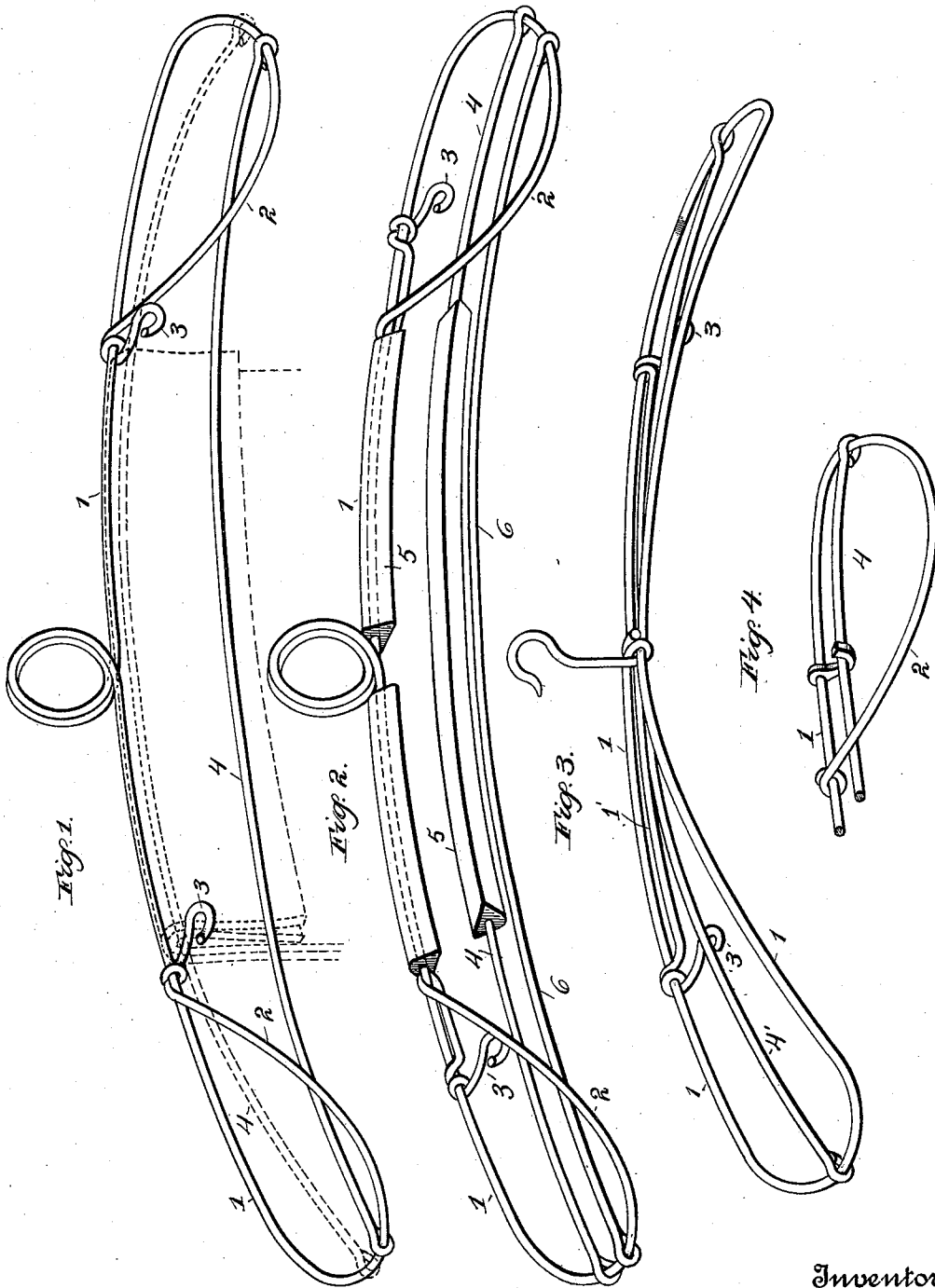


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS M. MARBLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat-Forms; 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.

The object of my invention is to provide a coat-form which is simple in construction and inexpensive to manufacture, which is compact both of itself and in the manner of its operation, and which is adapted to suspend a greater number of garments than can be accommodated by the styles of coat-hangers now in use.

In accomplishing the object of my invention I preferably make use of a coat-form which has a body portion adapted to receive and hold in position in the usual manner a coat placed on the same, and use in connection therewith a bail which is adapted to swing into line with the body portion of the form. By providing means for enabling the bail to be held in line with the body portion I am enabled to form a species of clamp between the body portion of the form and the portion of the bail held in line therewith. By the clamp thus formed a pair of trousers can be held by folding together the ends of the trousers-legs and placing the ends thus folded over the portion of the bail which is to be in line with the body portion of the form. A lady's skirt can also be suspended by placing the skirt-band over the bail. Whatever article is thus suspended, the manner in which it is held tends to assist its retaining its shape, as the weight of the garment favors the preservation of whatever folds or creases may have been formed therein.

While I usually use a pivoted bail which is secured to the ends of the body portion of the form and use a body portion the ends of which are bent so as to return upon itself and to form hooks adapted to receive and hold in line with the body portion the pivoted bail, I do not limit myself to this construction, as will be hereinafter set forth.

My invention is fully illustrated in the

drawings which accompany and form a part of this specification, in which the same reference-numerals refer to the same or to corresponding parts, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my coat-form. Fig. 2 is a view of a modified form thereof. Fig. 3 is a view showing my invention as used in connection with a coat-form of a different style from that shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detailed view showing a form of spring-catch differing from that shown in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents what I term the "body portion" of the coat-form. In the construction or style of form which I preferably employ—namely, that represented in Figs. 1 and 2—this body portion constitutes the principal part of the form; but in adapting my invention to use in connection with other styles of forms—such, for instance, as that represented in Fig. 3—the body portion does not constitute the main portion of the form.

