

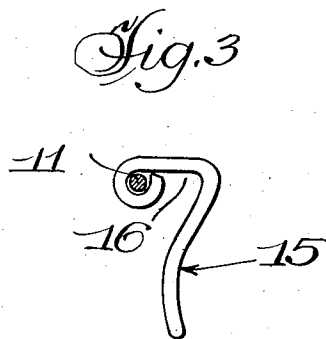
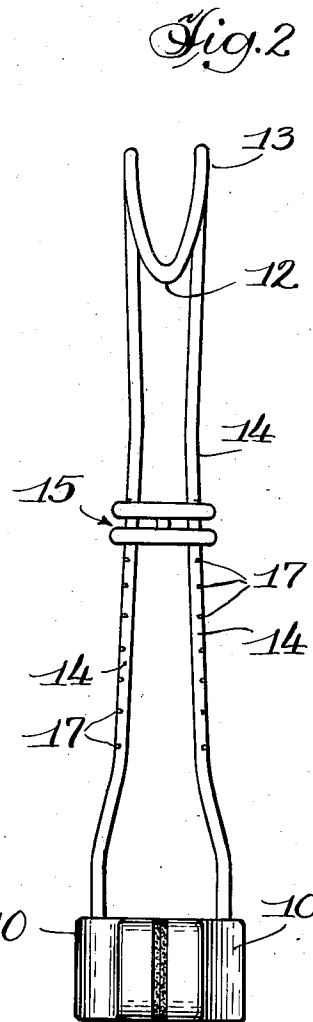
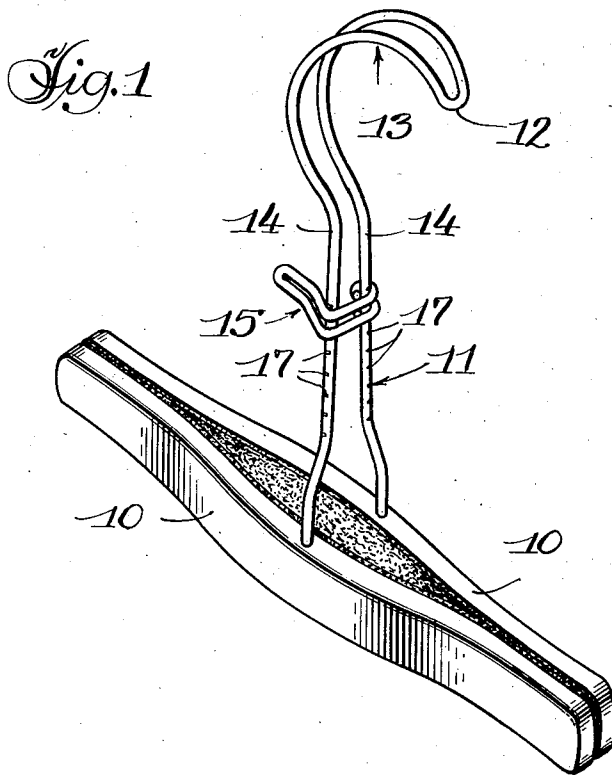
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This invention relates to improvements in garment hangers, more particularly trouser hangers, of the type in which a pair of clamping members are hinged together and provided with a hook so that they may be suspended from above.

The main object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger of very simple construction, having a minimum number of parts, which hanger, however, is readily adjustable so that it may effectively grip different thicknesses of cloth.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger in which the clamping jaws are supported and connected in hinged relation by a single piece of wire.

A further object is to provide a garment hanger of this character in which the wire is bent to form a combined spring hinge and supporting hook near the top thereof.

An additional object is to provide a garment hanger of this character which has an effective locking device adjustable up and down the wire to provide a variable clearance between the clamping jaws.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from a consideration of the accompanying drawing which illustrates a commercial embodiment of the invention, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the trouser hanger;

Fig. 2 is an end elevation thereof;

Fig. 3 is an elevation of the locking lever showing the wire in section.

The hanger comprises two wooden clamping members 10, 10, preferably curved, somewhat as shown, and lined on the adjacent inner surfaces with fabric in the customary manner. Said clamping members are supported by a single piece of wire 11 which is bent in the middle at 12 to form a spring hinge. The two lengths of wire thus formed are bent in a plane at right angles to the plane of the bend 12, thus forming a hook 13, which has diverging legs 14, the lower ends of which are secured to the wooden clamping members, as for example by passing through openings therein and being held by friction or by having the lower ends enlarged somewhat.

The locking device is preferably in the form of a substantially L shaped lever 15 having one end bent around one length of wire 11, the other end forming a handle. The locking device may be slid up and down on the wire on which it is mounted and when swung around to clamping position as in Fig. 1, it will draw the clamping jaws together, providing a variable clearance, depending on the height of the locking device on its supporting wire. For example, if the wires are locked in place with the L shaped locking device in its uppermost position, the clamping jaws

will be drawn together only a small amount, the distance between the normally diverging legs 14, being determined by the length of the span 16 in what may be called the bottom of the L shaped member. The wire legs may be roughened or may have struck-in portions or teeth 17 therein so as to retain the locking device in place after it is swung around to locking position, although in many positions friction alone will maintain said device in place. In swinging the L shaped member 15 from open position to clamping position the divergent wires are gradually drawn together and cannot spring apart after the free end of the locking device is released by the hand i. e. until said locking device is swung back toward its initial position.

It will be seen that in addition to the two jaws the device consists of only two lengths of wire, one bent around the other, providing a minimum number of parts.

## I claim:

1. A garment hanger comprising two clamping parts, a single length of resilient wire connecting said clamping parts and bent on itself at substantially the middle thereof to form two resilient diverging legs, and a locking device slidably and pivotally mounted on one of said legs only whereby it may be moved back and forth thereon to the desired distance from the other of said diverging legs, and swung to engage the same.

2. A garment hanger comprising clamping members, a single length of resilient wire connecting said clamping members and bent on itself at substantially the middle thereof to form two resilient diverging legs, a locking device loosely pivoted on one of said legs whereby it may be slid back and forth and rotated to engage the other leg, and means on one of said legs to resist sliding movement of said locking device thereon, when in locking position.

3. A trouser hanger comprising clamping members, each having an opening therein, a length of wire doubled on itself to form a loop with each of the ends thereof received in one of said openings, the upper part of said loop being curved in the form of a hook and the lower part thereof comprising diverging portions one of which has an irregular surface, an L shaped locking member having one end bent around the other of said diverging portions and slidable vertically thereon whereby it may be swung around in a plane substantially at right angles to the axis of said other diverging portion to yieldingly engage said irregular surface and thus remain clamped in any one of a number of different positions.

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