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Fig. 1.

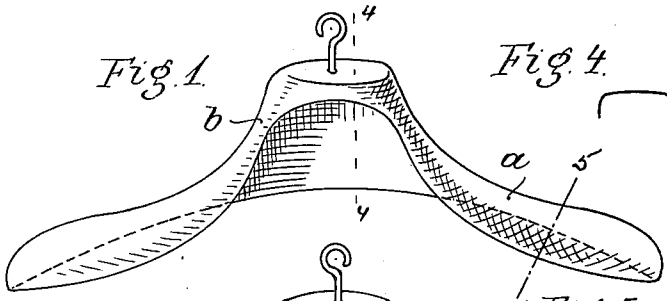


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.



Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

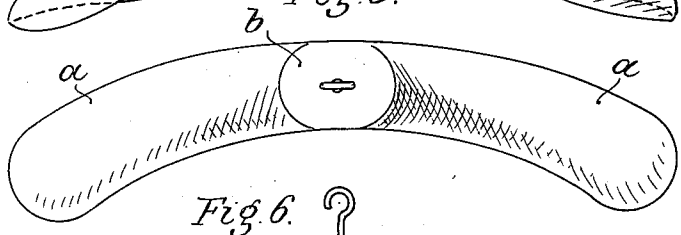


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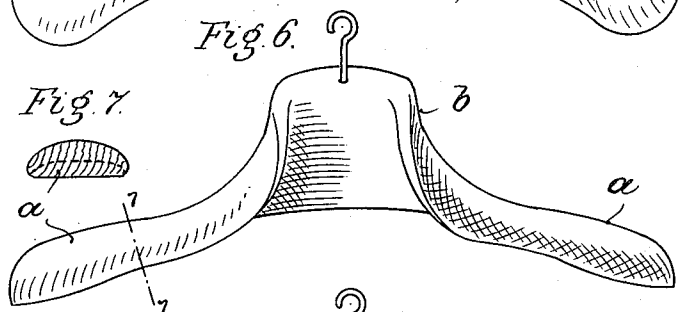
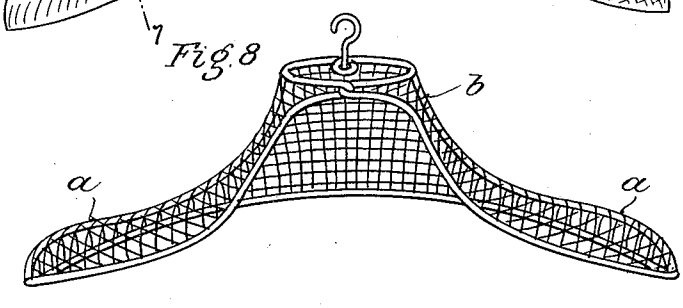


Fig. 7.

Fig. 8



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HEINRICH GEBHARDT, a citizen of Plauen, Vogsland, Kingdom of Saxony, residing at Munich, Bavaria, Germany, Königinstrasse 49/0, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to garment-supports, and especially to coat-hangers, and has for its object the provision of a device which will not only prevent the garment from becoming wrinkled and shapeless when stored away, but which will serve to improve and renew the correct form of the same after continued wear. Heretofore it has often been the practice in the manufacture of such devices to pay little attention to the natural form of the body and merely to give to the lateral or shoulder portion of the hanger an arbitrary curve or inclination sufficient to hold the garment in place. Even where the general curve of the shoulder portion has been made to conform in some degree to the corresponding portion of the human body the shape of the neck portion has not been considered or the support of the upper back of the garment has not been provided for or the transverse curve of the shoulder has been disregarded. In other words, the main object hitherto in view has been means for merely hanging a garment up out of the way rather than means for restoring and preserving its proper shape.

In the present instance the objections noted have been overcome and the desired objects attained by means of the application of certain principles hereinafter more particularly set out, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 represent in front, rear, and plan view, respectively, a coat-hanger constructed in accordance with my invention. Figs. 4 and 5 are sections, respectively, on the lines 4 4 and 5 5 of Fig. 1. Fig. 6 shows a similar device, but of more massive construction. Fig. 7 is a section on the line 7 7 of Fig. 6, and Fig. 8 shows a further modified form of construction.

As shown in all of the figures, it will be noted that the shoulder portion *a* has an outward and downward curve, while the same portion is also given a domed or upwardly-bowed form as viewed crosswise, thus conforming in outline to the shape of the human shoulder. Moreover, the shoulder portion merges by an easy curve into the neck portion *b*, which has a thickness and contour corresponding to the human neck. The device also curves from the center of the back gently to the front, as shown in Fig. 3, and while cut away in front at a point coinciding with the lapel of a coat presents a solid support in the rear to the upper back portion, thus imparting to and preserving in garments suspended thereon a correct shape and avoiding any sagging or wrinkling.

The embodiment shown in Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive, is constructed of sheet metal or other suitable thin material, the weight of which may be still further reduced, if desired, by perforating the material.

Figs. 6 and 7 show a coat-hanger made of wood or other suitable material and of a solid construction, while Fig. 8 shows the hanger made from woven or interlaced wire or similar material shaped upon a suitable wire frame.

A coat-hanger constructed in either of the ways illustrated possesses great inherent strength and stability for a given weight, as the curvature of the parts in the manner described and the closure at the back of the neck also serves to impart great strength and make possible the use of a very light hanger to sustain a heavy garment.

Having thus fully disclosed my invention and the manner of its use, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A coat-hanger comprising a neck portion closed behind and open in front and corresponding substantially in shape to the human neck, said neck portion merging gradually into downwardly, forwardly and outwardly curving shoulder portions having a domed cross-section.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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