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GARMENT HANGER

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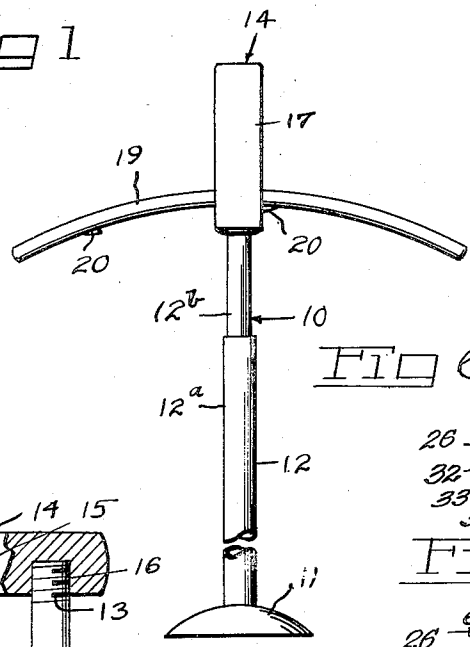


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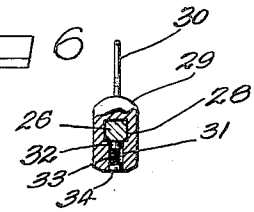


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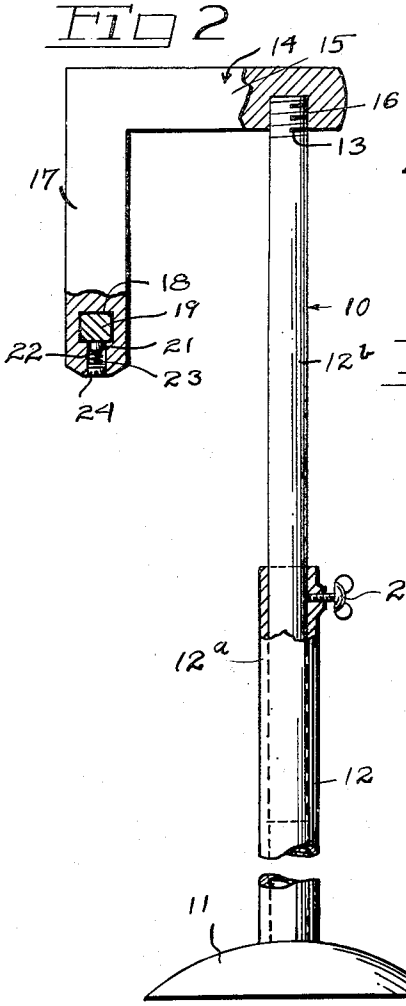


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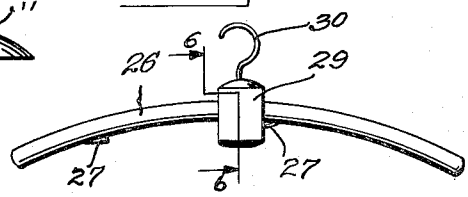
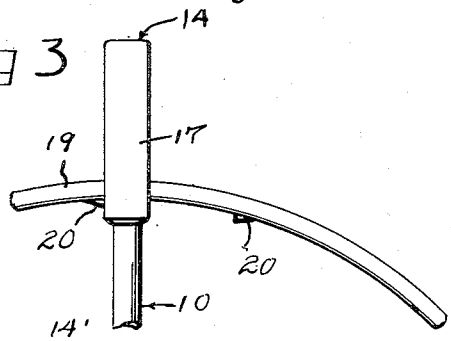


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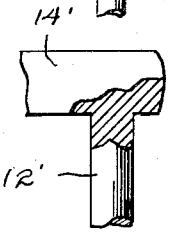


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This invention relates to garment hangers and more particularly to an adjustable garment hanger for display purposes.

An object of this invention is to provide a garment hanger of an adjustable construction whereby garments of different types may be supported therefrom, the hanger being so constructed as to be capable of being inserted in the garment without requiring the unbuttoning or loosening of portions of the garment in order to mount the hanger within the garment.

Another object of this invention is to provide an adjustable hanger or support in combination with a standard which is constructed for the purpose of supporting a garment for display purposes in a show window so as to facilitate the mounting of the garment on the hanger without undue time being taken in loosening of portions of the garment for the purpose of mounting the hanger therein.

A further object of this invention is to provide a device of this character which is so constructed that the hanger portion of the device may be adjusted to any desired position relative to the support or standard so that a garment may be supported from the device irrespective of the size of the garment.