Referring to the construction illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, the ends of the body portion 1 are bent back upon itself, as shown at 2, and constitute the loops which enter into the arm-holes of the coat or other like article supported thereby. The ends of the loops are twisted around the body portion, so as to keep the loops in proper shape, and are then bent outward, so as to form the hooks 3. The bail 4 is pivotally attached to the ends of the body portion, as shown, and is so bent as to be adapted to swing into line with the central portion of the body portion and to be held in such position by passing over and engaging the hooks 3. The bail 4 serves the function of a "clamping-jaw" and may be broadly so termed. The two pieces are held together in this manner so securely that they form a clamp, so that if the ends of the legs of a pair of trousers be folded together and passed over the bail before it is turned into line with the body portion of the form the trousers will be held suspended. The weight of the trousers when suspended in such a position tends to keep the trousers in a good condition and to prevent their getting out of press. Other garments may be suspended in the same manner, such, for instance, as a lady's skirt, this

being effected by putting the skirt-band into the clamp formed by the bail and the central portion of the body portion.

By proper proportioning of the body portion with reference to the length of the loops formed by the bent ends thereof the central portion thereof will be sufficiently wide to accommodate between the hooks 3 the ends of the legs of any-sized pair of trousers. Greater space for clamping purposes can be afforded, however, by forming the hooks 3 so that they occur on that portion of the body portion within the loops formed by the ends thereof. This can be done, as shown in Fig. 2, by bending the ends of the body portion back upon the body portion after such ends have been twisted around the body portion so as to hold the loops in proper position, or the hooks may be made separately from the body portion, as shown in Fig. 4, and attached thereto. Any suitable construction may be used.

In order to assist the action of the clamping-jaws in retaining the usual creases in trousers held thereby and in preventing the formation of other creases or folds, boxings 5, of felt, rubber, or other material, may be placed on the portions of the bail and body portion which come into direct contact with the garments. These boxings have parallel sides, so that when the clamp is closed they will form pressure-surfaces, which will greatly assist the normal action of the clamping-jaws, and may be made triangular in shape, as shown, with the flat sides facing each other, or other shapes may be used. I do not limit myself to any particular style or kind of boxings, so long as they have parallel sides facing each other when the clamp is closed.

It is sometimes preferable to have the form provided with means for holding out, or more nearly in the shape in which it is worn, the back of the coat or other garment suspended thereby. This I provide for by the bail 6, which is secured to the main or body portion of the form in the same manner as the bail 4. It forms no part, however, of the clamp for suspending trousers or like articles, but is adapted to be bent back and round out the back portion of the garment suspended on the form.

When used in connection with a form such as that shown in Fig. 3, the body portion 1' is a straight piece of wire attached to the form and the bail 4' is pivotally mounted, so as to swing into line therewith and form the clamp previously described.

I do not limit myself to the use of my device in connection with any particular make or style of coat-forms, but

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a coat-form, the combination with a form adapted to constitute a support for a coat or other article suspended thereon, of a bail pivotally attached thereto at the ends of said form, said bail being adapted to move

into and out of line with said form with an oscillatory arc-like movement, and means for holding said bail in a given position relative to said form, substantially as described.

2. In a coat-form, the combination with a form adapted to constitute a support for a coat or other article suspended thereon, of a bail pivotally attached thereto at the ends of said form, said bail being adapted to swing into and out of line with said form with an oscillatory arc-like movement, and locking devices adapted to be engaged by said bail in its movement into line with said body portion and to hold said bail in line therewith, substantially as described.

3. In a coat-form, the combination with a wire form having its ends bent backward upon the main portion thereof to form supports for the coat or other article suspended thereby, of a bail pivotally secured to said form at the bends thereof, said bail being adapted to move into line with said form, and means for holding said bail in line with said form, substantially as described.

4. In a coat-form, the combination with a body portion having ends bent back upon itself and formed into hooks, of a bail pivotally attached to said body portion at the ends thereof, said bail being adapted to swing into line with said body portion and be held by said hooks, substantially as described.

5. In a coat-form, the combination with a body portion having ends bent back upon itself and having a boxing attached to the central portion thereof, of a bail pivotally attached to said body portion at the ends thereof and having a boxing attached thereto, said bail being adapted to swing into line with said body portion, and means for holding said bail in line with said body portion, and said boxings on said bail and said body portion having parallel sides, substantially as described.

6. In a coat-form, the combination with a body portion having ends bent back upon itself and formed into hooks, and having a boxing attached to the central portion thereof, of a bail pivotally attached to said body portion at the ends thereof and having a boxing attached thereto, said bail being adapted to swing into line with said body portion and be held by said hooks, substantially as described.

7. In a coat-form, the combination with a body portion adapted to constitute a support for a coat or other article suspended thereby, of a bail pivotally attached to said body portion at the ends thereof, said bail being adapted to swing into line with said body portion, means for holding said bail in line with said body portion, and a second bail pivotally attached to said body portion at the ends thereof and adapted to swing back and form a support for the back of a coat, substantially as described.

8. In a coat-form, the combination with a body portion, of a wire bail adapted to swing

into line therewith, a boxing on said bail having a plane side or face, and means for holding said bail in line with said body portion, substantially as described.

5 9. In a coat-form, the combination with a body portion formed of wire, a wire bail adapted to swing into line therewith, boxings on said bail and said body portion having parallel sides, and means for holding said bail

in line with said body portion, substantially as described. 10

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

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