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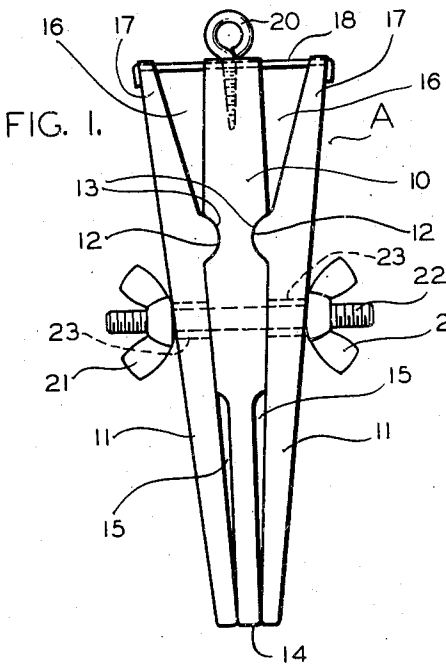


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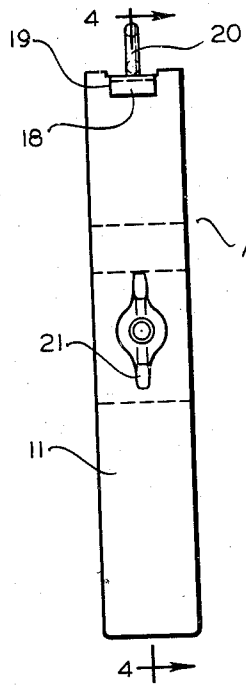


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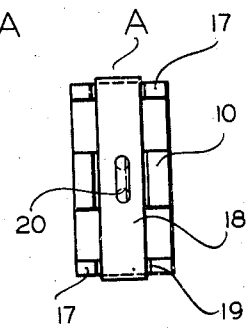


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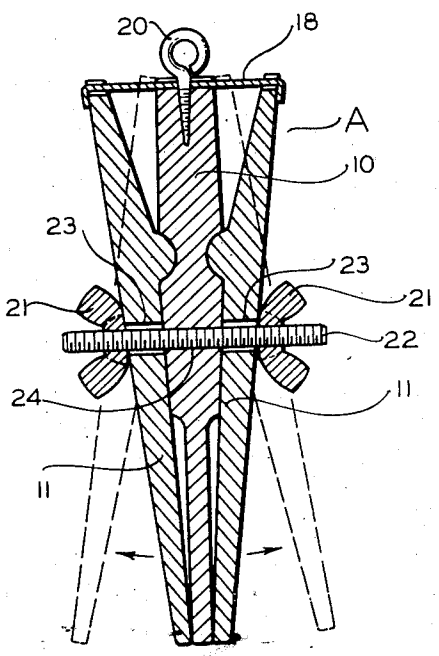


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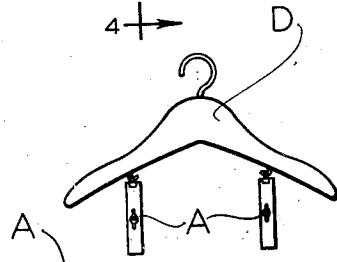


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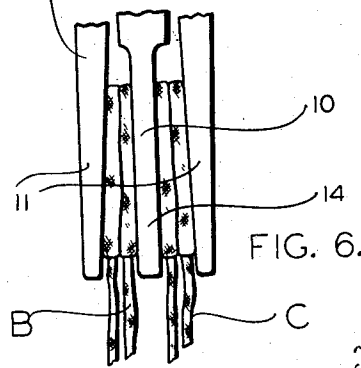