The above and various other objects and advantages of this invention will in part be described and in part be understood from the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein—

Figure 1 is a detail front elevation of a device constructed according to the preferred embodiment of this invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged side elevation partly broken away and in section;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary front elevation of the hanger;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary side elevation of a modified form of standard used for supporting the hanger;

Figure 5 is a view in side elevation illustrating a further embodiment of the invention; and

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 5.

Referring to the drawing wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the views, the numeral 10 designates generally a standard including a base 11 and a spindle or upright member 12 which is secured to the base 11. The standard member 12 is preferably round in transverse section

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and is provided at the upper end thereof with a threaded portion 13.

An L-shaped hanger supporting member 14 having the upper or horizontal leg portion 15 provided with a threaded opening 16 engages the upper end of the standard 10 being threaded onto the threaded end portion 13 with the vertical leg 17 extending forwardly of the standard member 12 and in substantially parallel relation thereto. The vertical member or arm 17 is provided adjacent the lower end portion thereof with a transversely disposed recess or opening 18 within which a curved garment hanger or bar 19 engages. This member 19 is provided at spaced points of the under side thereof with a pair of stop lugs 20, there being one lug on each side of the depending arm 17 so that the movement in either direction of the hanger 19 is limited between the spaces of the two lugs 20.

The garment hanger is yieldably and frictionally held in its adjusted position relative to the arm 17 by means of a fiber member 21 disposed in an opening 22 in the lower portion of the arm 17. This fiber member 21 frictionally engages against the under surface of the hanger 19 and is maintained in contact with the under surface of the hanger member 19 by means of a spring 23 which is tensioned by means of a tensioning screw 24.

The standard member 12 is preferably adjustable in a vertical direction being constructed on two members 12*a* and 12*b* which telescope one another, and the upper member 12*b* preferably slides interiorly of the lower member 12*a* and is held in vertically adjusted position by means of a set screw 25.

In the use and operation of this hanger structure the hanger member 19 may initially be swung to one side with the stop member 20 which is closer to the end of member 19 engaging against the depending arm 17 as shown in Figure 3. In this position the longer portion of the hanger 19 or that portion extending beyond the arm 17 may be inserted in the neck opening of the garment and projected into one of the sleeves of the garment. The shorter end of the hanger 19 may then be inserted into the neck opening of the garment and when this has been done the hanger may be moved laterally of the arm 17 so that the hanger 19 will be supported from the arm 17 at substantially the central portion of the hanger 19. The frictional member 21 will hold the hanger 19 in any adjusted position between the stops 20 and the stops 20 will prevent the hanger 19 from sliding out of the opening 18

when it is moved in a selected direction relative to the arm 17.

As shown in Figure 4, the standard disclosed in Figures 1, 2 and 3 may be modified by making the L-shaped hanger supporting member 14' integral with the standard 12'. This may be done by either welding the post 12' to the horizontal portion of the L-shaped member 14' or casting the two parts together. The balance of the structure used with the modified form of the standard shown in Figure 4 is similar to that shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3.

In the embodiment of the invention as illustrated in Figures 5 and 6, the hanger member 26 is provided with the stop members 27 as in the first form of the invention and the member 26 is insertible through an opening 28 disposed through a head or block 29 of desired dimensions and configuration. This head or block 29 carries a hook member 30 whereby the same may be readily suspended in the same fashion as the conventional garment hanger.

The head or block 29 is provided with an opening 31 substantially at right angles to the opening 28 and in communication therewith and in said opening 31 is freely positioned a member 32 of fiber or other preferred material which has a frictional engagement against a surface of the hanger member 26 and is maintained in such contact under the action of an expansible spring 33 which is tensioned in a well known manner by the screw 34.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a garment hanger constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated.

I claim:

A garment hanger of the character stated, comprising a body member having an opening formed transversely therethrough, means for suspending said body member, a single arcuate bar disposed through said opening for sliding movement transversely of the member, a pair of stops fixed to said arcuate bar in spaced relation and adapted to engage the adjacent sides of the member to limit the movement of the arcuate bar through the member opening, one of said stops being disposed adjacent to the center of the bar and the other stop being disposed adjacent to one end of the bar whereby when the said one stop is in contact with the member, the member will be substantially midway between the ends of the bar and a spring pressed friction element housed in the member and extensible into said opening for frictional contact with the arcuate bar to maintain the latter in a predetermined position of adjustment.

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