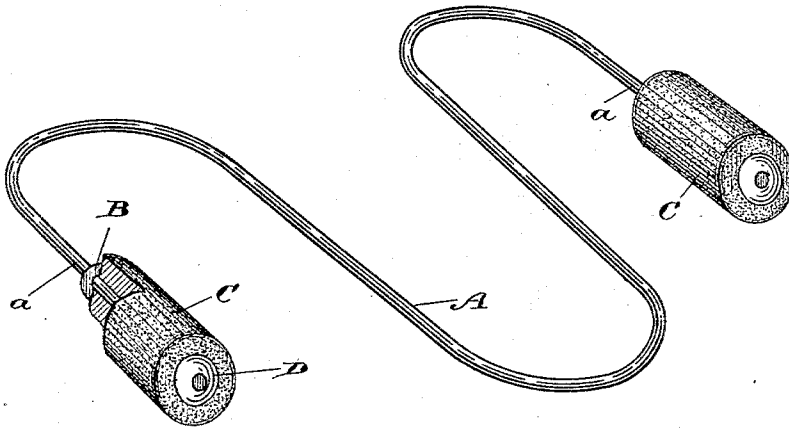


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM NOLAN, of the city of Toronto, in the county of York and Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Holders; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment-holders, whereby a garment may be kept in its original shape and prevented from bagging without interfering with the creasing or non-creasing of the same; and the object of this invention is to produce a simple and easily-operated holder which can be cheaply manufactured, and which can be inserted into position in the garment without interfering with the shape of the same, and without stretching the width at the expense of the length of the garment; and the invention consists, essentially, of a garment-holder composed of two handle-bars made of a continuous piece of spring-wire, substantially U-shaped, the end of each of the handle-bars bent back parallel with itself, a cork revolubly mounted on each of the bent ends of the handle-bars, and washers mounted on the bent ends to revolubly hold the corks in their proper positions; the whole device being hereinafter more fully set forth and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing the figure is a perspective view of the garment-holder.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts throughout the specification and drawing.

As shown in the drawing, the garment-holder comprises two handle-bars A, substantially U-shaped, made of a continuous piece of spring-wire. Each end *a* of each of the handle-bars A is bent back parallel with itself. Rigidly fitted to each end of the outer arms *a* of the garment-holder is a washer B. Each of the washers B is equidistant from the end of its respective arm *a*, and fitted on each of the arms *a*, between the washer and the end, is a cylindrical-shaped head C, of cork, wood,

rubber, or other material. To retain each of the heads C on its respective arm *a*, the end of each of the said arms is fitted with a second washer D. As the wire is preferably round, it might here be stated that owing to the washers B and D each of the heads C can revolve freely in either direction on its respective arm *a*.

As the holders are made of spring metal it is possible to compress or expand the width of the body *b* of the garment-holder, in order that the holder may be adjusted to fit the garment before it is inserted into the same, and it might here be stated that the holder is so adjusted that it merely fits the garment without stretching it, in order that the garment will be held in such a position that its own weight will return it to its natural shape when suspended.

Before packing a garment away it is possible to insert the garment-holder into position in it, then fold it and place it in a trunk or valise, or other receptacle for transportation purposes, without removing the holder, and after it has reached its destination it can be removed and suspended from a nail or other suspensory medium without allowing the garment to come into contact with the wall or such suspensory medium.

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

A garment-holder comprised of two handle-bars made of a continuous piece of spring-wire substantially U-shaped the end of each of the handle-bars bent back parallel with itself, a cork revolubly mounted on each of the bent ends of the handle-bars, and washers mounted on the bent ends to revolubly hold the corks in their proper positions, substantially as described.

Toronto, September 2, A. D. 1895.

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