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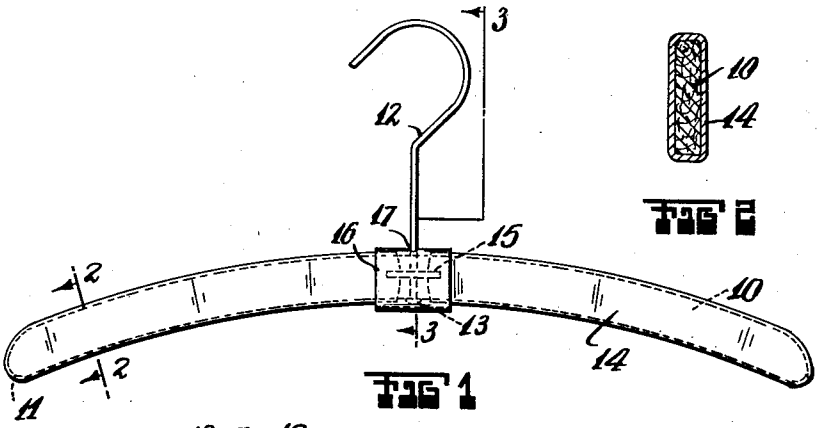



FIG 1




FIG 2

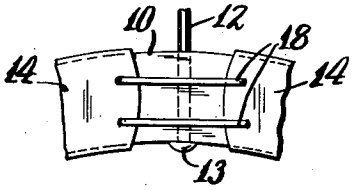



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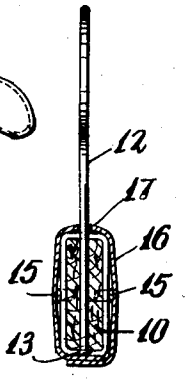



FIG 3




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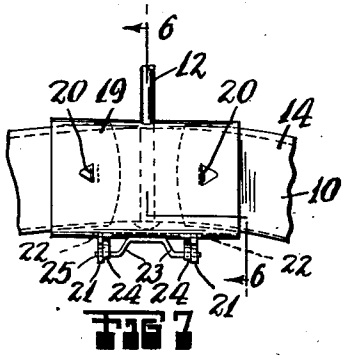



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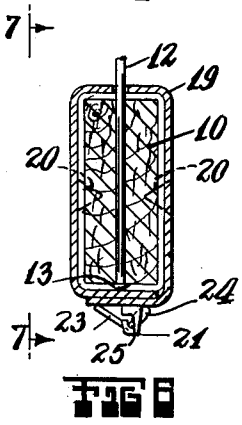



FIG 6

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a dress hanger.

The invention has for an object the provision of a dress hanger which is characterized by a wooden hanger bar, tubular plush covering members with outer closed ends engaged upon the ends of the hanger bar so that the inner ends terminate in the vicinity of the center of the bar, and means for holding the inner ends to hold the cover rings in place.

As a further object of this invention it is proposed to provide a hanger hook arranged upon the center of the hanger bar for supporting it, and a strip wound upon the hanger bar in a manner so as to serve and hold the covering members in place and simultaneously hold the hook against longitudinal movements.

It is a still further object of this invention to construct the strip mentioned in the previous paragraph of celluloid sheet metal or sheet rubber according to the design of the hanger.

As a further object of this invention it is proposed to employ staples engaged through the covering material and the hanger bar beneath the covering strip so as to hold covering members in place on the bar.

As a still further object of this invention it is proposed to stamp tongues from the covering strip which engage through the covering members and into the hanger bar for holding the covering members in place.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a clamp upon the ends of the strip mentioned in the previous paragraph for detachably mounting the strip in place.

This invention has for a still further object the provision of a means for clamping the strip above mentioned in place which should include lugs projecting from one of the overlapping ends of the strip through apertures in the other, and the provision of a handle pivotally mounted on the lugs and carrying cams capable of acting against the ends of the strip to accomplish the clamping.

As a still further object it is proposed to form bayonet slots in the lugs to allow removal of the handle when desired.

And for a still further object it is proposed to construct a dress hanger which is of simple durable construction, dependable in use and efficient in action, and which can be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:—

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a device constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but illustrating a modified arrangement.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary elevational view of the central portion of Fig. 4 with the strip removed.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary view similar to Fig. 3, but taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 7 and illustrating a modified form of the invention.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary elevational view looking in the direction of the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

The dress hanger comprises a hanger bar 10 which is of arched form in elevation. Transversely the hanger bar 10 is of rectangular shape as shown in Fig. 2. Preferably, it should be made of wood and have rounded ends 11. A means is provided on the center of the bar 10 for supporting the bar and is in the form of a hook 12. The lower end of the stem of the hook engages through an opening in the bar 10 and is formed with a head 13 so as to prevent upward removal of the hook.

Tubular plush covering members 14 with closed outer ends engage upon the ends of the bar 10 so that their inner ends are in the vicinity of the center of the bar. The outer ends of the cover members 14 are rounded off so as to correspond with the rounded ends 11. A means is also provided for holding the inner ends of the coverings 14 and the bar

supporting means in place. This means is in the form of staples 15 arranged on opposite sides of the hanger bar and engaging through the inner ends of the coverings and into the sides of the hanger bar 10. A sheet strip 16 is formed with a top aperture 17 to allow the passage of the hook 12 and is encircled around the bar 10 so as to cover up the staples 15 and so as to extend beneath the head 13. The free ends of the strip 16 overlap and are connected together in any suitable fashion such as by the use of cement. The strip 16 serves to hold the staples 15 against possible coming out and serves to hold the hook 12 from moving downwards as viewed in Fig. 1.

