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COAT HANGER FOR CHAIRS

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Fig. 1.

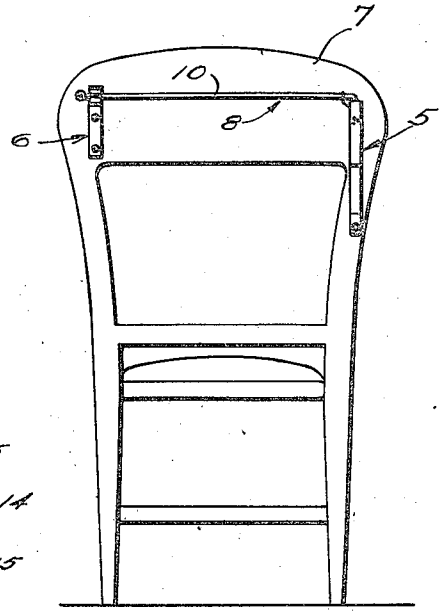


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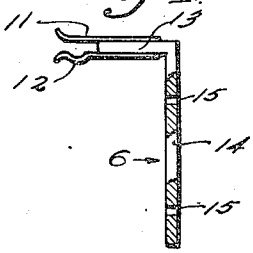


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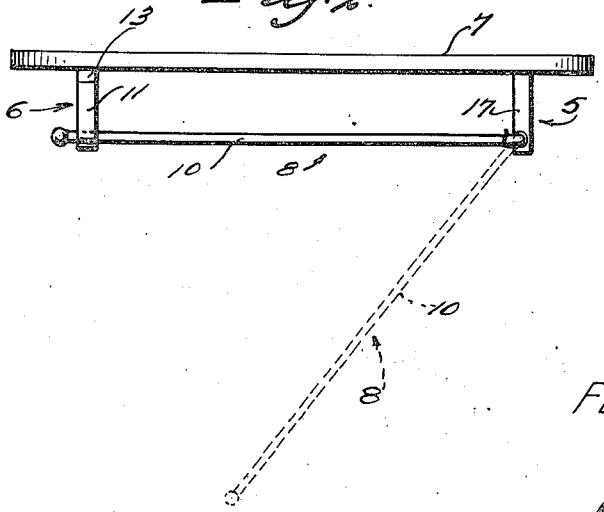
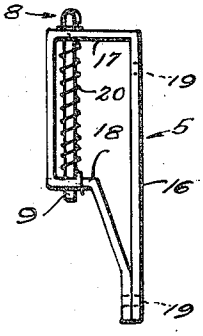


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This invention relates to a novel coat hanger particularly designed for application to the backs of chairs used in public places, whereby the occupant of a chair may neatly hang his coat in a safe and convenient location.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a coat hanger of the above kind which is extremely simple and durable in construction, convenient and easy to use, economical to manufacture, and easy to install.

The present invention contemplates a coat hanger of the above kind including two brackets adapted to be respectively secured to opposite sides of the upper portion of a chair back at the rear of the latter, and a horizontally swinging hanger rod having a vertical end portion journaled in one of the brackets and a horizontal portion on which the coat is adapted to be placed, the other bracket carrying a rearwardly projecting clasp arranged to receive and grip the free end of the horizontal portion of the hanger rod to hold the latter in position adjacent the chair back. A spring is preferably employed to normally yieldingly swing the hanger rod to the position adjacent the chair back, and the hanger rod may be readily manually disengaged from the clasp and swung rearwardly away from the chair back to facilitate application or removal of the coat relative to the horizontal portion of the hanger rod.

The present invention consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing, wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a rear elevational view of a chair having the back thereof equipped with a coat hanger in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged top plan view thereof.

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the coat hanger per se as seen looking toward the left of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a view partly in side elevation and partly broken away and in section, of the clasp-carrying bracket forming part of the device shown in Figure 1.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the present coat hanger includes two brackets 5 and 6 adapted to be secured to opposite sides of the upper portion of the back 7 of a chair, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, and a horizontally swinging hanger rod 8 having a vertical portion 9 journaled in the bracket 5 and a horizontal portion

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10 adapted to swing toward or away from the chair back, as indicated in Figure 2. The bracket 6 carries a clasp consisting of a pair of jaws 11 and 12 which project rearwardly from and are attached to an upper horizontal rearwardly projecting arm 13 provided at the top of the bracket 6. The clasp 11, 12 is disposed to receive and grip the free end portion of the horizontal portion 10 of the hanger rod 8 when the latter is swung forwardly to a position adjacent and parallel with the chair back 7, as shown by full lines in Figure 2. The bracket 6 preferably consists of an angle member having a vertical portion 14 which is apertured, as at 15, to receive securing screws or the like whereby the bracket is attached to the chair back, as shown in Figure 1.

Bracket 5 preferably consists of a single strip of metal which is return bent to include a vertical portion 16 which is of straight form to flatly engage the chair back, and an open rectangular loop at the upper portion of the bracket which affords spaced horizontal portions 17 and 18 having vertically aligned apertures in which the vertical portion 9 of the hanger rod is journaled. The ends of the strips are brought together at the bottom of the bracket, and suitable apertures are provided, as at 19, to receive securing screws or the like, whereby the bracket 5 is fixed to the chair back 7.

It is preferred to provide means to yieldingly swing the hanger rod 8 forwardly to a normal position adjacent and parallel with the chair back and with the horizontal portion 10 of the hanger rod engaged with the clasp 11, 12. For this purpose, a torsion spring 20 surrounds the vertical portion 9 of the hanger rod between the bracket portions 17 and 18, one end of the spring being engaged with the portion 10 of the hanger rod and the other end being engaged with the lower horizontal portion 18 of bracket 5.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that the hanger rod normally assumes the operative position of Figures 1 and 2, but may be readily disengaged from the clasp 11, 12 and swung rearwardly to the dotted line position of Figure 2 for convenient placing of a coat upon or removal of the same from the horizontal portion 10 of the hanger rod. In use, the coat is folded over the horizontal portion 10 of the hanger rod and the spring 20 then assists in swinging the hanger rod forwardly to the full line position of Figure 1. When this occurs, the hanger rod is gripped by the clasp 11, 12, and the coat is effectively hung in a safe and convenient position near the occupant of the chair

equipped with the hanger. It will be apparent that the device is comparatively simple in construction, durable, easy to use and install, efficient in use, and economical to manufacture.

What I claim as new is:

1. In a coat hanger for chairs, wherein a horizontally swingable hanger rod is mounted at one end on and adjacent one side of the chair back, means engageable with the other end of the hanger rod for releasably retaining said rod in forwardly swung position adjacent and parallel with the chair back, said means comprising an angle member having a vertical portion fixed to and adjacent the other side of the chair back and a horizontal portion extending rearwardly from the upper end of said vertical portion, and resilient upper and lower jaws respectively secured to the upper and lower faces of said horizontal portion and projecting rearwardly thereof to receive the hanger rod therebetween, the lower jaw having a seat for said rod.

2. In a coat hanger for chairs, a bracket fixed to the chair back adjacent one side thereof, said bracket comprising a single strip of metal bent to provide a vertical rectangular loop and end portions depending from the loop and secured together, a vertical member of said loop and one of said end portions forming a straight part flatly secured against the chair back, the horizontal

members of said loop having vertically aligned apertures, a horizontally swingable hanger rod having a depending vertical end portion journalled in said apertures, and a torsion spring coiled around said vertical end portion of the hanger rod between said horizontal members and having its opposite ends respectively engaging said bracket and said hanger rod to yieldingly swing the latter toward and adjacent the chair back.

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