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Fig. 1.

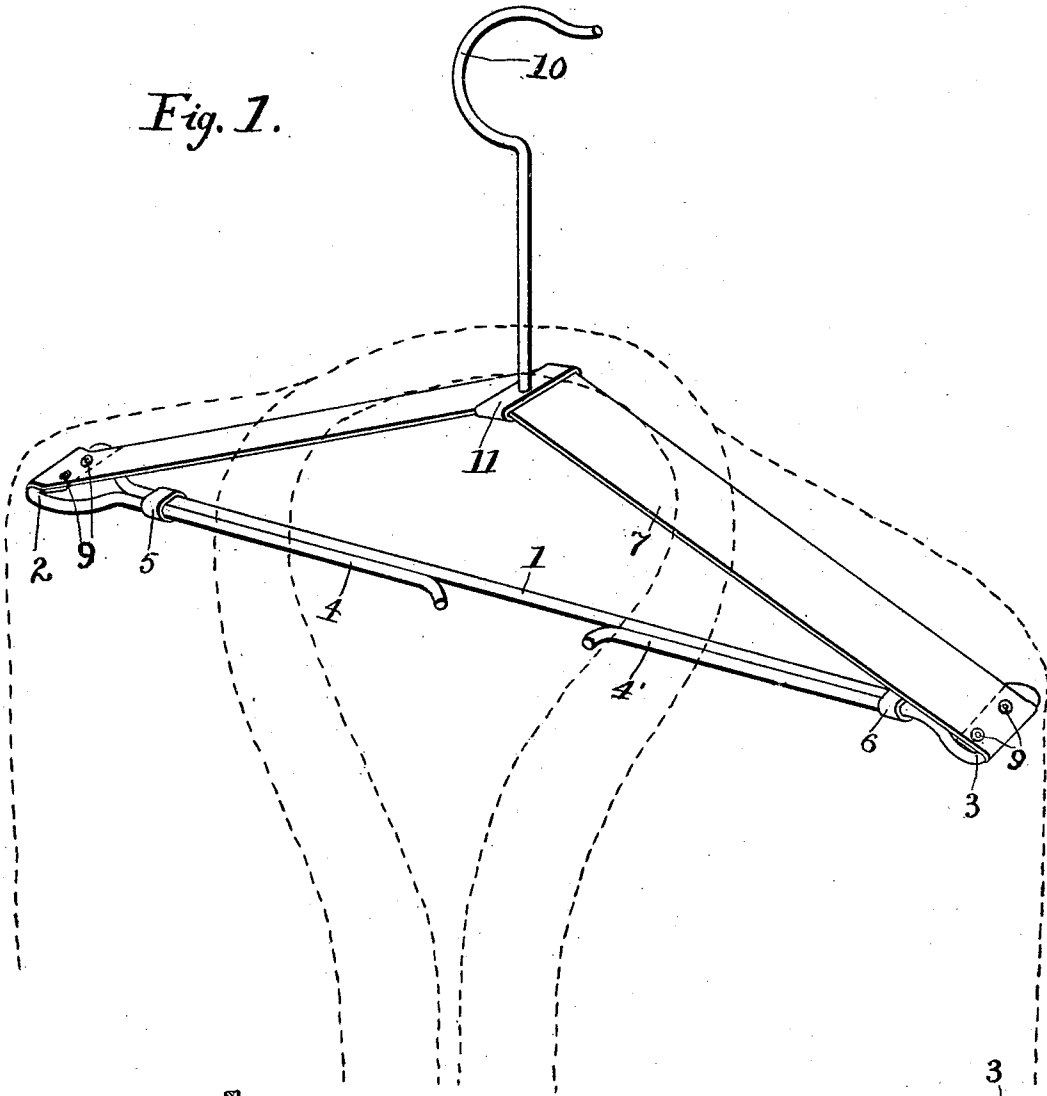


Fig. 2.

