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CAP HANGER

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Fig. 1

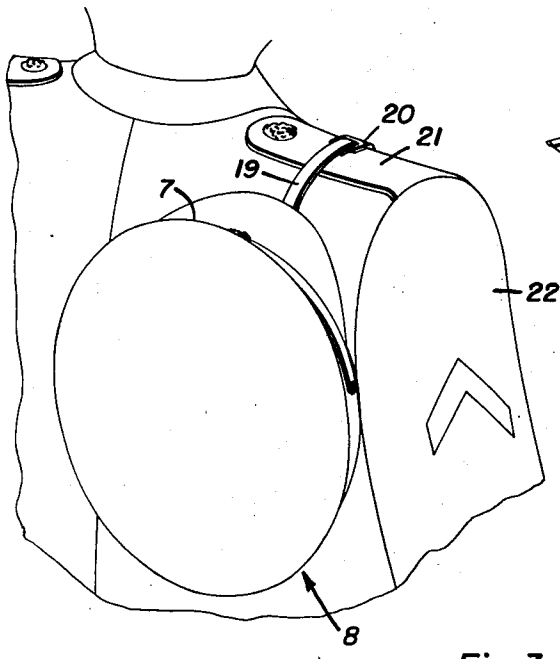


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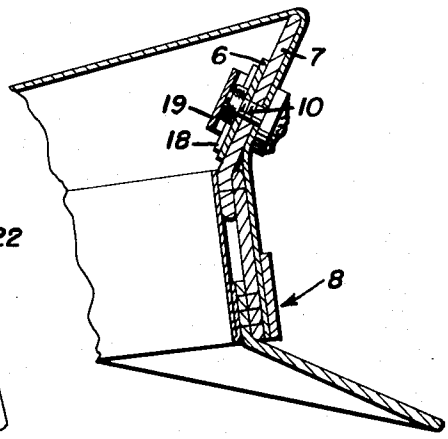


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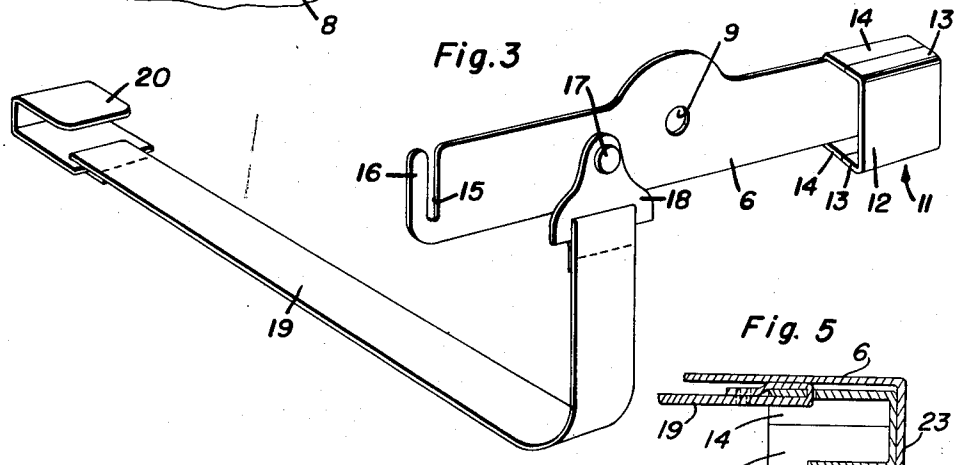
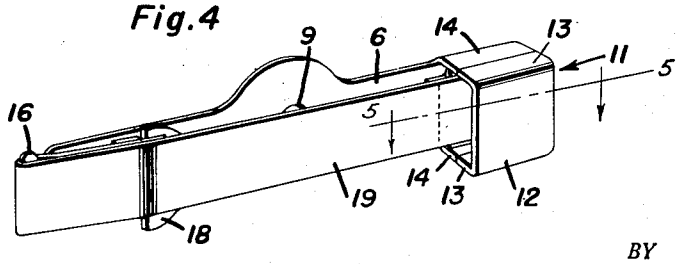


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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in hangers particularly for caps of the military or uniform type and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character comprising a novel construction and arrangement whereby such caps may be expeditiously suspended in an out of the way position from a shoulder strap or collar thereby leaving both hands free and unencumbered.