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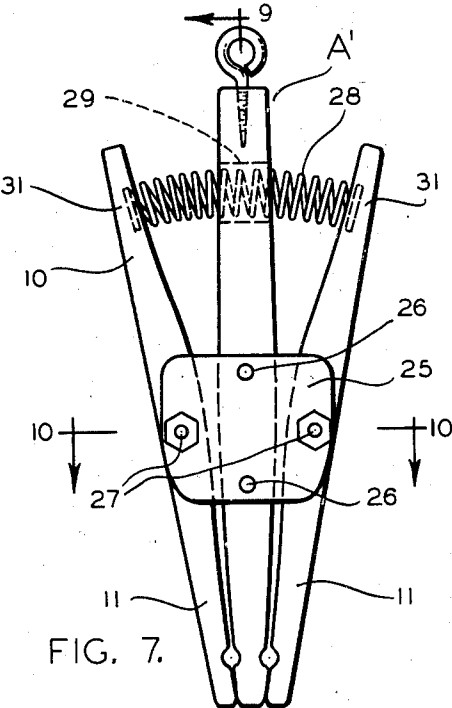
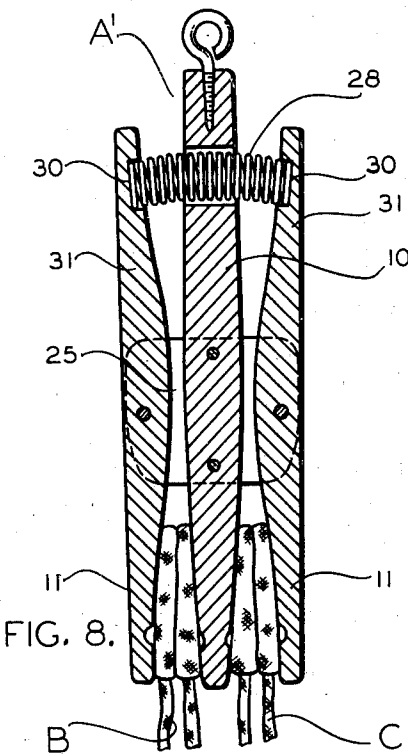
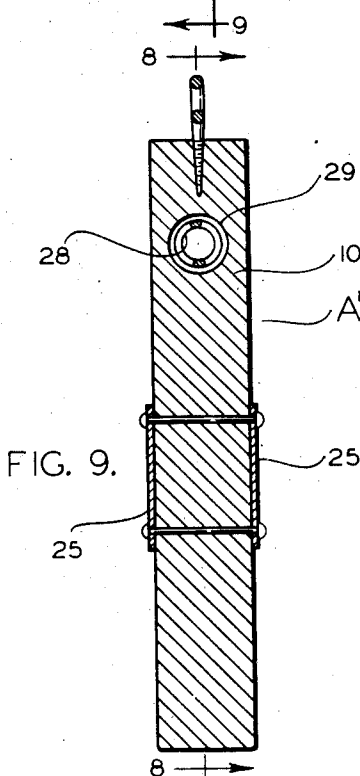
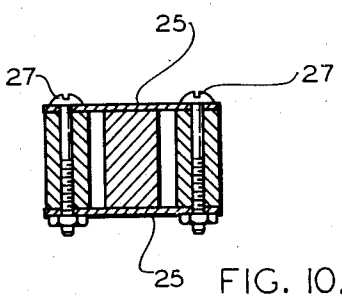
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1 Claim. (Cl. 223—91)

1 My invention relates to a garment clamp which is adapted to be used in connection with a coat hanger or other similar means of supporting a garment.

A feature resides in providing a garment hanger having a common central member associated with a pair of clamping jaws which are adapted to be urged toward the common center member to support one or more garments by the free ends of the clamping device engaging against the center member.

It is a feature to provide a garment support which is provided with a central member which may be formed with an eyelet or a hook so that the garment support may be attached to a coat hanger or other member. Thus, a garment may be held by the holder hanger hanging from a coat hanger or a hook as may be desired.

It is also a feature to provide a garment hanger composed mainly of three parts, including a central member and a pair of clamping jaws which are provided by the fulcrum points bearing against the central member, and including a member anchored in the central member and extending freely through the jaw members and provided with wing-nuts which are threaded to the member anchored in the central member so that the jaws may be individually released by the wing-nut or clamped towards the central member to hold the garment. Furthermore, I provide a guiding member across the top end of the garment support, the ends of which are slidably connected to the upper ends of the jaws and which member is anchored or secured to the center member. This guiding member keeps the jaws in line to hold the free ends thereof in operating position.

My garment support may be made with means for pivotally securing the clamping jaws to the central member and with spring means which may be common to both clamping jaws adapted to urge the operating ends of the jaws into position to clamp the garment under tension of the spring. The spring means may be so formed as to permit the jaws to be individually disengaged from the garments supported by the hanger.

The drawings illustrate the invention in its best embodiment, and:

Figure 1 is an edge view of my garment support.

Figure 2 is a side view of the same.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the same.

Figure 4 is a longitudinal section through my garment support on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 illustrates a coat hanger showing a

2 pair of my garment supports secured to and hanging from the same.

Figure 6 is a detail of the operating end of my garment support showing the clamping jaws engaging the cuffs of two pairs of pants.

