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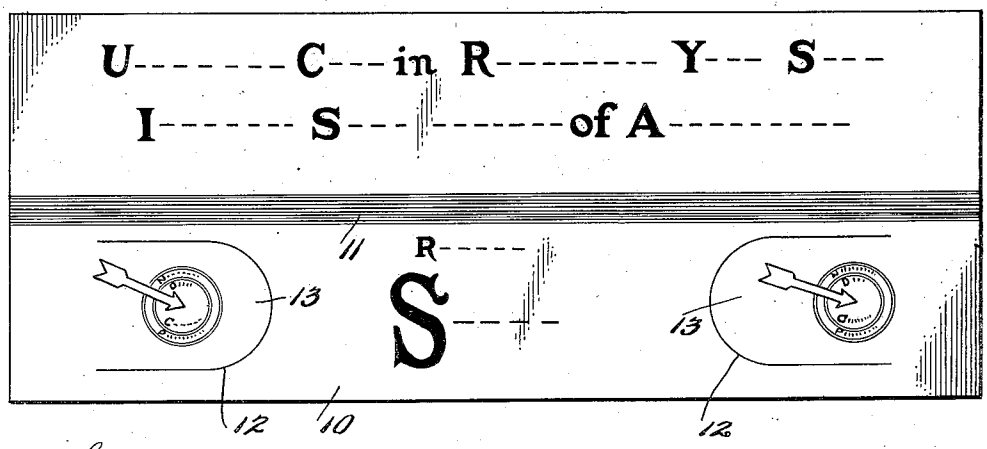


Fig. 1

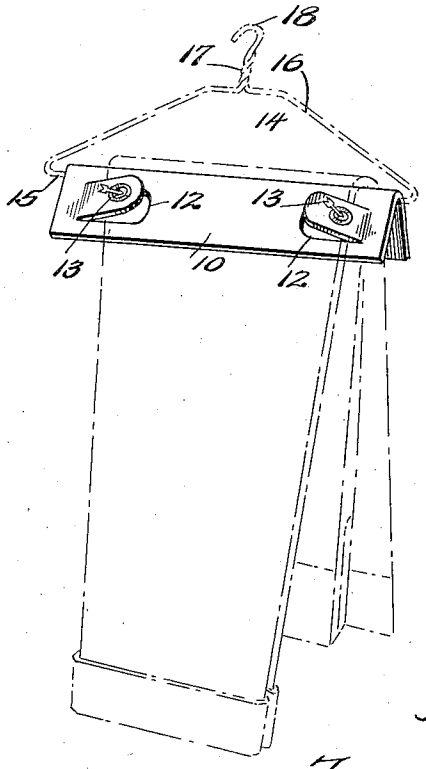


Fig. 2

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The present invention relates to garment hangers and attachments therefor, and particularly to that class of garment hangers commonly known as "coat and trousers" hangers.

Numerous types of combined coat and trousers hangers have heretofore been designed and suggested and actually placed upon the market. Such hangers have been fabricated of wood, fiber, metal, and sometimes of wood and metal, and have generally been so designed as to support a coat by an upper bowed member, and a folded pair of trousers by a straight member extending transversely between the opposite ends of the bowed member. Hangers of this character support suits of clothes very satisfactorily and, being relatively inexpensive, have come into widespread use not only in clothing stores and homes, but by dyers and cleaners who desire to deliver the garments, after pressing or cleaning or both, to the customer in a fresh and unwrinkled condition.

There has now come into general if not universal use a combined coat and trousers hanger fabricated of wire, the hanger comprising a single piece of wire having a transverse trousers supporting portion and a bowed coat supporting portion, the ends of the wire being twisted together at the center of the bowed portion, one end (or both ends) of the wire being extended above this twisted portion and being bent to form a hook by means of which the hanger may be hung from a clothes hook or rod. Hangers of this type are fabricated at low cost and it is now the custom of cleaners and pressers generally to give the hangers to the customer when the clothes are delivered. This wire hanger is insufficient in one respect, that is, it is not provided with means to prevent lateral sliding of a folded pair of trousers hung from its transverse supporting bar and, in the event that the hanger is tilted in handling, the trousers readily slide along the bar to one end and become folded or wrinkled. It is the object of the present invention to provide an attachment which not only prevents this sliding and wrinkling of the trousers but also provides an effective and convenient means for transmitting advertising matter and other information from the clothing dealer or presser and cleaner to the customer.

Very briefly stated, the invention consists in a member, preferably rectangular in shape, fabricated of sheet material such as cardboard, which is substantially of the length of the transverse bar of the hanger, which member overlies this transverse bar and in turn supports a pair of trousers. Preferably, the member has means for engaging the edges of the trousers supported thereon so as to positively prevent lateral movement of the trousers on the member itself. As the ends of the member lie closely adjacent the ends of the transverse bar, it has little or no longitudinal sliding movement on the bar itself and as a result the trousers are supported centrally of the hanger and in such manner that lateral sliding and hence wrinkling thereof is entirely prevented.

