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GARMENT HANGING DEVICE

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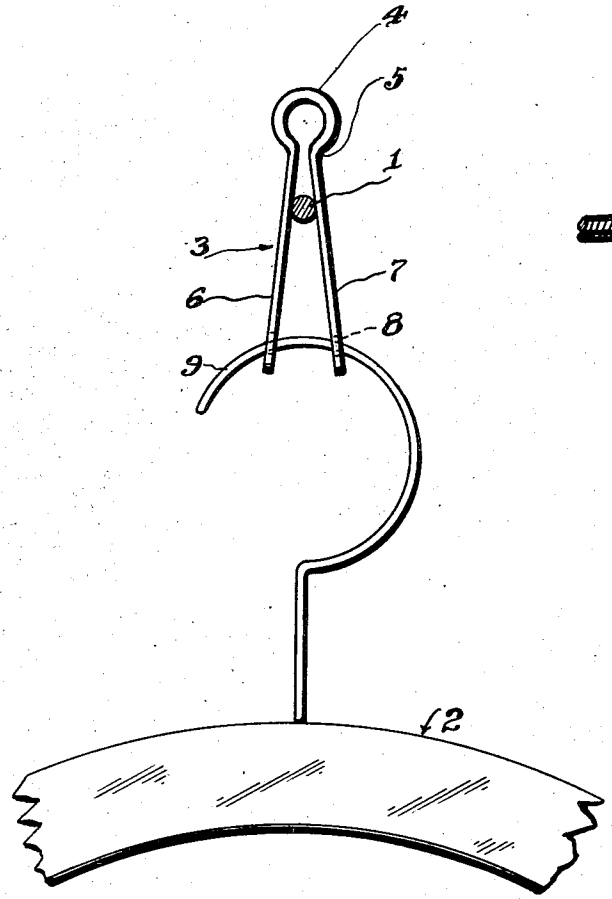
Fig. 1.



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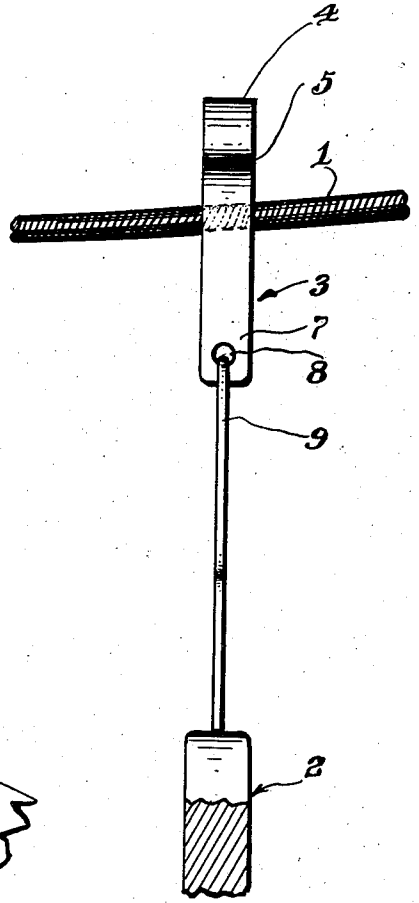

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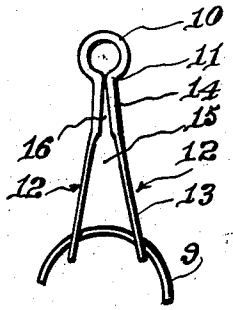

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This application is a refile for abandoned application No. 734,866, filed July 12, 1934.

This invention relates to a garment hanging device.

When suspending clothes hangers on a clothes line the natural tendency of the hanger is to slide towards the center of the line due to the central portion of the line being on a lower plane than the ends. The result is that the center of the line is crowded together with hangers while the ends thereof cannot be utilized. It is therefore the object of the invention to provide a garment hanging device having flexible leaves for gripping the line and thus preventing any sliding movement.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment hanging device adapted to be suspended from a clothes line and so arranged that the suspended weighted cam means bearing on the device will cause the free ends thereof to flex and grip the line.