Figure 7 is an edge view of an alternative form of my clamp.

Figure 8 is a longitudinal section through the clamp on the line 8—8 of Figure 9.

Figure 9 is a longitudinal section on the line 9—9 of Figure 7.

Figure 10 is a section on the line 10—10 of Figure 7.

My garment clamp A is formed of wood or a non-metallic central member 10 which is common to a pair of side clamps 11 which are hingedly supported in the fulcrum point 12 formed by the notches 13 in the central member 10. The clamping jaws 11 may be made of wood or other non-metallic material.

The central member 10 is formed with a depending tongue member 14, the sides of which are cut away at 15 to provide a garment receiving space on either side of the tongue member 14.

25 A form of accomplishing this cut-away means is provided by making the sides of the tongue 14 parallel.

The central member 10, which is common to each of the clamping jaws 11, is substantially wedge shaped on its upper end to provide spaces 15 between the central member and the upper ends 17 of the clamping members 11.

The upper end 17 of the clamping jaws 11 are slidably connected to the cross-bar 18 which fits into the notches 19 of the upper ends 17 of the jaws 11. A screw eye 20 anchored in the upper end of the central member 10 holds the bar 18 in place secured firmly to the central member 10. The bar 18 is countersunk into the upper end of the member 10.

The clamping jaws 11 rest freely in the notches 13 and are adapted to pivot in these notches in their opening movement as illustrated in dotted outline in Figure 4.

45 The operating ends of the clamping jaws 11 are adapted to be urged toward the tongue 14 of the common central member 10 by the wing-nuts 21 which are threaded to the bolt 22. The ends of the bolt 22 pass freely through the holes 33 formed in the clamping jaws 11. The bolt 22 is rigidly anchored centrally between its ends at 24 in the central member 10. Thus the ends of the bolt 22 extend freely through the holes 23 so that when one of the wing-nuts 21 is released, the respective jaw 11 controlled by said wing nut will

be released to release a garment B or C from the grip of the jaws 11.

Figure 6 shows the manner in which the cuffs of two pairs of pants, such as B and C, are gripped by the garment holder A to support the same.

A pair of garment holders A may be provided hanging in the manner illustrated in Figure 5 from the coat hanger D to provide a means of supporting two pairs of trousers from the coat hanger D or to provide a skirt holding means associated with the coat hanger D. The eyelet 20 provides the means of connecting the garment support A to the coat hanger.

In Figures 7-10 inclusive, I have illustrated an alternative form of my coat hanger A' wherein the central member 10, which is common to the operating jaws 11, is adapted to support the side plates 25. The plates 25 are secured by the screws 26 to firmly hold the plates 25 on either side of the central member 10.

In this form of my garment support, the jaws 11 are pivotally supported to the plates 25 by the bolts 27. I provide a coil spring 28 which passes freely through the hole 29 formed in the central member 10 and the ends of which are adapted to engage in the recesses or sockets 30 of the upper free ends 31 of the jaws 11.

Thus, in this alternative form of my clamp A', I provide the jaws 11 with spring means common to the two jaws to hold the jaws in clamping position to engage the cuffs of trousers or the belt of a skirt to support the garments B and C by the garment holder. The function of this alternative form of my garment support is identical with that shown in Figures 1 to 6 inclusive insofar as holding or supporting a garment is concerned. However, instead of using the bolt member 22, I use the spring 28 to urge the operating ends of jaws 11 against or toward the central member 10.

My garment support provides a desirable means of holding a garment associated with a coat hanger. My garment hanger also has the advantage of supporting two pairs of trousers or two skirts, each of which may be removed or attached separately from the other. Further, my

garment support provides a positive means of holding a garment so that it may be hung up when desired and yet may be readily removed from the garment hanger when it is desired to release the same from the hanger. It is obvious that the hanger may be made of wood, plastic or any suitable material which is strong enough to support a garment under the strength of clamping the same in supporting position.

I claim:

A clothes clamp comprising a common central member having parallel sides at the clamping surfaces thereof and a hole formed centrally therein, clamping jaws extending substantially the length of and on either side of said central member having holes formed therein adapted to align with said hole formed in said central member, a hinging joint between the ends of said jaws on said central member, guide means for said jaw members extending across the top of said jaws and clamp, and a threaded member inserted through said holes formed in said central member and said clamping jaws, said threaded member having nuts thereon to align and engage said jaws with said central member.

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