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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE ELDER CRUMP, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented an Improved Garment-Support, of which the following is a specification.

My invention seeks to provide a simple and inexpensive attachment for the ordinary types of bed-room chairs for supporting men's outer garments in a neat manner similar to that of hanging them on the ordinary closet-hangers or stretcher devices; and it primarily has for its object to provide a new article of manufacture which will support the coat, vest, and trousers over the back of the chair and which can be readily applied to the ordinary types of chair-backs without the aid of screws or other clamping means that might scratch or otherwise mar the chair.

My invention comprehends a body portion comprising end members whose lower ends are arranged to slip over and clamp the upper edge of a chair-back, a top portion shaped like an ordinary coat-hanger, and a loop portion for receiving the leg portions of a pair of trousers, and a clamp for securing said leg portions in the loop.

In its more specific nature my invention consists of certain details of construction and peculiar combination of parts, all of which will be hereinafter fully explained, pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of my invention applied to the back of a chair. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a pair of trousers suspended and stretched on the back of the chair. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the attachment. Fig. 4 is a similar view illustrating the hanger portion, also formed of wire. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a further modification of my attachment applied to a chair-back. Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6 6 of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a similar view on the line 7 7 of Fig. 5.

In the practical application of my present invention the body portion of the attachment comprises a body portion formed of a pair of side members R R and a cross-bar V, and in the preferred form of my invention the members R R and bar V are formed of a single piece of stout spring-wire, which at the points where the members R and V merge is bent upon itself to form a pair of long spring-

loops s s for conveniently slipping over and clamping the chair-back, as shown in Fig. 1, and where the end members s' s' of the loops terminate the wire member is bent to form eyes s² s³, one of which forms the hinge-eye for a clamp member T, also formed of stout spring-wire, whose other end terminates in a hook T' to interlock with the other eye s³, the reason for which will presently appear.

P designates the top of the attachment, preferably of wood, secured to the side members R R. This top has the shape of an ordinary coat-hanger and has its ends p' p' projected beyond the side members R R to provide for the proper distending of the coat when hung therein. The coat-hanger top P may be made of wire, and when thus made the entire attachment excepting the clamp R can be bent up from a single piece of wire, as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

Instead of forming the body portion of wire the hanger P, together with the body and the clamp, may be made of wood, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, and when thus made the side members R R have their lower ends notched, as at r', to fit over the chair-back, and said end is provided with a clamp-spring M, adapted to fit over the chair-back and be tightly clamped thereagainst by the set-screws N'. When made as last explained, the side members R R are joined by a cross-bar R², to which is hinged a clamp-bar E, having a catch e to engage the detent e', as shown.

By reason of the peculiar construction of the attachment the same can be readily attached to an ordinary chair-back and the coat or vest supported over the chair in a distended or open position, the same as it usually is held on a closet-hanger, and since the trousers are hung over the back of the chair from the loop and clamp portion of the attachment-body independent of the means for supporting the coat the two articles do not interfere, and hence are properly suspended and maintained in an unwrinkled condition.

If desired to stretch the trousers, a second clamp device in the nature of a bar hinged to the back rung a' on the bottom of the chair is provided, as shown in Fig. 2, which engages and grips the body portion of the trousers, as shown.

Having thus described my invention, what

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

1. An attachment of the character described, comprising a pair of side arms having means at the lower end for clamping the top of a chair-back, a cross-bar connecting said side arms adapted to support a pair of trousers therefrom, a clamp thereon for engaging the trousers, and a coat-hanger mounted on the upper end of the side arms, as set forth.

2. A coat-hanger attachment for chairs, comprising a body portion formed of a flexible body bent to form side arms, and a cross-arm, and into clamp-loop form at the points where the side arms and cross-arms merge, and a hanger-piece fixedly secured to the upper end of the side arms.

3. A coat-hanger attachment for chairs, which comprises a body portion bent up from a single strand of spring-wire, having a pair of side arms, a cross member, clamp-loop portions at the points where the side arms and cross member merge, a separate clamp member hinged to the cross-bar having

means for interlocking with said bar and a hanger-shaped top fixedly mounted on the upper end of the side arms, as specified.

4. A coat-hanger formed of a single spring-wire strand bent to form a top or hanger portion, a pair of side arms, a cross-bar connecting the side arms, and spring-clamp loops at the points where the side arms and cross-bar merge, as set forth.

5. A coat and trousers hanger, which comprises a supporting member having a coat-hanger shape, a body portion consisting of a spring-wire strand bent to form a pair of side arms, the upper ends of which are fixedly secured to the top or supporting member, the lower ends terminating in spring-clamp loops, the end of said loops merging with a cross-bar, and a clamp-rod hinged in one of the said loops and having a hook end to engage the other loop, as set forth.

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