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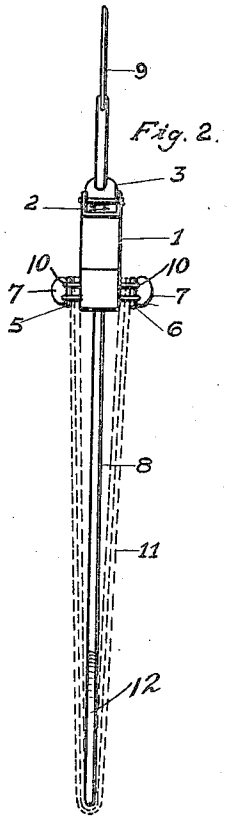

Fig. 2.

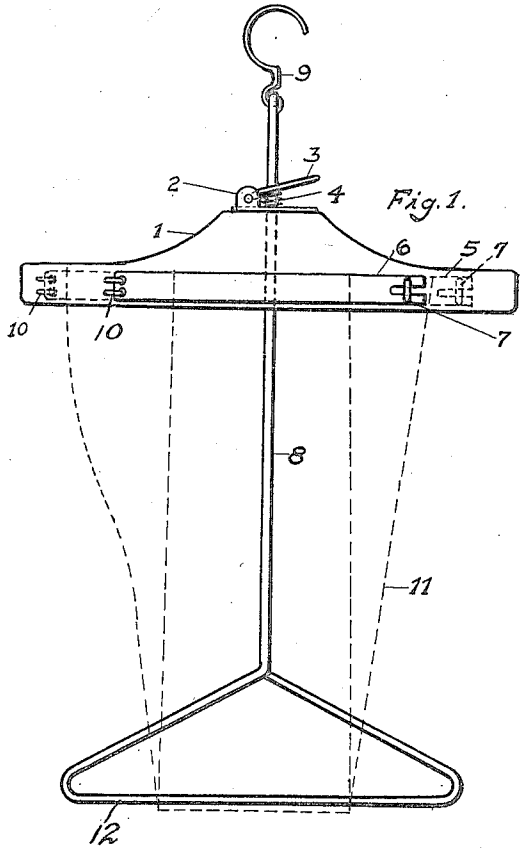

Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED H. HOERNING, a citizen of the Republic of Argentina, residing at #26 Charlevoix Street, in the city of Detroit, county of Wayne, and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a garment hanger for supporting garments with one of the garments held so that it may be stretched or maintained taut, and for this purpose the garment hanger includes means for stretching a garment connected thereto and creasing the garment just as though the same were pressed.

Another object of my invention is to provide a coat hanger and trouser stretcher by which a pair of trousers may be supported with a loop in which is arranged a stretching element adapted to crease or maintain creases of the trousers. The stretching element is such that it serves as a suspension member for the garment hanger and the supporting means of the trousers does not interfere with the supporting of a coat or similar garments by the device.

A further object of my invention is to provide a simple and durable garment hanger that may be easily and quickly adjusted to stretch or crease a pair of trousers without injury to the same, and the construction entering into the hanger will be hereinafter described and then claimed.

Reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the garment hanger showing by dotted lines a pair of trousers held by the hanger, and

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

In the drawing, the reference numeral 1 denotes a cross member having a lower straight edge and its upper edge shaped to support the shoulder portions of a coat or similar garment placed thereon. This cross head may be made of wood or any suitable material.

Hingedly or pivotally connected to opposite faces of the cross member 1, as at 10, are clamping members 6 and 5, said clamping members being preferably in the form of flat bars that may lie in parallelism with the side walls of the cross member 1. The free ends of the clamping members 5 and 6 are slotted and are adapted to be held by turn buttons 7 or similar fastening means carried by the cross member 1. The clamping member 5 is preferably of greater length than the clamping member 6 so that the waist band or top portion of a pair of trousers 11 may be clamped against the cross member 1 by the clamping member 5, and then the leg portions of the pair of trousers clamped against the opposite face of the cross member 1 by the clamping member 6, whereby the pair of trousers 11 will be supported with a looped portion at or near the knee portion of the pair of trousers. The independent clamping members 5 and 6 permit of first one portion of the pair of trousers being attached to the cross member and then the other portion, and it is obvious that either one of the clamping members may be employed for simply suspending a pair of trousers or other garments from the cross member 1.

Slidable in the cross member 1, intermediate the ends thereof, is a stretching member 8 preferably in the form of a rod having a triangular shaped head 12 at its lower end and a suspension hook 9 at its upper end. The head 12 is adapted to engage in the looped portion of the pair of trousers and by adjusting the rod 8 the pair of trousers may be stretched between the head 12 and the cross member 1. To hold the rod 8 in an adjusted position the cross member 1 has a latch 3 pivotally supported by a bearing 2 suitably secured to the cross member 1, and interposed between the latch 3 and the cross member 1 is a coiled expansion spring 4. The expansive force of said spring is adapted to hold the latch normally in engagement with the rod 8 whereby said rod cannot accidentally shift relative to the cross member. The latch 3 may be conveniently in the form of a plate having an aperture through which the rod 8 extends and said rod may also extend through the spring 4 and thus prevent accidental displacement of said spring. The tension of the spring against the latch 3 will cause said latch to bind against the rod 8, due to its angular position, but by pressing on the latch 3 and shifting it into parallelism with the upper edge of the cross member 1, the opening in said latch is placed in position to permit the rod 8 to freely shift therethrough. It is therefore possible to move the stretching member so that it will stretch trousers of various

lengths, and the position of the stretching member does not at any time interfere with removal of the trousers from the hanger.

It is thought that the operation and utility of the garment hanger will be apparent without further description, and while in the drawing there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that the structural elements are susceptible to such variations and modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:—

The combination with a garment hanger having a cross member, and trouser holding means on opposite sides of said cross member, of a trouser stretching member slidable in the cross member of said garment hanger, said stretching member comprising a rod having its lower end bent to provide a triangular shaped head with the rod at the apex of the head and the base of said triangular shaped head transverse to the axis of the rod and adapted to engage in the fold of the trouser, an apertured plate pivoted on the hanger cross member and through which plate the rod of the stretching member extends, and a spring encircling the rod of said stretching member between the hanger cross member and said plate to cause said plate to bind against the rod of said stretching member and hold it in an adjusted position.

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