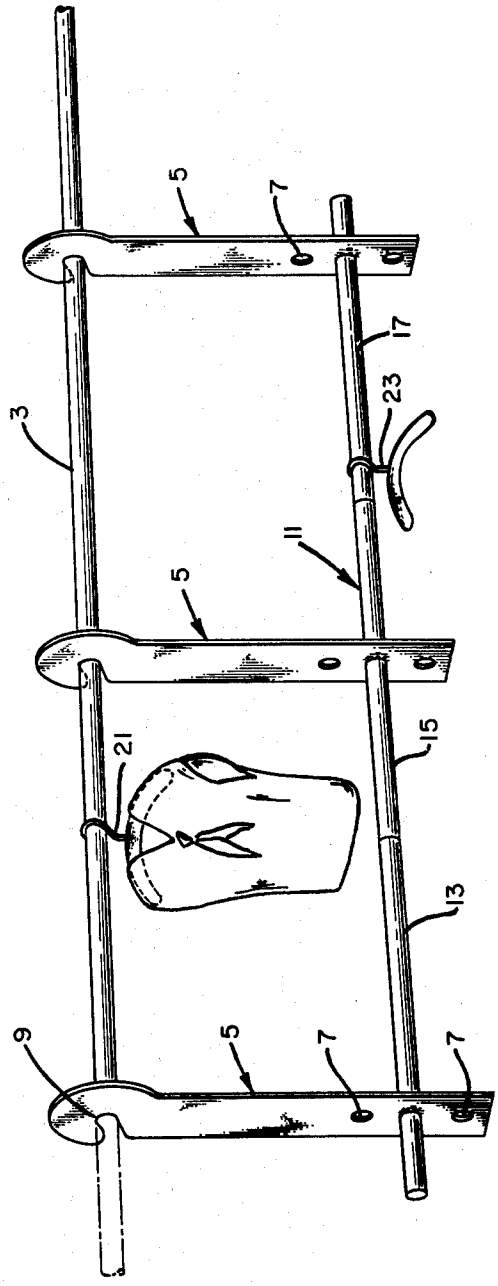


FIG. 1.

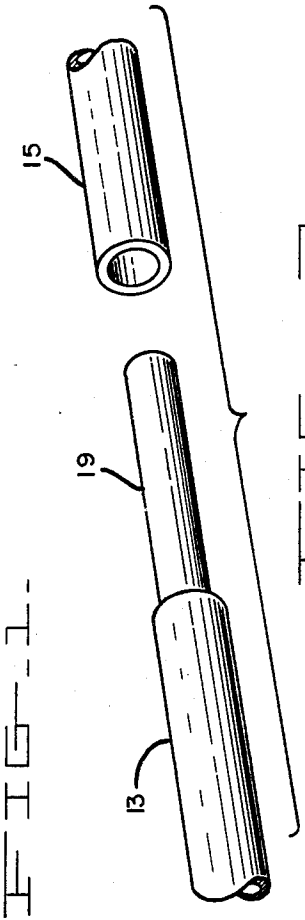


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to a clothes hanger and more particularly relates to an adjustable child's clothes hanger of such height that a child can hang up his clothes at an age before he can reach the standard closet hanger dowel of conventional height.

It is an object of this invention to provide an easy-to-install coat hanger for children's use.

Another object of this invention is to provide the secondary hanger so that a larger number of shorter articles can be hung in a closet.

A further object of this invention is to provide an auxiliary coat hanger which may be easily dismantled and stored when it is no longer needed.

Another object of this invention is to provide an auxiliary coat hanger of adjustable height so that it can be progressively raised as a child grows older.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide an auxiliary coat hanger which is inexpensive since, in its preferred form, it is made of paperboard elements.

Other objects will be apparent from the specification which follows.

In the drawings forming a part of this application:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a coat hanger embodying the present invention.

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged, partial, exploded view of the tubular element which forms a part of the hanger of the present invention.

Referring now to the drawings by reference characters, there is shown a conventional dowel **3** which is installed by means not illustrated in a closet. Such bars or dowels are ordinarily installed at about eye level of an adult and therefore are beyond the reach of children. In accordance with the present invention, support members generally designated **5** having a plurality of openings **7** are installed over the dowel **3** by means of hook elements **9** formed at one end of the members **5**. The members **5** are preferably made of an inexpensive flat material, such as ordinary cardboard or foam core hardboard. Similar materials such as plywood or plastics may be employed. A lower bar **11** is provided which is passed through the series of aligned openings **7** in the elements **5**. It will be apparent from the drawing that the bar element **11** can be passed through any of the series of openings shown, so that it

can be placed at any convenient height, depending upon the need. The bar element **11** is preferably made in three sections, namely, **13**, **15** and **17** and, as is shown in FIGURE 2, the bar elements are provided with extensions **19** of reduced diameter so that they may be coupled together merely by inserting the reduced diameter portion of one bar into the open end of the adjacent bar. Preferably, the elements **11** are also made of cardboard.

Although the device has been described in connection with children's usage, it is apparent that the device may be also used when it is desired to hang a large number of relatively short articles in a closet. By using the device in this manner, the capacity of an ordinary closet can be doubled. Thus, hangers such as at **21** can be placed on the conventional bar **3**, while other hangers such as **23** can be placed on the lower bar **11**.

As a child grows older, the hanger bar may be progressively moved to the upper holes and, eventually, dispensed with altogether as the child is able to reach the conventional dowel. The device can then be removed without defacing the existing structure in any manner.

I claim:

A hanger for closets and the like made entirely of cardboard comprising a plurality of long, narrow, spaced, flat members, each of said flat members being formed into an integral hook at one end, said hook being adapted to be hooked over a conventional dowel of a closet, said members having a plurality of holes at the opposite end, and a bar element placed through the holes in the flat elements, said bar element being made of a plurality of cardboard tubes of uniform size, at least one of which has a reduced end portion to couple it to an adjacent tube, said bar element forming a secondary hanger of reduced height parallel to a dowel.

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