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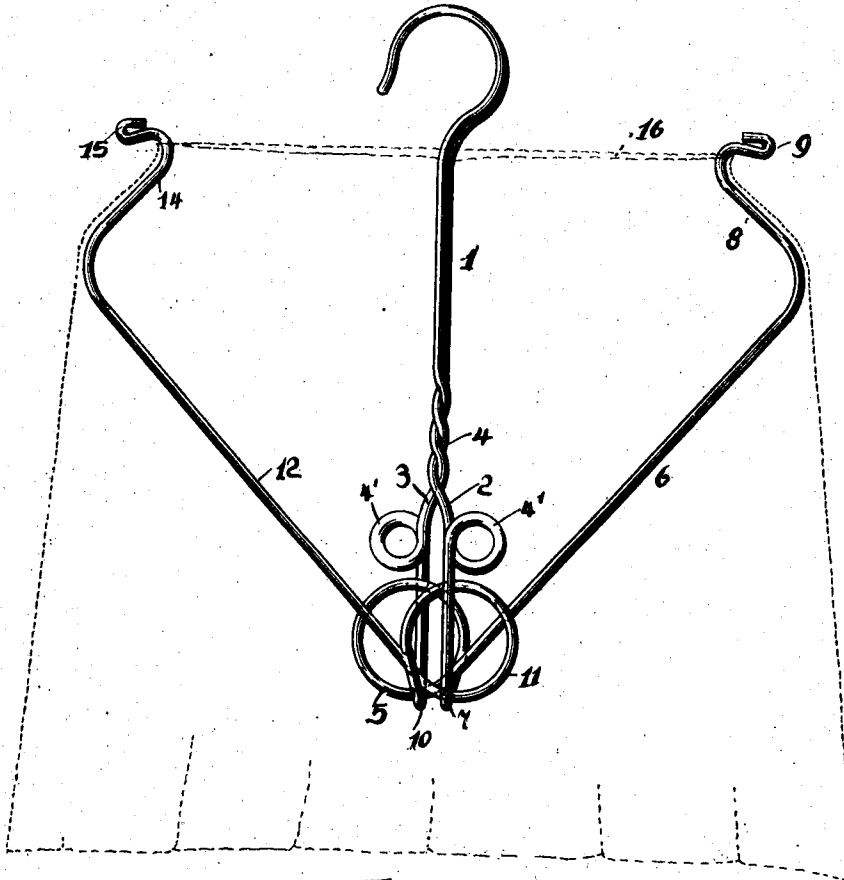


Fig. 1.

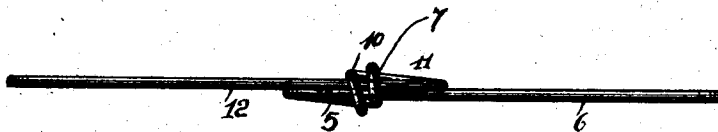


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR H. HAWK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Greensburg, in the county of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supports, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in skirt-supports, and the invention relates more particularly to a novel form of hanger or rack for supporting skirts and the like garments.

The invention has for its object to provide a skirt-support which will be extremely simple in construction, comparatively inexpensive to manufacture, and practically indestructible.

Briefly described, I have constructed my improved skirt-supporter entirely of wire, which is bent to form two resilient arms adapted to engage a skirt, and intermediate of said arms is formed a hook-shaped member, by which the support may be suspended from another hook or the like fixture.

The above construction will be hereinafter more fully described in detail, and reference will now be had to the drawings accompanying this application, wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout both views, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved skirt-support, illustrating a skirt in dotted lines; and Fig. 2 is a bottom plan of the same.

To put my invention into practice, I employ a single piece of light and durable wire, which is first bent upon itself to form two strands, and the closed end of the wire is then bent to conform to a hook-shaped member 1. The strands 2 and 3 are then twisted, as at 4, to form a rigid structure, and beyond the twisted portion the strands are slightly separated and bent independent of one another. The strand 2 is bent to form a loop 4' and then is bent rearwardly, as at 7, to form a larger loop 5. The end of the strand is then bent upwardly at an angle to the hook-shaped member to form an arm 6, the extreme end of which is curved inwardly to form a shoulder 8 and then outwardly, as at 9, to form a prong.

The strand of wire 3 is bent to form a loop 4' and then is bent forward, as at 10, forming

a large loop 11, which terminates in an arm 12, said arm having a shoulder 14 and a prong 15, similar to the arm 6. The formation of the loops 5 and 11 provide the resilient arms 6 and 12, and in order to support a skirt upon the arms the ends of the waistband 16 of the skirt are hooked or connected together at the placket of the skirt. The arms 6 and 12 are then pressed inwardly toward the hook-shaped member 1 and the skirt-support placed within the skirt, the arms 6 and 12 being permitted to assume their normal position in order that the shoulders 8 and 14 will engage the skirt, while the prongs 9 and 15 will extend over the upper edges of the waistband 16.

It will be observed from the foregoing that I have devised a novel form of inexpensive skirt-support which can be easily and quickly placed in engagement with a skirt or the like garment to retain it in its natural form and prevent it from becoming creased or sagging, as if it was simply hung upon a hook or nail.

Such changes in the construction and operation of my improved skirt-support as are permissible by the appended claim may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

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

A garment-support formed of a single piece of wire bent upon itself to form two strands, the closed end of the strand being twisted and bent on itself to form a hook-shaped member, the ends of the strands below the twisted portion being bent to form small loops and one strand being bent forwardly and upwardly and the other strand being bent rearwardly and upwardly and each strand being again bent to form a second loop larger than the first-named loop, the said second loop of each strand being within the upwardly-bent portion of the other strand and each strand terminating beyond the second loop in an angularly-disposed arm, the extreme ends of said arms being bent to form shoulders and prongs to support a garment, substantially as described.

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

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