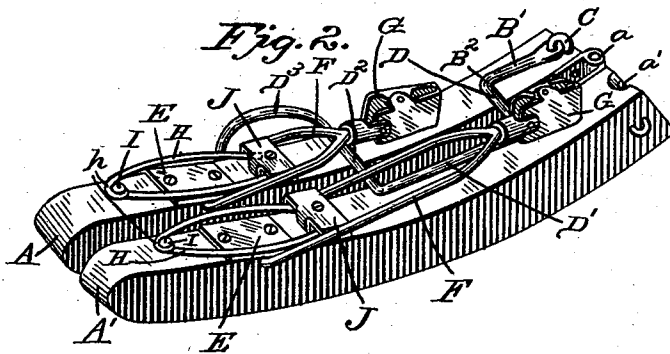
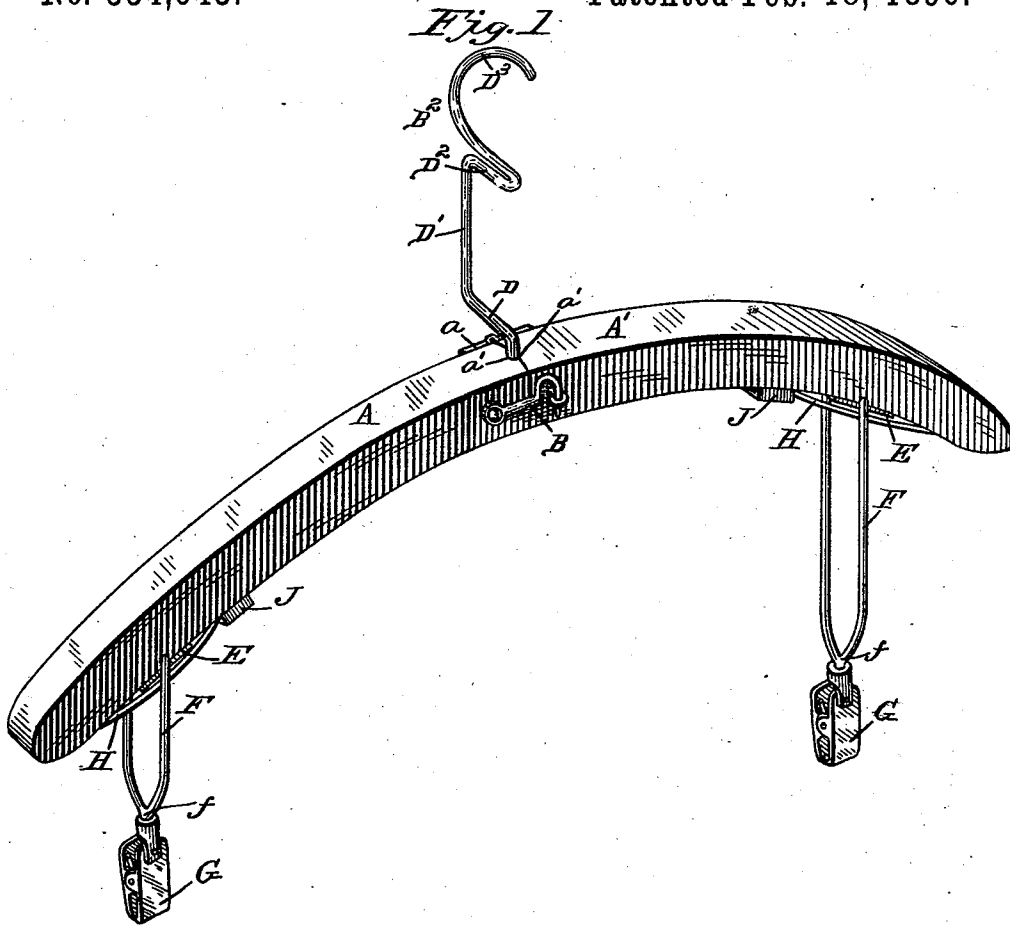


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES BEHREND, JR., a citizen of the United States, residing at Oconomowoc, in the county of Waukesha and State of Wisconsin, 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.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in devices of that character designed for hanging coats, pants and other articles of apparel, and it has for its object, among others, to provide a simple and cheap hanger of this class, which can be folded in a small compass so as to be carried in a satchel or in the pocket, if desired, and which can be applied for the support of various articles. It is so constructed as not to crease or cause any wrinkles in the back of the collar of either the coat or waist. The hanger itself is formed in two parts hinged together, so as to fold, and the supporting devices carried by each of said parts are also so mounted upon the same as to be folded in close contact therewith, so that the device when folded occupies a minimum space.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved hanger in position for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same closed.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in both views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A and A' designate the two parts of the hanger, which are of substantially like form and united upon one face by means of a hinge *a*. These parts are designed to be locked or held in their distended position by means of a hook B pivoted upon the one part and engaging a staple or eye upon the other part, the hook and staple being arranged upon the side opposite the hinge, as shown.

The adjacent edges of these two parts are grooved vertically, as shown at *a'*, and in the lower portion of one of said parts is arranged an eye or staple or analogous device C, upon which is loosely engaged the end of the vertical part B' of the supporting-hook B<sup>2</sup>, said vertical portion designed to extend and be confined in the grooves at the adjacent ends of the parts A and A', and after passing through said grooves is extended rearwardly, as shown at D, thence vertically, as at D', and thence forwardly, as at D<sup>2</sup>, from whence it is curved upwardly to form the hook D<sup>3</sup>, adapted to be engaged over any suitable support by which the hanger may be suspended in position. When the parts are folded as shown in Fig. 2, this hook turns upon its pivot so as to occupy a minimum space, as shown.

Near the outer end of each of the parts A and A' is secured a plate E, and between said plate and the part of the hanger, in a groove or recess formed in the latter, is pivotally mounted a wire F, the lower ends of which are united, as seen at *f*, and upon the said united ends is mounted a swiveled clasp G of any suitable construction. This is so mounted that it can be turned about upon its support to bring it into any desired position, and the wire is so mounted that it can be folded substantially flat against the portion of the hanger to which it is secured. A spring H formed of wire, with a coil *h* formed at its center and through which a screw I passes into the part of the holder, has its arms bowed and extended between the parallel portions of the wire, so as to be compressed thereby as the said wire is moved on its pivot, and serving to hold the same in any of its various positions. The ends of the wire spring are held by means of a retaining-plate J on the under side of a portion of the hanger.

From the above description, especially when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, the operation and use of the device will be readily understood and a further detailed description thereof is not necessary.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What is claimed as new is—

1. A garment-hanger, consisting of two like

parts hinged together, and provided with pivoted supporting - arms carrying swiveled clasps and means for holding them in their adjusted position, substantially as specified.

5 2. A garment-hanger, consisting of two like parts hinged together, and provided with pivoted supporting - arms carrying swiveled clasps, and springs for holding the same in their adjusted positions, substantially as  
10 specified.

3. A garment-hanger, consisting of two like parts hinged together, means for locking them in their distended position, a supporting-hook

pivotaly mounted between said parts, arms  
pivotaly mounted on said parts, clasps swiv- 15  
eled on said arms, and springs secured to said  
parts and extended between the parallel por-  
tions of said arms, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this  
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