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GARMENT HANGER.

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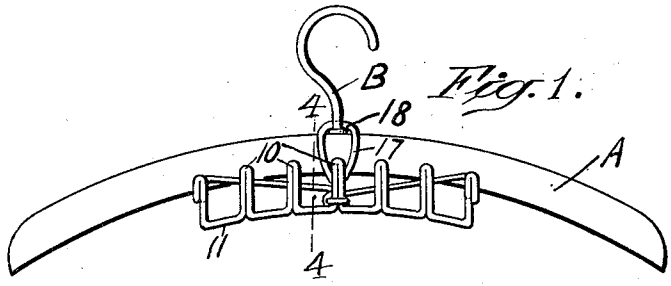


Fig. 1.

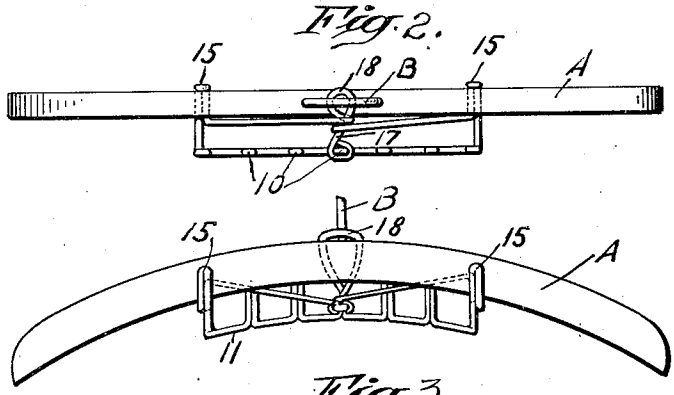


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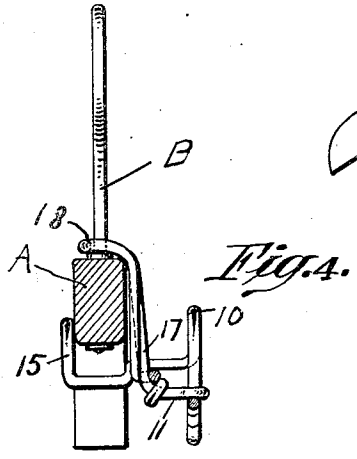


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CATHERINE MUNRO LANGHORNE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Plainfield, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

This invention relates to garment hangers and has for its object to provide a simple attachment for coat hangers of ordinary construction by means of which the coat hanger may be used to support a number of additional garments without interfering with the coat placed upon it in the usual manner.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be pointed out in connection with a detailed description of the specific embodiment of it shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a modified form of my garment hanger and a coat hanger to which it is applied;

Fig. 2 is a top view of the garment hanger and coat hanger shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a back view of the garment hanger and coat hanger shown in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

In the form shown in the drawings my garment hanger comprises a series of garment supporting hooks and means for supporting the hooks from a coat hanger of ordinary construction in such a way that the hooks are retained in front of the middle portion of the hanger so that they do not interfere with the placing of a coat upon the hanger in the ordinary manner. The series of hooks are formed of a single continuous piece of wire which is bent so as to form hooks 10 and spacing members 11 between the hooks. The sides of the bight of wire forming each of the hooks 10 are most desirably bent so as to lie close together as shown in the drawings, forming narrow hooks over which the loops of garments may easily be slipped.

The wire at each end of the series of hooks is bent rearwardly and upwardly to form a catch 15, which serves to engage the under and rear portion of the coat hanger A at points spaced outwardly from its center. The contact of the catches 15 with the under portion of the coat hanger prevents the garment supporter from swinging with relation to the coat hanger. The catches 15 are formed of bights of wire similar to those forming the hooks 10. The wire is extended inwardly from the catches 15 along the front of the coat hanger A. The means for supporting the garment hanger from the coat hanger consists of a short piece of wire 17 whose outer end is bent around the lower portion of the central hook 10′. The inner portion of the wire 17 forms a loop which extends upwardly along the front of the coat hanger and has a rearwardly bent portion 18 lying upon the top of the coat hanger A and passing around the hook B of the coat hanger. The inner ends of the wire which forms the hooks 10′ and the catches 15 are bent around the wire 17 and may be soldered or otherwise secured together. The embodiment described may easily be attached to a coat hanger of ordinary construction, and when attached as shown in the drawings is firmly held in horizontal position by the engagement of the catches 15 with the under and back surface of the coat hanger and the engagement of the loop 18 with the upper surface of the coat hanger and the hook B. The garments may be placed upon the hooks 10 without disturbing the coat which has been placed upon the hanger A. The contact of the catches 15 with the under surface of the coat hanger prevents a swinging of the attachment relative to the coat hanger, even though the garments placed upon the hooks at one side of the coat hanger be heavier than those placed upon the other.

Many changes may be made in the specific embodiments shown without departing from my invention which consists essentially of providing a simple attachment for coat hangers which enables the coat hanger to support a number of garments in addition to the coat placed on it in the ordinary way without interfering with the placing or removal of the coat.

What is claimed is:

1. An attachment for a coat hanger, comprising a unitary structure including a series of garment supporting hooks, and engaging means adapted to be detachably applied to the coat hanger and comprising a

central loop adapted to surround the hook of the coat hanger and spaced rearwardly extending members adapted to engage the lower or under surface of the coat hanger at points spaced outwardly on each side of its center.

2. An attachment for a coat hanger, comprising a unitary structure including a series of hooks, an upwardly and rearwardly extending central loop, and two horizontal rearwardly extending members below the loop and spaced outwardly at each side of the loop.

3. An attachment for a coat hanger, comprising a series of hooks, central engaging means having a rearwardly bent portion adapted to engage the upper surface of the coat hanger, and spaced engaging means adapted to contact with the under surface of the coat hanger at points spaced outwardly from its center.

4. A garment supporter, comprising a horizontal series of hooks, engaging means attached to the center of said series of hooks and having a rearwardly bent portion adapted to engage the upper surface of a coat hanger, and catches at each end of the series of hooks adapted to engage the lower and rear surfaces of a coat hanger at points spaced outwardly from its center.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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