

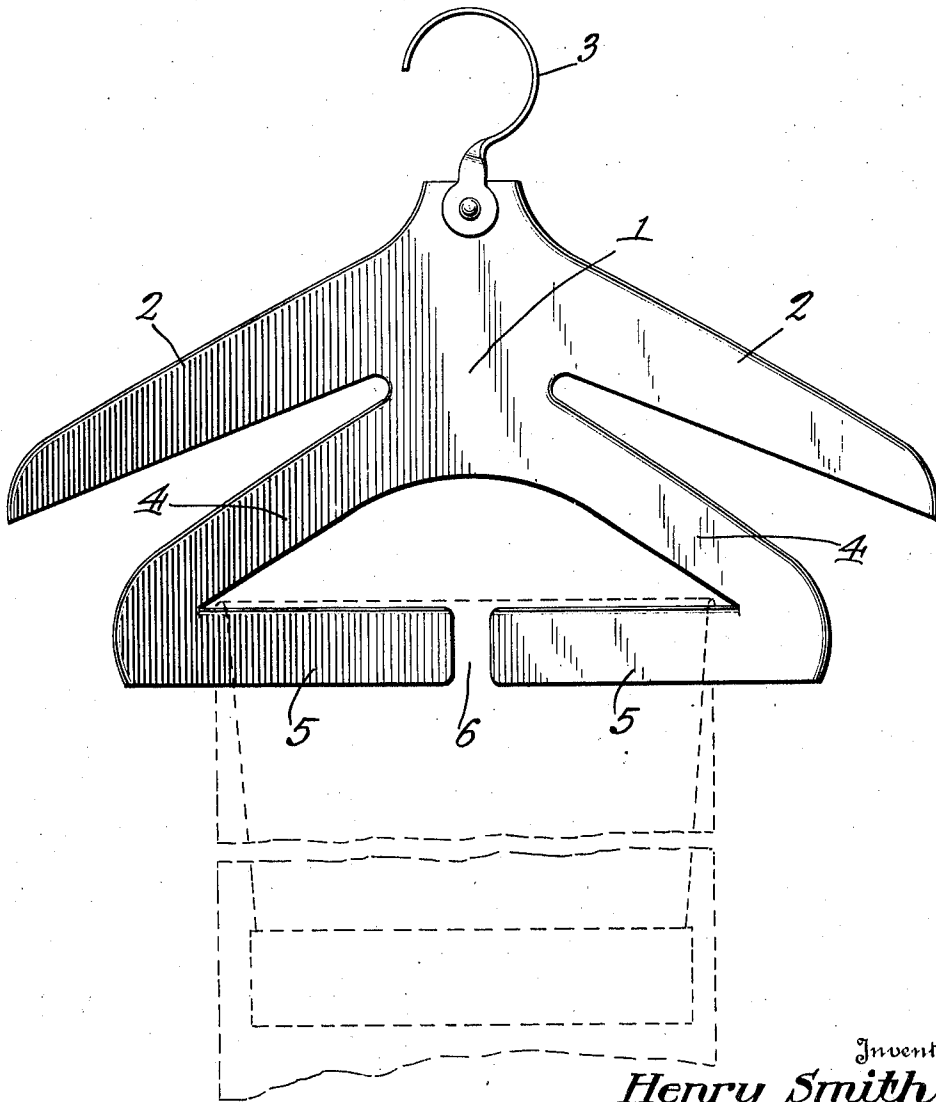
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This invention relates to garment hangers and one of its objects is to provide a simple and inexpensive structure providing means for separately supporting a coat, a vest, and trousers, the arrangement of the parts being such that any one of the garments mentioned can be easily placed in or removed from position without disturbing the other garments.

Another object is to provide efficient means for supporting trousers, it being possible to quickly place them in position or to remove them from the hanger without the necessity of inserting them end first into the hanger.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing, which is an elevation of the hanger, the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference 1 designates the body of the hanger from which are extended downwardly diverging arms 2 designed to engage and support the neck and shoulder portions of a coat. Any suitable means, such as a hook 3 may be connected to and extended upwardly from the bottom as shown.

Diverging downwardly from the lower portion of the body 1 are arms 4 which are arranged beneath the arms 2 but spaced therefrom, these arms being designed to engage and support the shoulder portions of a vest.

Supporting strips 5 are extended toward each other from the lower ends of the arms 4 but are spaced apart at their inner ends so as to provide a throat 6 through which may be inserted the edge portions of the legs of trousers to be mounted on the hanger. The distance between the arms 4 along the upper edges of the strips 5 is greater

than the width of the trousers legs at the points where they are folded.

It is to be understood that this hanger is preferably, but not necessarily, formed in a single piece of paper board, veneer, or any other suitable material. Thus it can be made cheaply and is also advantageous because of its compactness.

In using the hanger a pair of trousers are folded across the knee portions and one edge thereof at the fold is inserted upwardly through the throat 6 until all portions of the fold have been brought into the space above strips 5. The legs of the trousers are then straightened out along the fold so as to rest smoothly upon the two strips 5, the throat 6 being bridged by the trousers. To remove the trousers the foregoing operation is reversed. From the foregoing it will be noted that the trousers can be more quickly and evenly placed on the hanger than is possible where they are inserted endwise into the hanger. The structure disclosed is also advantageous because of its one piece construction, there being no parts to become detached or requiring adjustment in order to place a garment in or remove it from position.

It will be obvious that a vest can be easily placed on or removed from the arms 4 and that a coat can also be properly supported by the arms 2. Any one of the garments can be placed in or removed from position without disturbing the other garments.

What is claimed is:

A garment hanger including a flat body having a pair of flat downwardly diverging garment supporting arms, there being flat strips extending toward each other from the arms and spaced apart to provide a throat, said strips being in alinement and constituting supports for a garment inserted upwardly through the throat and spread upon the strips, the body, arms and strips all being formed in a single piece of flat material, and a support engaging member connected to the upper end of the body.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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