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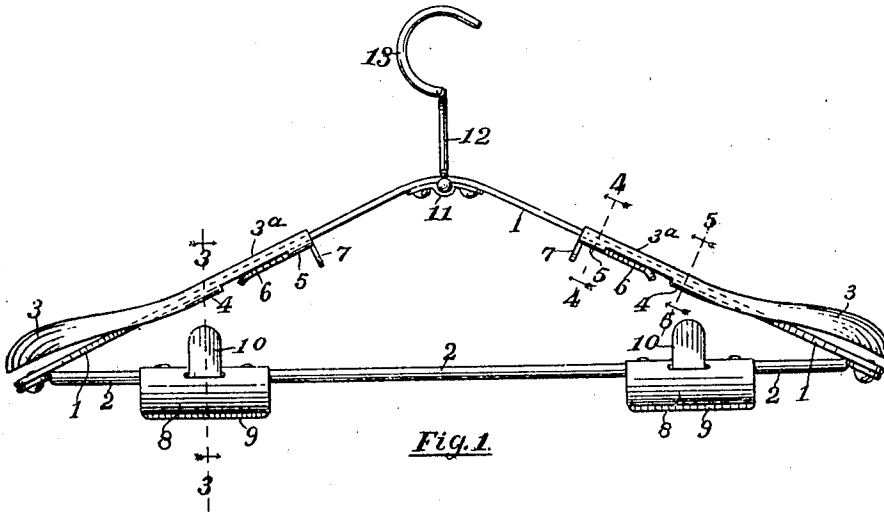


Fig. 1

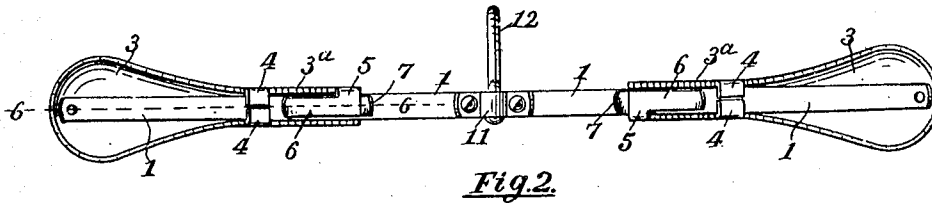


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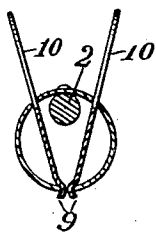


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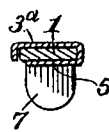


Fig. 4



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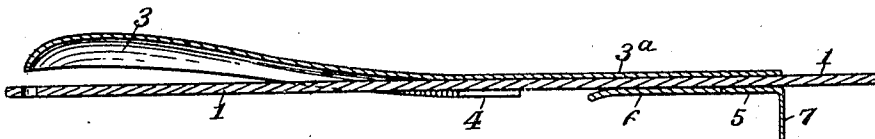


Fig. 6

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. GOULD, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in garment supports, and its object is to provide the same with means whereby the device may be adjusted to garments of various sizes and to provide the same with various new and useful features hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1. is a side elevation of a device embodying my invention; Fig. 2. an inverted plan view of the upper part of the same, the horizontal rod and clips being removed; Fig. 3. an enlarged transverse section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.; Fig. 4. the same on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.; Fig. 5. the same on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.; and Fig. 6. a longitudinal vertical section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

Like numbers refer to like parts in all of the figures.

1 represents a flat strip of metal curved upward at its middle and extending diagonally outward and downward therefrom in opposite direction and having its ends attached to a horizontal stay rod 2. On the respective ends of this flat strip 1 are adjustably supported shoulder pads 3, concavo-convex in form and made of stamped sheet metal. These pads are raised somewhat above the strip 1 and are slidable thereon being connected to the same by shanks 3^a engaging the upper surface of the strip 1 and having lateral extensions 4 adjacent to the pads and folded around the strip. A similar lateral extension 5 is also provided at the upper end of the shank, this extension being provided with a resilient extension 6 yieldably and slidably engaging the under side of the strip 1 to yieldingly hold the shoulder pad in adjustment on the strip, and permit of its being adjusted thereon.

For convenient adjustment of the pad, a downwardly extended thumb piece 7 projects from the lateral extension 5. To sus-

pend a garment from the rod 2, tubular spring members 8 longitudinally divided at the bottom are secured at the top to the rod 2 near the respective ends thereof, within which springs are upwardly extending and diverging clamps 9, which are recessed at their lower ends to receive the edges of the springs 8 and to yieldingly grasp the garment placed therebetween. These clamps extend upward and diverge at the respective sides of the rod 2 and are provided with thumb pieces forming levers 10 extending above the springs 8 whereby the clamps may be separated at the bottom by pressing these thumb pieces toward each other, as occasion requires.

The device is suspended from any suitable support by means of a hook 13 pivoted to the middle of the strip 1 by means of a clip 11. Between the pivot and the hook 13 is a rearwardly curved connecting member 12 to receive and accommodate the collar of the garment placed on the device.

The device is readily adjusted to fit garments of various widths of shoulders by sliding the pads 3 on the strip and are frictionally held in adjusted position by the spring members 6.

What I claim is:

1. In a garment supporter, a flat strip upwardly bent at the middle, a tie rod connecting the ends of said strip, shoulder pads having a shank slidably engaging the strip, lateral extensions on said shank and folded around the strip and a resilient extension on one of said lateral extensions engaging the strip opposite the shank.

2. In a garment supporter, a flat strip upwardly bent at the middle and having oppositely extended and downwardly inclined ends, a shoulder pad having a shank slidably engaging the upper side of the strip and two opposite lateral extensions folded beneath said strip, a third lateral extension on said shank also folded beneath said strip, and a resilient extension on said last named lateral extension and engaging the under side of the strip.

3. In a garment supporter, a flat strip upwardly bent at the middle, a tie rod connecting the ends of the strip, shoulder pads slidable on the strip, springs attached to the pads and slidably engaging the strip, a tubular spring attached to the rod at the top and longitudinally divided at the bottom, clamps be-

tween the divided edges of the spring and extending upward through the same to form thumb pieces to open the clamps.

4. In a garment supporter, a flat strip upwardly bent at the middle, a hook pivotally attached to the middle of said strip by means of a clip, shoulder pads having shanks slidably engaging the upper side of the said strip, springs attached to the shanks and slidably engaging the under side of said strip, a rod connecting the ends of said strip, tubular springs each attached to the rod at its upper

side and longitudinally divided at its lower side, and a pair of clamps embraced by each of said springs and extending upward through the spring and provided with thumb pieces above the spring.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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