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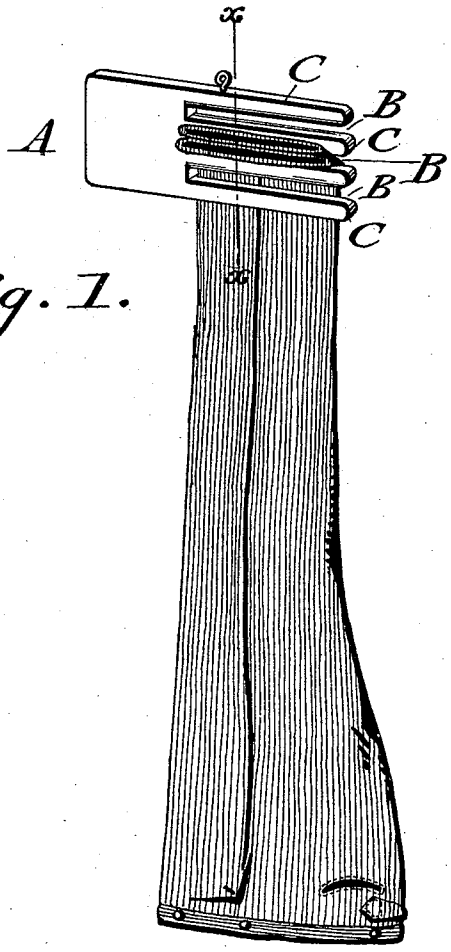


Fig. 1.

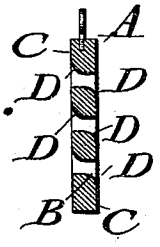


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE A. EVANS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Upland, in the county of Delaware and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pantaloons Hangers and Stretchers, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a device whereby pantaloons may be hung and stretched, the same being constructed of a block or plate with a throat therein, said throat being adapted to receive the proper portion of the pantaloons and support the same in depending position.

It also consists in forming the walls of the throat in such manner that creasing of the pantaloons is prevented.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a pantaloons hanger and stretcher embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a section thereof on line $x\,x$, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a block or plate of wood, metal, or other suitable material, in the side of which are slots or throats B, which extend in horizontal direction and produce a series of jaws C, said throats being open at their outer ends, so that a proper portion of a pair of pantaloons may be inserted thereinto, in order that the garment may be pendent from said jaws.

The operation is as follows: The legs of the pantaloons near the bottom thereof are inserted in either of the throats, the pantaloons being in inverted condition. When the garment is let go, it remains suspended from said throat, owing to the holding or retaining action of the jaws C or walls of said throats, it being noticed that the legs of the garment form a bight between the adjacent jaws. As the garment is suspended or pendent, it is enabled by the weight of its material to stretch itself, and thus remove bagging or distortion. When the garment is to be removed, it is simply withdrawn laterally from the throat it occupies, whereby it clears the jaws, and is entirely disengaged therefrom. In order to prevent the jaws from creasing the pantaloons, the walls of said jaws on opposite sides of the relative throat or of the diagonally-opposite portions of adjacent jaws are rounded, as at D, the same avoiding the presentation of sharp edges to the garment, the effect of which is evident. In the present case I show three parallel throats, in each of which a pair of pantaloons may be entered, and thus suspended and stretched; but it is evident that the number of throats may be increased or decreased, as desired.

The block or plate may be provided with one or more eyes for hanging the same from a hook, &c., in any suitable place.

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

A garment hanger and stretcher consisting of a block having parallel jaws projecting from one side thereof, forming a horizontal throat, the opposite faces of said jaws being rounded, substantially as described.

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