In Figs. 4 and 5 a modified form has been illustrated, in which a modified means is used for holding the inner ends of the coverings 14 in place. This modified means is very similar to the one previously described but differs in the use of a pair of staples 18 connected between the inner ends of the coverings 14 on both sides of the bar 10. The strip 16 engages over the staples 18 as previously described.

In Figs. 6 and 7 another modified form of the invention has been disclosed, which differs from the previous forms in the means for holding the inner ends of the coverings in place. This means, as shown, consists of a strip 19 which engages around and over the inner ends of the coverings 14. This strip has tongues 20 stamped out from its sides, which tongues engage through the inner ends of the coverings 14 and into the material of the hanger bar 10. These tongues take the place of the staples which were previously used.

Further, the overlapping ends of the strip 19 are clamped together so that the strip is removable to allow removal of the coverings 14. Lugs 21 project from the inner end of the strip and engage through openings 22 in the outer end of the strip. A handle 23 pivotally engages in the lugs 21 and rigidly supports cams 24 adapted to engage against the bottom of the strip 19 so as to clamp the ends together. The handle 23 is so shaped as to act against the bottom of the strip 19 when the cam 24 is past its clamping dead center, as shown in Fig. 6, so as to diametrically maintain the clamped condition. Bayonet slots 25 are formed within the lugs 21 and serve to receive the ends of the handle 23 so as to constitute the pivotal supporting of the handle. These bayonet slots allow the removal of the handle when desired. After the handle has been removed, the strip 19 may be moved upwards and then the coverings 14 are free for replacement.

In use, the dress hanger may be used as a conventional hanger. It distinguishes from conventional hangers in that the plush coverings serve to prevent accidental slipping off of supported dresses. The strip which is engaged over the inner ends of the coverings serve to produce a very neat hanger and at the same time serve to hold the coverings and the supporting handle of the hanger in place.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

1. A dress hanger, comprising a hanger bar, a hook on the center of said bar for supporting said bar, tubular covering members with closed ends engaged on the ends of said bar with their inner ends in the vicinity of the center of said bar, a metallic strip, tongues on said strip piercing into the covering members for holding the inner ends of said coverings and said metallic strip engaging around the center of said bar to reinforce it and to cover the ends of said tubular members.

2. A dress hanger, comprising a hanger bar, means on the center of said bar for supporting said bar, tubular plush covering members with closed ends engaged on the ends of said bar with their inner ends in the vicinity of the center of said bar, and means for holding the inner ends of said coverings and the bar supporting means in place, comprising a strip of material engaged around the hanger bar and having inward directed tongues engaging through the covering members and into the sides of the hanger bar, and a means for clamping said strip in place, comprising lugs projecting from the inner of the overlapping ends and extending through apertures in the outer of the overlapping ends, a handle pivotally mounted in said lugs and carrying cams engageable against the side of the strip for clamping the overlapping ends in place.

3. A dress hanger, comprising a hanger bar, means on the center of said bar for supporting said bar, tubular plush covering members with closed ends engaged on the ends of said bar with their inner ends in the vicinity of the center of said bar, and means for holding the inner ends of said coverings and the bar supporting means in place, comprising a strip of material engaged around the hanger bar and having inward directed tongues engaging through the covering members and into the sides of the hanger bar, and a means for clamping said strip in place, comprising lugs projecting from the inner of the overlapping ends and extending through apertures in the outer of the overlapping ends, a handle pivotally mounted in said lugs and carrying cams engageable against the side of the strip for clamping the overlap-

ping ends in place, said lugs being formed with bayonet slots in which the ends of the handle reposes to allow its removal when desired.

4. A dress hanger, comprising a hanger bar, means on the center of said bar for supporting said bar, tubular plush covering members with closed ends engaged on the ends of said bar with their inner ends in the vicinity of the center of said bar, and means for holding the inner ends of said coverings and the bar supporting means in place, comprising a strip of material engaged around the hanger bar and having inward directed tongues engaging through the covering members and into the sides of the hanger bar, and a means for clamping said strip in place, comprising lugs projecting from the inner of the overlapping ends and extending through apertures in the outer of the overlappinng ends, a handle pivotally mounted in said lugs and carrying cams engageable against the side of the strip for clamping the overlapping ends in place, said lugs being formed with bayonet slots in which the ends of the handle reposes to allow its removal when desired, and said bayonet slots terminating in the sides of the lugs at a position between the outer ends of the lug and their bases so that in the clamped condition of said clamping means the handle is restrained from removal.

5. A dress hanger, comprising a hanger bar, tubular covering members with closed ends engaged on the ends of said bar with their inner ends in the vicinity of the center of the bar, a stiff strip engaged around the center of the bar and covering the inner ends of the tubular members, and means on the stiff strip for preventing the tubular covering members from falling off said bar.

6. A dress hanger comprising a hanger bar, a hook on the center of said bar for supporting said bar, tubular covering members each having a closed end and an open end with said closed ends engaged on the ends of said bar and with said open ends in the vicinity of the center of said bar, and means at the center of the bar for holding said open ends of the tubular covering members and for covering said open ends.

7. A dress hanger comprising a hanger bar, a hook on the center of said bar for supporting said bar, tubular covering members each having a closed end and an open end with said closed ends engaged on the ends of said bar and with said open ends in the vicinity of the center of said bar, and a metallic strip at the center of said bar having prongs piercing into the open ends of said tubular covering members for holding the open ends of said covering members.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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