

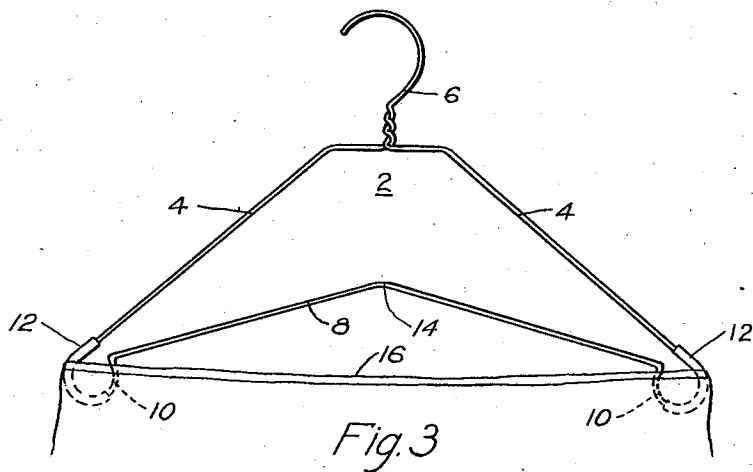
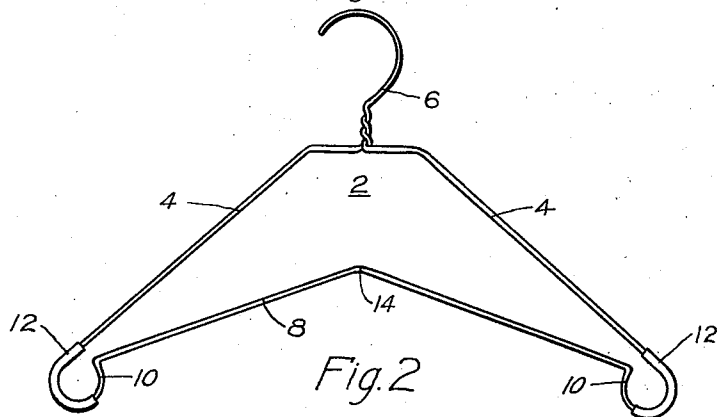
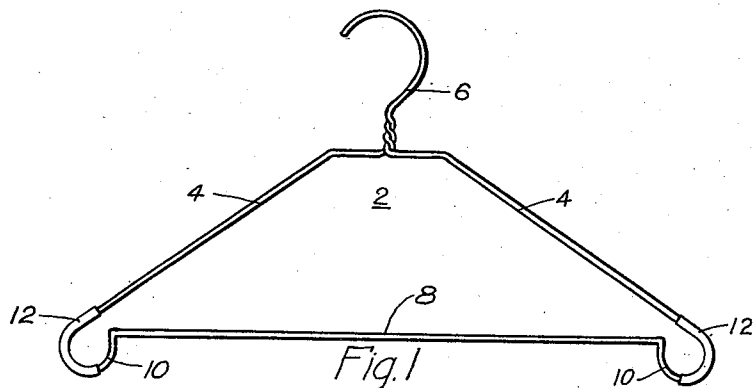
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This invention relates to garment hangers and, more particularly, to a combination coat and skirt hanger.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a skirt hanger which may be readily inserted in the top of a skirt and expanded into skirt-holding position. Most particularly it is now proposed to provide a skirt hanger which approximates in general configuration the conventional wire coat hanger currently in widespread use, but with friction elements at the shoulder extremities to prevent a skirt from slipping down off the hanger.

Another object is to provide a wire garment hanger having the conventional inverted, substantially V-shaped shoulders, a hook at the apex of the inverted V, a flexible normally straight cross-bar which may be bent up to form an open inverted V, and a semi-circular loop connecting the outer extremities of the inverted V-shaped shoulder members and the cross bar. By this configuration it is intended to provide for the flexing of the hanger so as to bring its shoulders closer together for insertion into the dress top and so that, upon release of the hanger, the shoulders will expand outwardly to engage the dress. One object in providing the semi-circular loop connecting the lower ends of the shoulders with the outer ends of the cross bar is to avoid permanent deformation and sagging down of the shoulder extremities after long and frequent use of the hanger. In combination with a skirt hanger of the configuration outlined above, it is intended to provide friction elements at the shoulder extremities by dipping the extremities in a bath of rubber of the like plastic material which forms a non-slip surface. More particularly, it is intended that the rubber or the like plastic material be highly adhesive so that the skirt will stick to the tacky surface thereof, whereby a skirt may be hung without danger of deformation by the hanger.

Further objects resulting in ease and economy of manufacture and simplicity of operation will be apparent from the following specification and drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the garment hanger prior to use as a skirt hanger;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the hanger flexed preliminary to insertion in a skirt; and,

Fig. 3 shows the hanger expanded in a skirt.

Referring now to the drawings, in which like reference numerals denote the similar elements, a stiff wire garment hanger of generally con-

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ventional overall configuration is indicated at 2, the hanger having the familiar outwardly and downwardly inclined shoulders 4 of open, inverted, substantially V shape and merging at their upper ends where they are twisted and bent to form a hook 6. A horizontal cross bar 8 is formed of an intermediate portion of the same wire which forms shoulders 4, the cross bar and shoulders being connected by semi-circular loops 10 at their junctions.

The invention is concerned primarily with the coatings 12 of highly adhesive rubber which form tacky surfaces on the outer extremities of shoulders 4 and loops 10 so that a skirt hung thereon will not slip off. The tacky surface is preferably applied by dipping the shoulders in a bath of highly adhesive rubber, although other known methods of surface application may be used. Likewise, any one of a number of plastics well known in the art and having the essential properties of adhesive rubber may be used.

In use, the shoulders 4 of hanger 2 are flexed towards one another by bending up cross bar 8, preferably as shown at 14 in Fig. 2, after which the hanger is inserted in the waist 16 of the garment and subsequently allowed to expand. The adhesive material 12 forming the tacky surface not only functionally engages the inside of the garment waist, but actually sticks to it to prevent the garment from slipping off.

The invention is not to be limited to the specific form shown and described, but embraces all modifications and equivalents within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. In a garment hanger of stiff wire bent to form downwardly and outwardly extending shoulders adapted to be inserted in the waist of a garment, a coating of adhesive material on said shoulders adjacent the outer extremities of said shoulders, said adhesive material having a tacky surface whereby to adhere to the garment to prevent the same from slipping off said shoulders.

2. In a stiff wire garment hanger including a hook portion, an opposed pair of shoulder portions respectively extending downwardly and outwardly from said hook portion, and a cross bar connecting the lower ends of the shoulder portions, adhesive rubber or the like material forming tacky surfaces on the wire substantially at the junctions of the cross bar and the shoulder portions.

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