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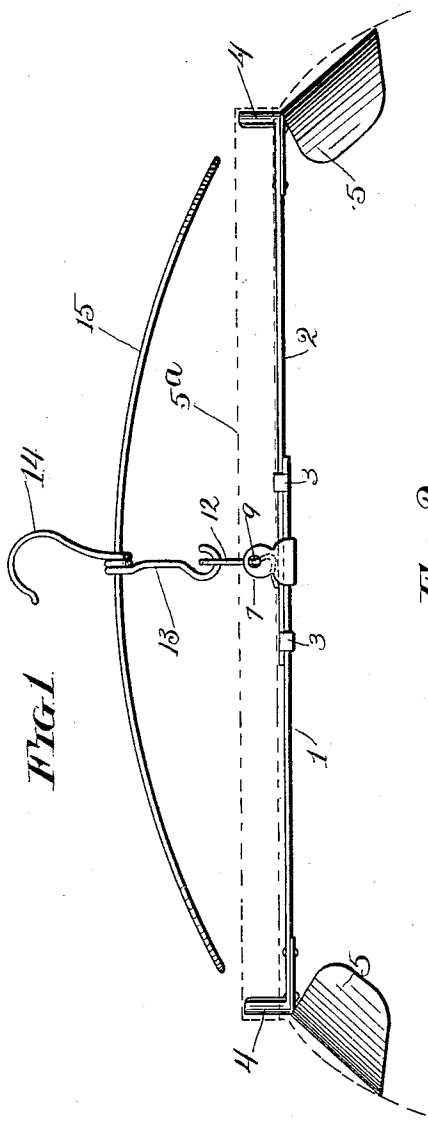


FIG. 1.

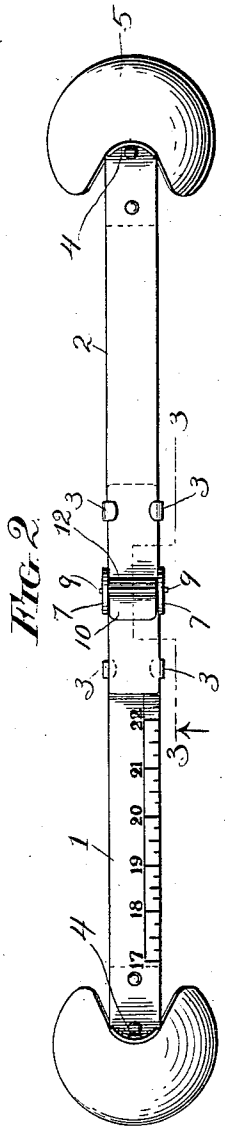


FIG. 2.

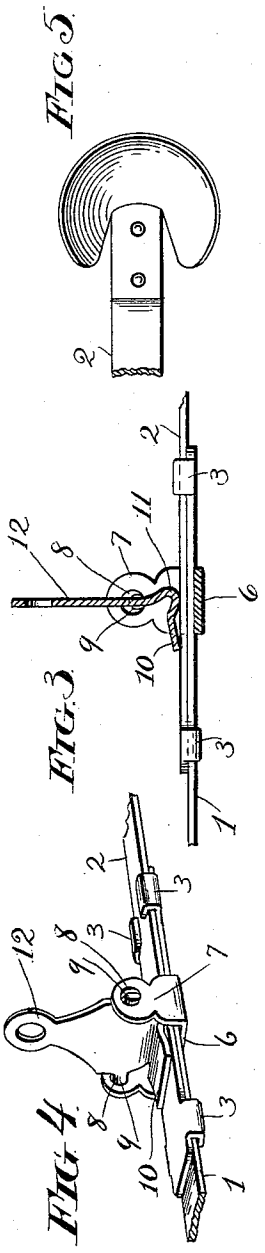


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SKIRT-HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. TRINER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention relates to devices for hanging ladies' skirts and other like garments and keeping the same in shape; and it has for its primary object to provide an improved and simple form of skirt-hanger which shall be inexpensive and efficient and capable of being readily adjusted to the waistbands of skirts of various sizes.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain features of novelty in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts by which said objects and certain other objects hereinafter appearing are attained, all as fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings and more fully and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved skirt-hanger, showing the position of the skirt thereon in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof with the supporting-hook removed. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal view of the clamp, taken on the line 3 3 Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a partial perspective view thereof, and Fig. 5 is a bottom view of one of the hip-blocks.