Various forms of the invention may be devised and it will be understood that that form which is illustrated in the accompanying drawings and described in detail in the following paragraphs is given by way of example only.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 illustrates in plan the "anti-sliding member" prior to its being placed in position on a hanger; and

Figure 2 shows in perspective a hanger together with the attachment and a pair of trousers supported thereon, the attachment being shown in full lines and the hanger and trousers in dash lines.

The "anti-sliding member" may be fabricated of various materials and may be formed in various ways without departing from the spirit of the invention, but I have found that form which is illustrated in the drawings to be thoroughly efficient in use. It comprises essentially a rectangular sheet of cardboard 10 scored at 11 along the central longitudinal axis and having cuts or slots 12 therethru adjacent its ends and on the same side of the central scorings. These slots define tongue-like portions 13, or tabs, which may be bent upwardly from the body of the sheet member as shown in Figure 2. The scorings 11 are parallel depressions in the cardboard intended to weaken it along its central longitudinal axis so as to be readily bendable along such axis into a U- or V-shaped member in transverse section, as shown in Fig. 2. The scorings may be either on the upper surface or on the lower

surface of the card and any number of scoring lines may be impressed on the cardboard. The sheet member may be weakened centrally by punched-out slots or in any other way found desirable.

The entire cardboard member may contain advertising matter, as shown in the drawings, and the space on the tongues or tabs 13 is especially valuable for advertising purposes, these tongues lying above the pair of trousers, as shown in Fig. 2, and the matter thereon being prominently displayed, upon the removal of the coat from the coat hanger.

The hanger itself is indicated generally at 14 and comprises a single piece of wire having the horizontal trouser supporting bar 15 and the bowed coat supporting portion 16, the ends of the wire being twisted together at 17 and one upwardly extending end being curved to form a hook 18.

In using the attachment the trousers are first laid across it while it lies flat on a table and centered on the scorings 11 exactly as though the scorings were in fact the bar 15 of the hanger. The tongues 13 are then raised to clamp the edges of the trousers and finally the trousers, with the attachment secured thereto, are slipped across the hanger bar 15 (or the hanger bar slipped under the trousers and attachment,) until the scorings of the card overlie the hanger bar. The hanger may then be lifted and the weight of the trousers will bend the card, as shown in Fig. 2. Notwithstanding subsequent handling of the hanger, there is no possibility of transverse movement of the trousers on the bar and hence all danger of wrinkling is avoided. Furthermore, no sharp crease will result due to the action of the transverse bar 15 on the fabric, the trousers resting upon the cardboard member 10 in a gentle curve as can be seen from Fig. 2.

The invention may be adapted for use with hangers of different types although, as will be obvious. it is particularly useful with wire hangers of the type now universally in use. It may be fabricated at very small cost, shipped flat in large quantities, and only bent when used. It is also apparent that its use is not limited to a trouser supporting attachment, but it may likewise be employed for other garments.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. An attachment for garment hangers comprising an elongated member of sheet material having a weakened central area extending from end to end so that it may be bent about a line intermediate its longitudinal edges to provide a gently curved surface the elements of which are straight lines, said member being adapted to be positioned over a horizontally disposed bar or support with the elements of the curved surface parallel to the bar and to support a garment on its upper surface, said member having means adjacent its ends to prevent lateral sliding of the garment thereon.

2. The combination with a clothes hanger having a transverse bar, of an attachment therefor comprising an elongated member of sheet material bendable about a line intermediate its longitudinal edges to provide a gently curved surface the elements of which are straight lines, said member being positioned to overlie the transverse bar with the elements of the curved surface parallel to the bar and to support a garment on its upper surface, said member being also provided with means adjacent its ends to prevent lateral sliding of the garment thereon.

3. The combination with a clothes hanger having a transverse bar, of an attachment therefor comprising an elongated member of sheet material bendable about a line intermediate its longitudinal edges to provide a gently curved surface the elements of which are straight lines. said member being positioned to overlie the transverse bar with the elements of the curved surface parallel to the bar and to support a garment on its upper surface, said member having flaps struck up from the body thereof the free ends of which are inwardly directed, said flaps being adapted to engage the opposite edges of a garment to prevent the same from sliding laterally on said attachment.

4. The combination with a clothes hanger having a transverse bar, of an attachment therefor comprising an elongated member of sheet material weakened so as to be readily bendable about a line intermediate its longitudinal edges to provide a gently curved surface from end to end, the elements of which surface are straight lines, said member being substantially coextensive in length with the transverse bar and disposed to overlie the same with the elements of the curved surface parallel to the bar and to support a garment upon its upper surface.

5. An attachment for garment hangers comprising an elongated member of sheet material having a weakened central area so that it may be bent about a line intermediate its longitudinal edges to provide a gently curved surface the elements of which are straight lines, said member being adapted to be positioned over a horizontally disposed bar or support with the elements of the curved surface parallel to the bar and to support a garment on its upper surface, said member being provided with means to prevent sliding of the garment thereon.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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