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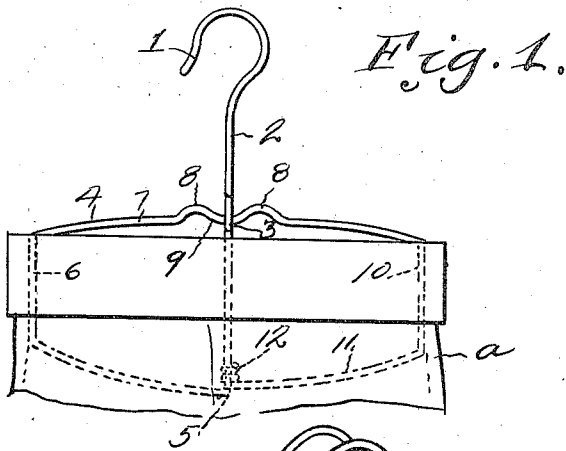


Fig. 1.

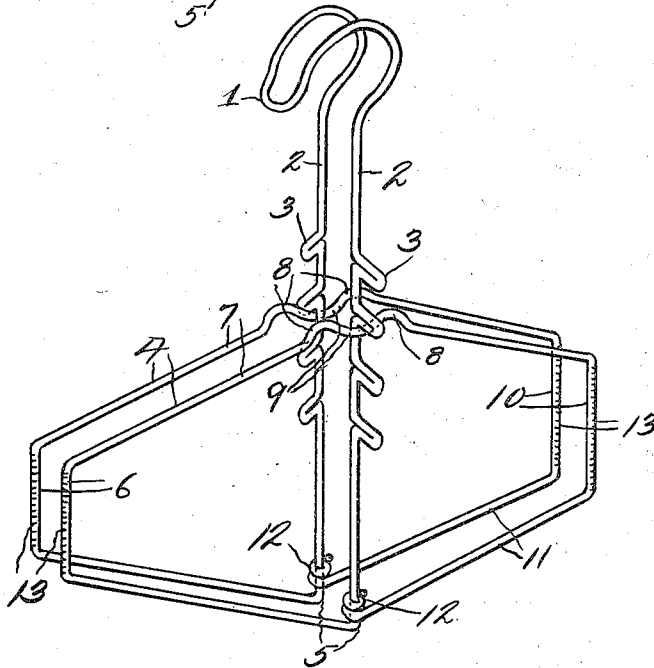


Fig. 2.

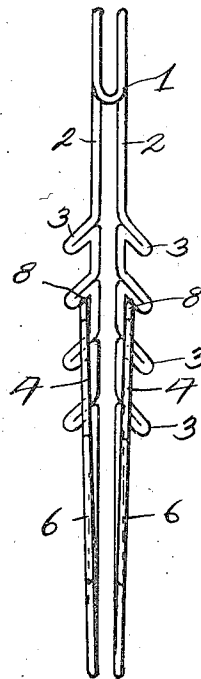


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The invention relates to garment hangers, and has for its object to provide a device of this character formed from spring wire, and comprising a suspending member terminating in an ex-
 5 sible member which is expanded into frictional holding engagement with the interior of a garment when the upper portion of the expansible member is forced towards the other portion and held in expanded position by lugs carried by the
 10 supporting member.

A further object is to form a garment support comprising a pair of expansible garment receiving members carried by upwardly extending arms terminating at their upper ends in a supporting
 15 hook. Also to provide the upwardly extending arms with lugs adapted to cooperate with the upper portions of the loops for holding the loops in expanded condition within a garment.

A further object is to form the loops and arms
 20 and also the lugs from a single piece of wire bent to form.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth,
 25 shown in the drawing, described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:

30 Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the hanger showing the same in trousers legs.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the hanger.

35 Figure 3 is a view in elevation of the hanger showing one end thereof.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 1 designates the supporting hook for the hanger, which hook is formed by bending a piece of wire to the shape shown in Figure 2. The hook 1 is provided with downwardly extending arms 2, which
 40 arms at spaced points are bent to form downwardly and outwardly inclined lugs 3 for holding the expansible leg engaging loops 4 in expanded position against their spring action. Arms 2 extend downwardly and are bent at 5
 45 to form U-shaped members 6, the arms 7 of which are provided with upwardly extending bent portions 8, forming finger engaging members for manipulating the loops. The arms 7 are also provided with downwardly extending bends 9, be-
 50 tween the finger engaging members, for receiving the lugs 3. Arms 7 extend across the arms 2 and terminate in U-shaped members 10 on the opposite sides thereof, and the arms 11 of
 55 the U-shaped members are connected at 12 to the lower ends of the arms 2.

It will be seen that the device is formed from a single piece of wire bent to form, thereby allowing the device to be cheaply manufactured and sold. The spring action of the loops as a whole is to expand the loops vertically. When
 5 the loops are placed in the trousers legs, the loops are vertically contracted for forcing the vertical roughened portions 13 outwardly into gripping engagement with the inner sides of the trousers legs. After the trousers gripping opera-
 10 tion the upper portions of the loops are held under the lugs 3. The device may be used in connection with any type of garment, and the number of lugs 3 may vary if desired.

Referring to Figure 1, it will be noted that the
 15 upper and lower arms or portions of the loops are bowed outwardly during the holding operation, therefore it will be seen that the garment is stretched therewith.

From the above it will be seen that a garment
 20 hanger is provided which is simple in construction, the parts reduced to a minimum, and the device formed from a single piece of spring wire.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:

25 1. A garment hanger comprising a supporting hook, a downwardly extending arm carried by the supporting hook, an expansible loop supported by the lower end of said arm, and lugs carried by the downwardly extending arm and adapted to hook over the upper side of the loop
 30 when it is expanded.

2. A garment hanger comprising a supporting hook formed from a piece of wire bent on itself, downwardly extending arms carried by the hook
 35 in spaced relation, expansible loops carried by the arms at their lower ends, the upper parts of said loops being free and adjacent the downwardly extending arms and spaced lugs carried by the downwardly extending arms and adapted to hook over the upper portions of the expansible loops.

3. A device as set forth in claim 2 wherein the hook, downwardly extending arms, lugs carried thereby and loops consist of a single continuous
 40 piece of wire.

4. A garment hanger comprising a pair of expansible loops formed from spring wire, upwardly extending arms connected to the lower
 45 sides of the loops and extending upwardly between the loops, loop holding lugs carried by said upwardly extending arms, said upwardly extending arms terminating in a hook.

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