In carrying out my invention I employ two arms 1 2, which are preferably composed of two flat strips made of metal or any other suitable material and so arranged as to be capable of relative adjustment. In the example of my invention shown in the drawings each of these strips is provided near one end with a pair of ears or lugs 3, and these ears or lugs on one of the strips are turned inwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, over the strip 2, while those on strip 2 are turned inwardly under the edges of strip 1, whereby the ends of the strips or arms 1 2 are firmly secured together with capability of sliding with relation to each other. The outer end of each of the arms 1 2 is bent upwardly to form a shoulder 4, and this shoulder, as shown in Fig. 2, is slightly rounded from side to side, whereby it may be better adapted for engaging and holding the waisband 5^a, (shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1,) the rounded face of one shoulder being substantially parallel with the outer rounded face of the other, as viewed in side elevation in Fig. 1, so that the band of the skirt may be clamped around them and the pressure or strain will not cause it to wrinkle or to slip up or down. Just below each of the shoulders 4 at the outer end of arm 1 2 is formed or secured a hip-block 5, whose upper or exterior surface gradually widens out over the end of the arm and is also gradually rounded in a downward direction, so as to conform to or fit the contour of the garment. The curved plates which constitute the hip-blocks 5 are formed with lips $5^\times$, which are riveted or otherwise secured to the under side of the arms 1 2, and these lips are bent inwardly, while the curved portions are bent outwardly, with their ends turned inwardly toward the lips, so as to form a rounding outwardly-flaring surface which will be both strong and light.

In the use of my improved hanger the waistband of the skirt is buttoned or secured at its ends, and its sides are then stretched apart by placing the shoulder 4 inside and sliding the arms 1 2 outwardly until the waistband becomes sufficiently taut to support the skirt upon the blocks 5, whereupon the arms 1 2 are locked at the proper adjustment and the hanger suspended by means which will now be described. This lock for holding the arms 1 2 consists of a clamp comprising a slide 6, passing under the overlapping ends of arms 1 2 and having a pair of standing ears 7, provided with perforations 8, in which are journaled the pivots 9 of a clamping-lever, whose lower end is provided with a shoe 10, preferably composed of flexible material and so formed with a heel-piece or shoulder 11 that when the clamping-lever is forced into an upper position, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the shoe 10 and heel 11 will press firmly against the upper one of the arms 1 2 and pull the slide 6 firmly against the lower arm, thus securing the clamping-arms together and at the same time holding an upper perforated end or extension 12 of the lever in an upright po-

sition, whereby it may serve for the engagement of a suspension-hook 13, which passes through the perforations thereof and which is provided with another hook 14, whereby it may be hung at an elevated point for holding the skirt from the floor. When it is desired to remove the skirt, it is simply necessary to unhook the extension 12 from hook 13 and force the device downwardly, disengaging the shoulders 4 from the waistband, or, if desired, the object may be accomplished by releasing the clamp, and thereby permitting the shoulders 4 to disengage the waistband. The clamp is so constructed, it will be seen, that when the heel-piece 11 passes a vertical line directly under the pivots 9 the clamping-lever will be locked against accidental displacement.

If desired, the hooks 13 14 may be provided with a separate hanger 15 for hanging a jacket or other garment at the same time. The arm 1 may be provided with graduations indicating the waistband size.

The under sides of the hip-blocks 5 being complementary in shape to the upper sides or, in other words, hollow and unobstructed, the devices may be conveniently nested in a compact form during shipment, and thus economize freight.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a device for the purpose described, the combination of a pair of relatively adjustable arms having means at their outer ends for engagement with a skirt-band or other garment, a slide embracing said arms, a pivoted clamping-lever carried by said slide and having a perforation or eye therein, and a supporting-hook engaging in said perforation or eye, substantially as set forth.

2. In a device for the purpose described, the combination of two arms having their inner ends overlapped and adjustably secured together, and their outer ends provided with upwardly-turned shoulders formed integrally therewith, and whose outer faces are rounded, said upturned ends forming shoulders or abutments for the band of a skirt; downwardly-flaring hip-supports comprising horizontally-extending lips rigidly secured to the outer ends of said arms, said hip-supports being composed of crescent-shaped plates inclined downwardly and outwardly from the ends of said arms with their extremities bent downwardly and inwardly toward the arms, the inner or under sides of said hip-supports being complementary in shape to their outer sides, so that the supports may be nested, one within the other.

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