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FIG. 1

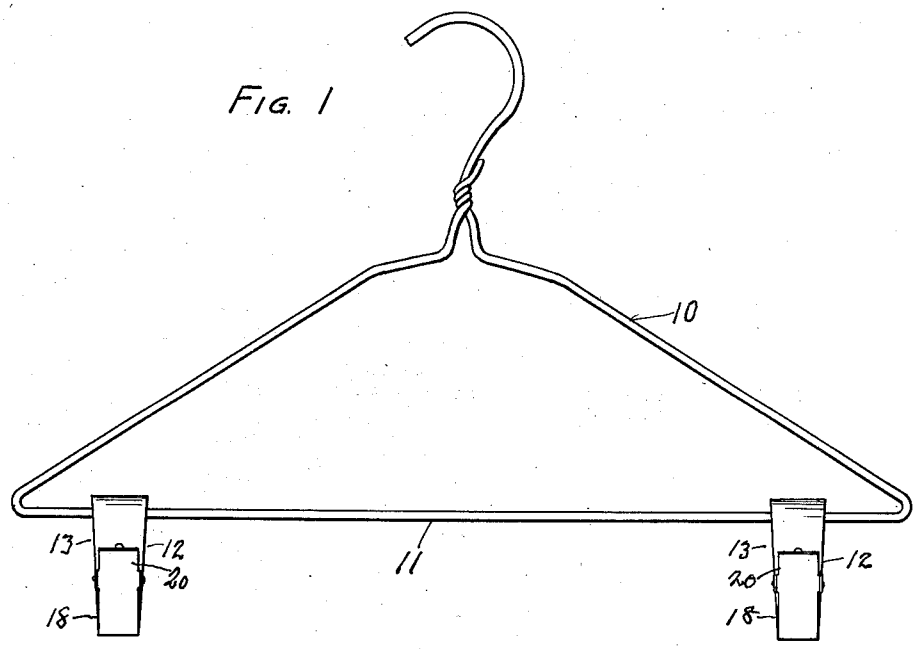


FIG. 2

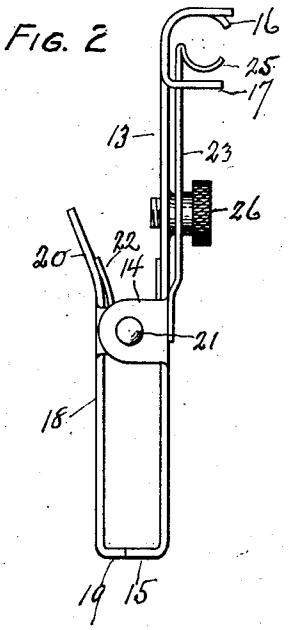


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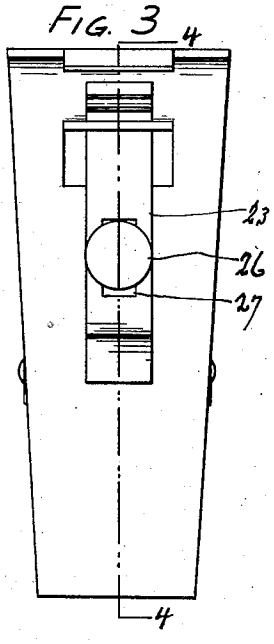
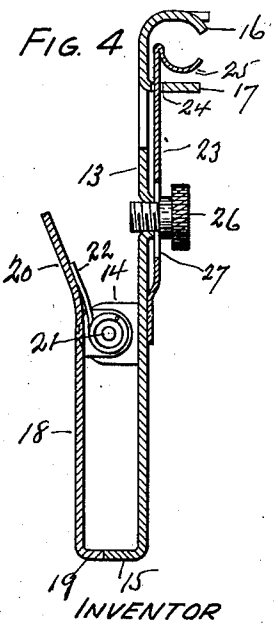


FIG. 4



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1 Claim. (Cl. 223—91)

My invention relates to an improvement in garment hangers and particularly to clips to be attached thereto. In the use of garment hangers, it is often desired to suspend a garment from the lower-bar of the hanger instead of folding a garment over the lower-bar. For this purpose various devices have been employed for attachment to garments to be suspended. If such devices are employed, it is desirable that they should be capable of being securely connected with the bottom-bar of a hanger.

One object of my invention is to provide a clip with means whereby said clip may be securely attached to the lower-bar of a garment hanger.

Another object of my invention is to provide means for rigidly securing clips to garment hangers.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear to those skilled in the art from the present disclosure, this invention includes all features in the said disclosure which are novel over the prior art.

In the accompanying drawing, in which certain modes of carrying out the present invention are shown for illustrative purposes:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a garment hanger embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a side view of one of the clips, detached;

Fig. 3 is a rear view of one of the said clips; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

In carrying out my invention, I employ a garment hanger 10 formed from wire in the usual manner and having the usual lower-bar 11.

Mounted on the said bar 11 are one or more clips 12. Each clip comprises a front-plate 13 formed from metal or other suitable material, and having lugs 14 extending forwardly. The lower-end of the plate is turned forwardly to form a jaw 15. The upper-end is rolled backward to form an upper-finger 16, and below the finger 16 is a lower-finger 17 struck rearwardly from the plate.

Pivotally connected with the lugs 14 is a lever 18 having a jaw 19 at its lower-end to coact with the jaw 15 and a finger-piece 20. Mounted on the pivot-pin 21, which connects the lever 18 with the plate 13, is a helical spring 22, one end of which bears on the face of the plate and the other end of which bears on the finger-piece 20, the tendency of the spring being to force the jaw 19 toward the jaw 15, in the usual manner of spring-clips.

Secured to the back of the plate is a vertically-movable slide 23, the upper-end of which extends upward through a slot 24 in the lower-finger 17, the said slide 23 having a head 25 which is curved so as to engage with the lower surface of the lower-bar 11 of the hanger. The slide may be secured to the plate in any desired manner which permits of adjustment. As shown, this is accomplished by means of a knurled-head screw 26 extending through a slot 27 in the slide into engagement with the plate 13.

To apply a clip to a hanger, the slide will be moved downward to permit the fingers 16 and 17 to pass over the bar 11. The slide is then moved upward to prevent the removal of the clip from the bar of the hanger upon which it may be moved sidewise or, if desired, the slide may be forced upward and secured so that the head with the upper finger, will grip the bar 11 and hold the clip firmly at any desired point.

This construction of clips permits them to be adjusted on a garment and then to be attached to the hanger, or the clips may be attached to the hanger where they may be fixed at the desired place before the garment is engaged with the clips.

The invention may be carried out in other specific ways than those herein set forth without departing from the spirit and essential characteristics of the invention, and the present embodiments are, therefore, to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, and all changes coming within the meaning and equivalency range of the appended claim are intended to be embraced therein.

I claim:

The combination with a garment hanger having a lower bar, of a clip comprising a plate formed with a finger at its upper end adapted to set over and be supported by said bar, said plate also formed with a jaw at its lower end; a lever pivotally connected to the said plate and formed at its lower end with a jaw adapted to coact with the jaw on the said plate, and a vertically-movable slide adapted to be clamped to said plate and formed at its upper end with a head adapted to engage with the underside of said bar below said finger, whereby the clip may be adjustably connected with said bar.

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