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ADJUSTABLE GARMENT HANGER

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Fig. 1.

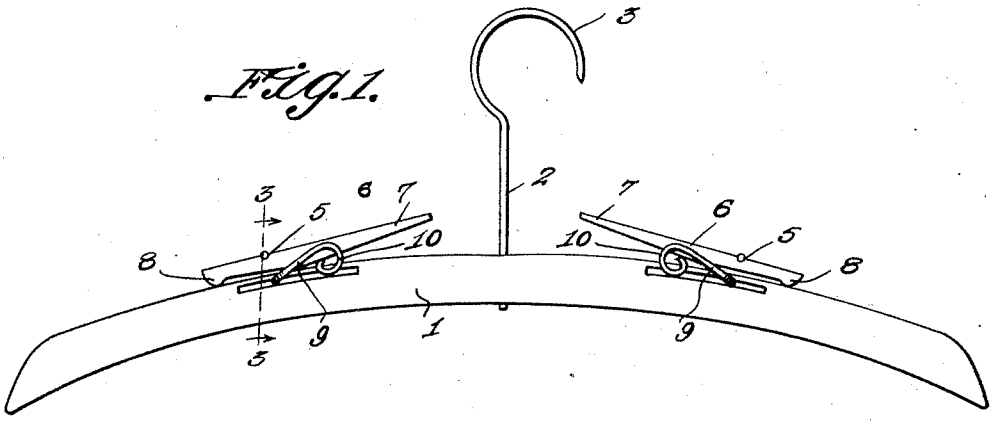


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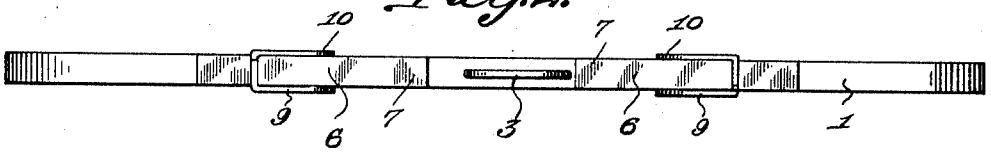


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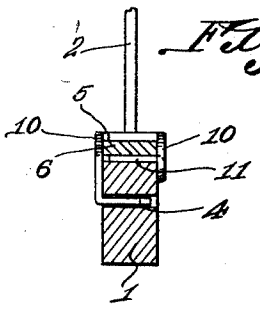
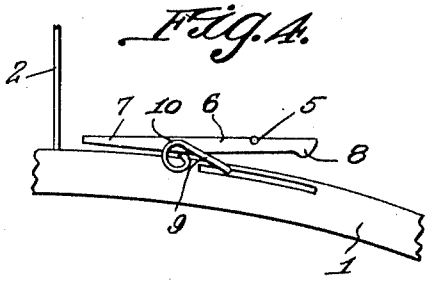


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This invention relates to garment hangers and its general object is to provide a garment hanger that will support and secure a garment in proper position thereon against accidental displacement regardless of its weight, shape or fabric, and without injury to the garment.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger having garment securing means that are adjustable longitudinally with respect to the body of the hanger and the hanger including the securing means is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and efficient in operation and service.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing my invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:

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

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 3—3 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view illustrating one of the spring pressed securing arms in one of its adjusted positions and disposed for receiving a portion of a garment.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the reference numeral 1 indicates the body of the hanger, and the body is of the usual elongated curved construction to present the garment supporting arms, with a supporting hook having its shank 2 passing centrally through the body and rising therefrom to terminate in the hook 3 as clearly shown in Figure 1 of the drawings.

The body is formed upon opposite sides of the shank with longitudinally disposed slots opening upon the opposite sides of the body and each of these slots has mounted for slidable movement therein one of the end portions 4 of a spring wire member which has its opposite end portion disposed in a groove 5 formed in the upper surface of a clamp arm 6.

The slots, spring wire members and clamp arms are provided in pairs as shown for the purpose of securing the opposite sides of a garment in supported position upon the body as will be apparent and the clamp arms are tapered toward the shank to provide a handle 7 while the clamping ends thereof are formed with transversely disposed depending tongues 8 adapted to be arranged in engagement with a portion of a garment for holding the latter upon the body.

The spring wire members are each formed from a single strand of resilient wire bent upon themselves to provide the end portions above referred to which are disposed in substantially parallelism with respect to each other, thence the strand is bent from the end portions to provide inclined portions 9 which are curved upon themselves as at 10 and terminate in a bridging piece 11 disposed between the arm and the body to provide a fulcrum for the arm, while the curved portions 10 engage the sides of the arm to prevent lateral movement of the latter.

From the above description and disclosure of the drawings, it will be obvious that I have provided a garment hanger that not only supports a garment, but secures the latter in operative position on the body of the hanger in a manner to prevent casual displacement of the garment regardless of its size and weight or fabric from which the garment is made, as the clamping arms receive the side portions of the garment at its top and clamp the same to the body. By providing the slots in the body as referred to and clearly shown in Figure 1, it will be apparent that the clamping arms are adjustable so as to fit garments having neck portions or the like of different widths.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of my invention will be readily apparent.

I desire it to be understood that I may make changes in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A garment hanger of the character described comprising an elongated curved body, a hook including a shank passing centrally through said body and secured therein, said body having slots longitudinally arranged therein and opening upon

the opposite sides thereof, clamp arms having clamping ends engageable with said body and spring members movable in said slots and carrying said clamp arms.

2. A garment hanger of the character described comprising an elongated curved body, a hook including a shank secured centrally in and passing through said body, said body being provided with longitudinally disposed slots upon opposite sides of said shank, clamp arms tapered toward one end to provide handles, transversely disposed tongues formed with the under surface of each clamp arm and adjacent one end thereof for engagement with said body, spring members having end portions, one of the end portions being received in transverse grooves formed in the upper surface of the arms, other end portions being mounted for slidable movement in said slots, and curved portions formed with said spring members for engagement with the sides of the arms to prevent lateral movement of the latter.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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