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FIG. 1.

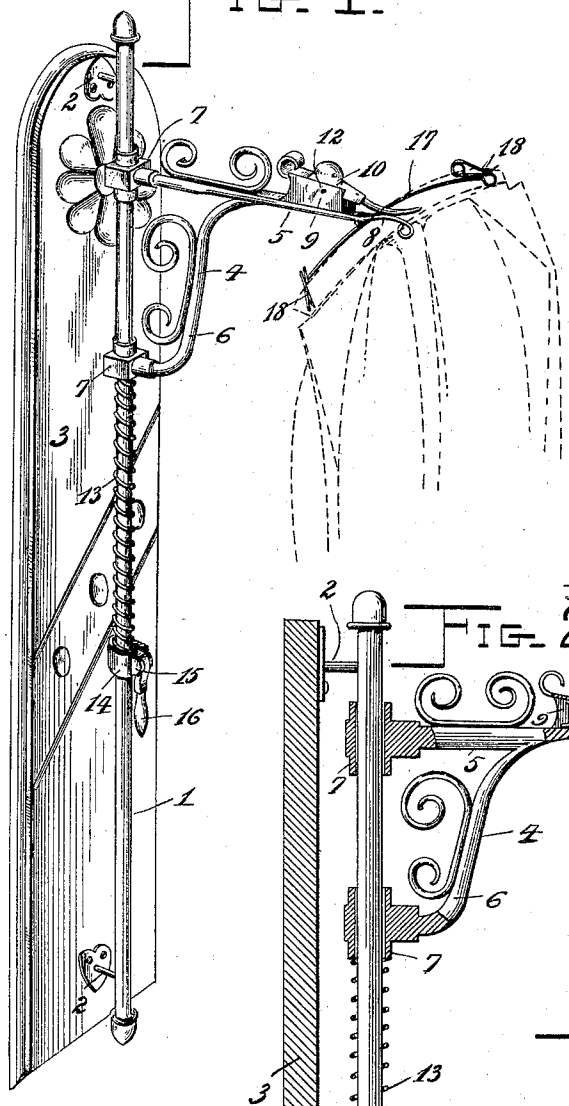


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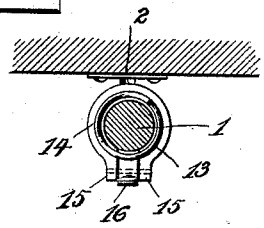


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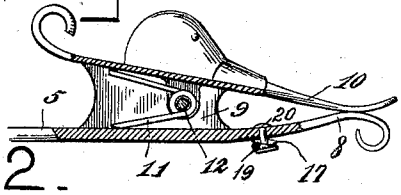


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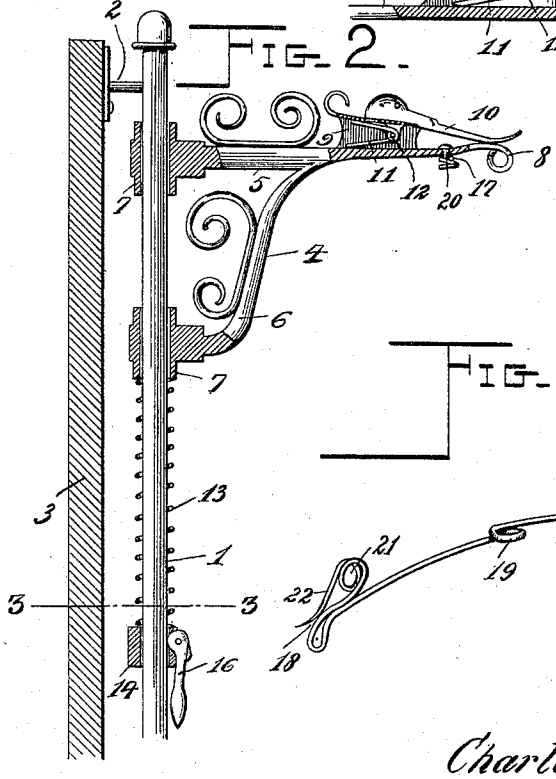


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES BENESH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wahpeton, in the county of Richland and State of North Dakota, have invented a new and useful Coat-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to means for holding a coat in position for the wearer to readily thrust his arms through the sleeves in the act of putting on the garment; and the object that I have in view is to provide a simple construction and arrangement of parts by which the garment may be suspended in a spread-out or opened condition to facilitate the operation of putting on the garment and which will also yield or give readily to the movements of the person and which shall be so constructed as to provide for the easy and ready separation or detachment of the garment from the holder after the coat is in position on the wearer.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the combination, with a suitable standard or guide-rod, of a bracket slidably fitted to the standard or guide-rod and provided with a spring-clamp adapted to engage with the collar of the garment, a hanger arranged transversely across and suitably attached to the slidable bracket and provided at or near its ends with clips to engage with the end portions of the garment-collar, and a spring to normally hold the slidable bracket in position and to permit it to yield or give; and the invention further consists in the novel combination of elements and in the construction and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

To enable others to understand my invention, I have illustrated the preferred embodiment thereof in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a coat-holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken centrally through the device. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2 to show the adjustable collar and the clamp therefor. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail sectional view through the spring-clamp of the movable bracket. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the coat-hanger.