Other objects of the invention will appear as the disclosure progresses. The drawing is intended to merely indicate a possible embodiment of the invention. It is obvious that the actual needs of manufacture may necessitate certain mechanical changes. It is therefore not intended to limit the invention to the embodiment illustrated but rather to define such limits in the appended claims. For a more general understanding of the invention attention is called to the drawing in which

Figure 1 is a front view of the clothes hanger support constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a side view thereof and

Figure 3 is a modified form of the device.

Referring to the drawing in detail, numeral 1 designates the clothes line, 2 the clothes hanger and 3 the garment hanging device which is the subject of this invention. The device is preferably made from one piece of strap material and comprises a curved top 4, a restricted neck portion 5 and flexible leaves 6 and 7 disposed at an angle to each other. Numeral 8 designates a hole in each of the leaves through which passes the hook 9 of the clothes hanger.

When the hanger carries its usual load of clothes the weighted cam means 9 will have a tendency to bring the bottom ends of the leaves 6 and 7 together and thereby firmly grip the clothes line and prevent any side slipping of the device on the line. The weighted cam means consists of the hook 9 for bringing the bottom ends of the leaves 6 and 7 together, the clothes hanger 2 and the clothes (not shown) carried by the said hanger. Also the ends of the leaves can be manually pressed together and the curved hook plus the weight of the clothes will prevent the leaves from moving apart by themselves or until the weight is lifted.

In Figure 3 is shown a modified form of the device in which numeral 10 designates the curved top, 11 the restricted neck portion and 12 the flexible outwardly converging leaves. The lower portion 13 of the leaves are thinner than the upper portion 14 so as to make them more flexible. Also the portions 13 flare outwardly at a greater angle than the portions 14. With this arrangement the support can be used on both relatively thick and thin clothes lines. For instance, the space 15 can accommodate relatively heavy lines while the space 16 can accommodate relatively light lines.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a novel, simple and inexpensive device to support clothes hangers and keep them in fixed position on a clothes line. The weight of the clothes will wedge the line between the leaves and prevent any side movement of the support thus making it possible to utilize the entire length of the clothes line and especially the ends thereof.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a garment hanging device of the class described, a single piece of strap iron comprising a curved top, a restricted neck portion at the lower end of the said curved top, flexible leaves diverging outwardly from said restricted neck portion adapted to grip a clothes line, said leaves being straight throughout their entire length and provided with holes at their lower ends, said holes being in alignment with each other, and weighted cam means passing through said holes and adapted to urge said flexible leaves together.

2. In a garment hanging device of the class described, a single piece of strap iron comprising a curved top, a restricted neck portion at the lower end of the said curved top, flexible leaves diverging outwardly from said restricted neck portion and adapted to grip a clothes line, said leaves being thicker at their upper portions than at their lower portions, the thinner portions converging at a greater angle than the thicker portions, the lower ends of said leaves provided with holes, said holes being in alignment with each other, and weighted cam means passing through said holes and adapted to urge said flexible leaves together.

3. In a garment hanging device of the class

described, a single piece of strap iron comprising a curved top, a restricted neck portion at the lower end of the said curved top, flexible leaves diverging outwardly from said restricted neck portion and adapted to grip a clothes line, the lower portions of said flexible leaves converging outwardly at a greater angle than the upper portions thereof, the lower ends of said leaves provided with holes, said holes being in alignment with each other, and weighted cam means passing through said holes and adapted to urge said flexible leaves together.

4. In a garment hanging device of the class described, a single piece of strap iron comprising a curved top, a restricted neck portion at the lower end of the said curved top, the inner sides of said restricted neck portion being in contact with each other, flexible leaves diverging outwardly from said restricted neck portion and adapted to grip a clothes line, said leaves provided with holes at their lower ends, said holes being in alignment with each other, and weighted cam means passing through said holes and adapted to urge said flexible leaves together.

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