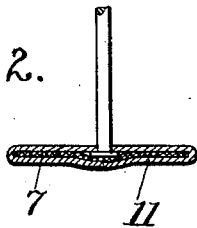
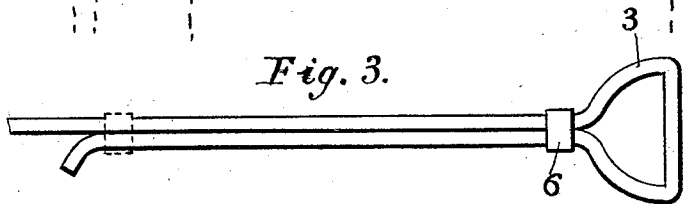


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARVEY L. HEALD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Granville Center, in the county of Bradford and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and simple form of garment hangers for use in supporting wearing apparel, like coats, trousers, skirts, vests, etc., in a manner whereby they remain smooth and preserve their shape.

The object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character described by simple construction in which the arrangement is such as to enable the hanger to be folded so as to occupy but a small space for packing in a suit case or trunk and which can be readily extended when desired for use, said arrangement including a swivel hook support by which the hanger can be supported. Furthermore, the object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger having gripping members toward each other and which are normally distended or separated under a slight spring tension.

Finally the object of the invention is to produce a garment hanger of the character described which will possess advantages in points of simplicity, utility, strength and durability, and proving at the same time comparatively inexpensive of manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangements and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully set forth and described and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views and in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of my invention with a suspended coat appearing in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a sectional view showing the means for securing the hook support to the strap. Fig. 3, is a plan view of one of the arms showing the clamping ring.

In the drawings 1 indicates the horizontal bar which comprises a single strand of wire which I have shown to be round, but I do not wish to limit myself to the use of round wire as wire of flat or oval section or flat strip or sheet metal may be used. The bar 1

is bent to form transverse portions 2 and 3 at each end and terminates in parallel arms 4 and 4' extending parallel with the bar 1. The ends of the arms are made rounding in order that any piece of apparel which may be desired to be supported thereon may be inserted therein very readily and easily.

Clamping rings 5 and 6 are secured over the bar 1 and the parallel arms to hold said arms in position with the bar 1 and at the same time provide a variable tension for the same, which tension is secured by moving the clamping rings to various positions upon the arms and bar, and which by this means may be varied to meet the requirements of thick or thin materials held between said arms and bar.

Attached to its opposite ends and to the transverse portions 2 and 3, I secure a strap 7 made of leather, web, cloth, or other pliable and suitable material by means of eyelets 9, but said strap may be secured by sewing or other suitable means. In the center of strap 7, I provide a plate 11, through a hole in the center of which plate is inserted hook 10 which by means of a head is held in connection with plate 11 and which connection provides a swivel bearing and permits the hook to turn freely in the plate. The plate 11 is bent to incase strap 7 and provides sufficient offset for the collar of a coat supported on the hanger. When the hanger is not suspended or in use the strap 7 may be laid upon bar 1 and parallel arms 3 and 4 and for convenience in packing hook 10 may be given a slight turn and laid horizontally upon said strap and parallel bar 1 and parallel arms 4 and 4'.

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

1. A garment hanger comprising a single wire having a horizontal portion bent to form transverse ends terminating in gripping arms extending toward each other and held in a plane with the horizontal portion by means of clamping rings, and a fabric or leather strap connected at each end to a wire and provided in the center with a swiveled hook as and for the purpose described.

2. In a garment hanger of the character described, a wire bent to form transverse portions at each end and terminating in parallel gripping arms, said arms having rounded ends; a fabric or leather strap con-

5 nected at each end to the transverse portions of the wire by eyelets, a plate bent approximately the contour of the said strap and a swiveled hook having its free end secured in the plate and clamping rings movably secured on the gripping arms and wire.

10 3. In a garment hanger, the combination of a horizontal wire having transverse portions and terminating in gripping arms doubled normally toward each other and parallel with the horizontal part of the wire and clamping rings movably secured on the

horizontal wire and gripping arms, a fabric or leather strap having each end connected to the transverse portions of the wire and a plate approximately the contour of the said strap and a hook support swiveled to the plate substantially as described. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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