Like numerals of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the embodiment of my invention shown by the accompanying drawings I provide a vertical standard or guide-rod 1, which is designed to be fastened to a wall of a room, apartment, or hall of a dwelling or other structure. This standard or rod 1 may be attached by the short posts 2 to the backboard 3, as shown by the drawings; but the backboard is not essential and may be used or omitted at pleasure.

4 designates the bracket, which is fitted loosely on the standard or rod to play vertically and horizontally thereon. This bracket may be of cast metal or it may be constructed of wire in any suitable manner. I prefer to construct the bracket of wire and to make it with the arm 5 and the strut 6. The arm and strut of the bracket are provided with the bearings 7, which are fitted loosely to the standard or rod 1, and the outer extremity of the arm 5 of this bracket carries a clamp adapted to engage with the central part of the coat-collar. The outer extremity of the arm 5 of the bracket terminates in or forms a fixed jaw 8, and this arm 5 carries a suitable casing or housing 9, in which is arranged the movable jaw 10 and the spring 11 of the clamp on the end of the bracket. The movable jaw is pivoted, as at 12, in the flanges or sides of the housing 9, and the jaw-shaped end of the movable member 10 of the clamp is adapted to bear upon or against the fixed member or jaw 8 of the clamp, and the heel of the movable member or jaw 10 of the clamp is extended beyond the housing or casing 9 and is formed so as to provide a thumb-piece by which the movable jaw may be conveniently manipulated. The spring 11 of the clamp is housed within the casing, so as to be protected from injury and displacement, and said spring bears against the movable member or jaw, so as to force the two members or jaws of the clamp together.

The movable member or jaw 10 of the clamp may be made in any suitable or fanciful shape—as, for instance, to represent a

goose-head—and the bracket itself may be ornamented to present an attractive appearance; but these details will readily suggest themselves to a skilled mechanic or to the manufacturer.

The bracket is movable freely in a horizontal direction on the standard, as well as in a vertical direction thereon, but the vertical play of the bracket is limited to a certain extent by a coiled cushion-spring 13, which is loosely fitted on the standard or rod below the swiveled bracket. This cushion-spring is held in operative relation to the bracket by means of a stop-collar 14, which is also fitted on the standard or rod and which is provided with means for clamping the same rigidly to the standard or rod to hold the stop-collar at any desired point of adjustment on the standard. This stop-collar 14 is shown in the drawings as being divided to form the lugs 15, between which is fitted the eccentric head of a clamping-lever 16, the latter being pivoted to the lugs of the stop-collar to be movable therewith up or down on the standard 1, whereby the adjustable stop-collar and its clamping-lever provide means for holding the spring and the bracket at the desired elevation on the standard or rod to suit the convenience of the user, and at the same time the bracket is free to have the swiveled play or movement on the rod or standard to be cushioned by the coiled spring.

My improved coat-holder also contemplates the provision of a hanger 17, which is loosely attached at its middle to the bracket at or near the outer extremity of the arm 5 thereof, and this hanger is provided at its ends with the clips 18, by which the hanger is adapted to engage with the garment at points on opposite sides of the engagement of the spring-clamp with said garment. This hanger 17 is made, preferably, from a length of wire bent to proper shape to form the clips 18 at the ends thereof and a central eye or loop 19, through which may be passed a pin or bolt 20 for loosely connecting the hanger to the bracket. In the bending of the ends of the wire hanger 17 to form the clips 18 it is preferred to curve the ends of the wire and to double them back upon the curved parts of the wire, after which the wire is formed into the coils or eyes 21 and the spring-arms 22. This form of the clips provides for the secure attachment of the garment to the hanger, and at the same time the clips readily disengage themselves from the garment by pulling on the latter after it has been donned by the wearer.

In using my improved coat-holder the clamp on the bracket is adjusted to engage with the collar of the garment at the central part thereof, and the spring-clips 18 of the hanger are engaged with the garment-collar at or near the ends of the latter. If desired, the ends of the hanger may be thrust into the sleeves of the garment instead of having the clips attached to the ends of the garment-collar, but this is optional. To don the garment, the person simply thrusts his arms through the sleeves and pulls slightly on the garment in order to disengage the same from the clamp of the bracket and from the clips of the hanger. The employment of the hanger is an important part of my coat-holder, because its use enables the garment to be held in a spread-out or opened condition, which facilitates the donning of the garment by the wearer.

My coat-holder has all of its elements movable, so that they will yield or give to the motion of the body in the operation of donning the garment, and this is important, as it enables the garment to be donned to the best advantage.

Various changes in the form and proportion of parts may be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of my invention.

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

1. In a coat-holder, the combination with a bracket, of a hanger loosely attached at its middle to the free end of the bracket and provided at its ends with spring-clips, and a spring-clamp carried by the bracket in a position between the clips of the hanger, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. In a coat-holder, the combination of a standard, a cushioned bracket fitted loosely on the standard to slide and turn thereon, a central spring-jaw at the free end of the bracket, and a hanger attached loosely at a point intermediate of its length to the bracket and at a point adjacent to the spring-jaw thereon, and provided at its ends with spring-clips, substantially as and for the purposes described.

3. A coat-holder comprising a standard, a bracket provided at its rear part with the vertically-alined bearings that fit loosely on the standard, the clamp at the outer free end of the bracket, a cushion-spring fitted on the standard below the lower bearing of the bracket, a collar also fitted on the standard to have the spring rest directly thereon and provided with the extended ears, a lever with an eccentric head pivoted in the ears and binding against the standard, and a hanger pivoted centrally to the bracket below the clamp and having, at its ends, the clips, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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