Another very important object of this invention is to provide a hanger of the aforementioned character which may be expeditiously attached to a conventional cap without the necessity of making structural alterations therein.

Still another very important object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character described which, when not in use, will be completely concealed in the cap and which, further, will detract in no way from the appearance of said cap when being worn.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a cap hanger of the character set forth which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, compact, light in weight and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing a hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention in use.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view through the front portion of a cap with a hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention mounted therein.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the device.

Figure 4 is a perspective view, showing the suspension strap folded as when the device is not in use.

Figure 5 is a longitudinal sectional view through one end portion of the device, taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a resilient bar 6 of metal, plastic or other suitable material. The bar 6 is adapted to be mounted circumferentially in the upper front portion 7 of a conventional military or uniform cap 8. Toward this end, the bar 6 has formed therein at an intermediate point an opening 9 which accommodates the usual front emblem bolt 10 of the cap 8.

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On one end, the bar 6 is formed to provide an integral socket 11. The socket 11 comprises a laterally bent portion 23 terminating in a reversely bent end portion 12 which parallels the bar 6 in spaced opposed relation thereto and which is provided with inturned side flanges 13. The longitudinal edges of the flanges 13 abut the corresponding edges of flanges 14 which project from the lonigtudinal edges of the adjacent portion of the bar 6.

Extending into the other end portion of the bar 6 from one of the longitudinal edges thereof is a slot 15 defining a transverse finger or member 16, the purpose of which will be presently set forth.

Pivotally mounted at 17 on an intermediate portion of the bar 6 is a slotted plate 18. A suspension strap 19 of plastic or other suitable material has one end secured to the plate 18. Mounted on the free end of the strap 19 is a substantially U-shaped resilient clip 20.

It is thought that the manner in which the device is used will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly, the clip 20 is engaged with the usual shoulder strap 21 of the garment 22 for suspending the cap 8 from said shoulder strap in the manner shown in Figure 1 of the drawing. If desired, the cap may be suspended in front of the wearer. Still further, the clip 20 may, if desired, be engaged with the collar for suspending the cap therefrom. When the device is not in use the strap 19 is engaged in the slot 15, wrapped around the finger 16 and brought back over the bar 6 and the resilient clip 20 is inserted under tension in the socket 11 where it is frictionally retained. When the strap 19 is thus folded and secured the device will be completely concealed in the upper front portion 7 of the cap 8.

It is believed that the many advantages of a cap hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A cap hanger of the character described comprising a resilient bar including means at an intermediate point for securing said bar in the front portion of a cap, a plate pivotally mounted

on the bar on one side of the securing means, a suspension strap having one end connected to said plate, a resilient attaching clip on the other end of the strap, and a socket integral with the bar on the other side of the securing means for the reception of the clip when the strap is not in use, said socket including a laterally bent portion terminating in a reversely bent end portion of the bar extending in spaced, opposed relation thereto, inturned side flanges on said reversely bent end portion, and flanges on the longitudinal edges of the bar abutting the first named flanges.

2. A cap hanger comprising a bar for mounting in the front portion of a cap, a socket on one end of the bar, a finger on the other end of said bar, a suspension strap connected to an intermediate portion of the bar, and an attaching clip on one end of said suspension strap, said strap being foldable around the finger and said clip being engageable in the socket when said strap is not in use.

3. A cap hanger comprising a resilient bar including means at an intermediate point for

securing said bar circumferentially in the front portion of a cap, said bar having a slot extending into one end portion thereof defining a transverse finger at the end of said bar, a socket integral with the other end of the bar, a suspension strap connected to the bar at an intermediate point between the securing means and the finger, and an attaching clip on the free end of the suspension strap, said suspension strap, when not in use, being engageable in the slot and foldable around the finger and said clip being engageable in the socket for retention thereby.

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