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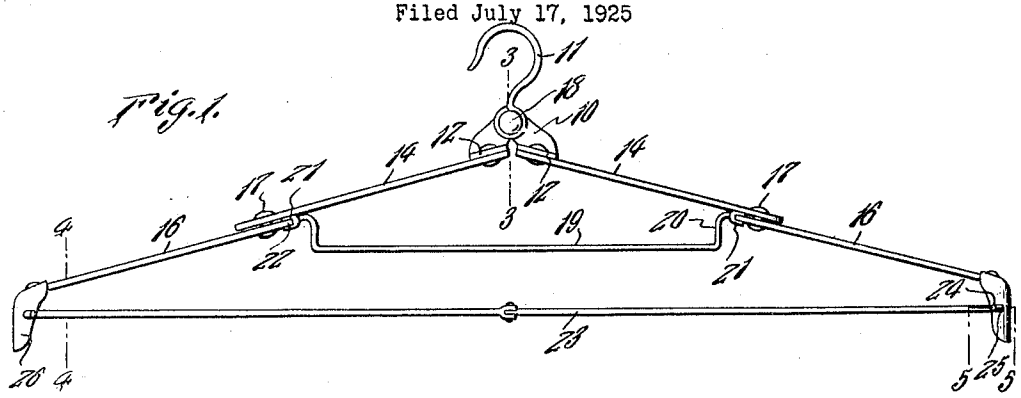


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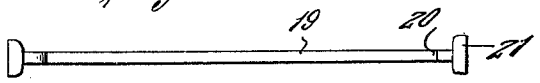


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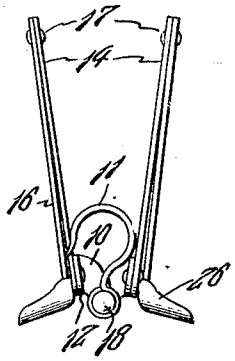


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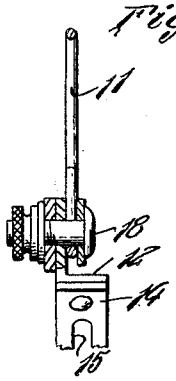


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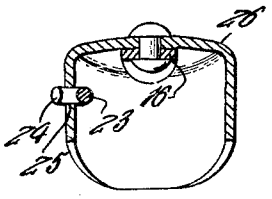


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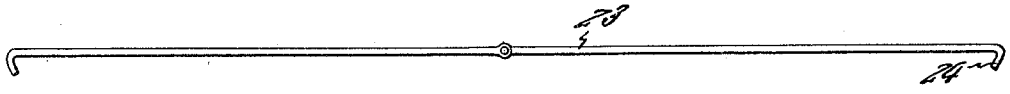
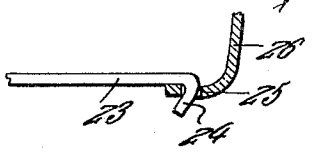


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The purpose of the invention is to provide a foldable construction in a device of the kind indicated, so that it may be readily folded up for transportation when desired and in a form compact enough to be carried in the pocket; and to provide a construction wherein the parts are of simple form and may, therefore, be manufactured cheaply and sold at a low cost.

With this purpose in view, the invention consists in a construction and combination of parts of which a preferred embodiment is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the invention in extended position.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the device in folded position.

Figures 3, 4 and 5 are respectively detail sectional views on the lines 3—3, 4—4 and 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a plan view of a trousers hanger attachment, and

Figure 7 is a similar view of a dress hanger attachment.

The head plate 10 to which the hanger hook 11 is attached is composed of hingedly connected elements of which each is formed with a right angularly disposed ear 12. To each ear there is riveted a plate 14 in the form of a stamping with the center stock removed, as indicated at 15, to provide for reduction in weight. A second or terminal plate 16 has a pivotal connection 17 with the plate 14, so that the plate 16 may be folded back underneath the plate 14 or extended in continuation thereof. When the plates 16 are folded back underneath the plates 14, the latter may be swung towards each other by virtue of the pivot 18 connecting the elements of the head plate and securing the hook 11 to the latter, this folding operation being clearly illustrated in Figure 2.

When in extended position, the plates 14 and 16 constitute the supporting elements for a coat and vest or other body garment, and if the device is being used by a male, it is essential that some means be provided for supporting the trousers. Such a means is provided in the present invention in the form of a yoke 19 made preferably of spring steel with upturned terminal arms 20 deflected outwardly and bifurcated, as at 21, to engage the shoulders 22 provided by the inner or upper extremities of the plates 16. The trousers hanger being made of spring steel, the arms 20 have a spring tendency outward, and therefore when the bifurcated extremities 21 are engaged with the shoulders 22, the trousers hanger is maintained in position on the device but may be disengaged by springing the arms 20 inwardly to effect such disengagement.

If the device is to be used by a female, it is essential that some means be provided for supporting a skirt, and this means comprises the foldable member 23 provided with terminal hooks 24 engageable with perforations 25 in bracket plates 26 riveted or otherwise secured to the outer extremities of the plates 16. The engagement of the skirt hanger 23 with the plates 26 springs the arms of the hanger consisting of the plates 14 and 16 inwardly sufficiently to tension the foldable member 23 and also to maintain the hooks in engagement with the perforations.

The invention having been described, what is claimed as new and useful is:

1. A clothes hanger comprising a head plate, resilient arms connected with the head plate and composed of pivotally connected elements, and supplemental garment supporting elements having detachable connections with the arms at the terminals and at the pivotal joints and relying on the resiliency of the arms to maintain them in connected positions.

2. A clothes hanger comprising a head plate, resilient arms connected with the head plate and composed of pivotally connected elements, and supplemental garment supporting elements having detachable connections with the arms at the terminals and at the pivotal joints and relying on the resiliency of the arms to maintain them in connected positions, one of the garment supporting elements consisting of a member having upturned arms provided with terminal bifurcations for engagement with shoulders formed by the extremities of certain of said arm elements at the pivotal joints.

In testimony whereof she affixes her signature.

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