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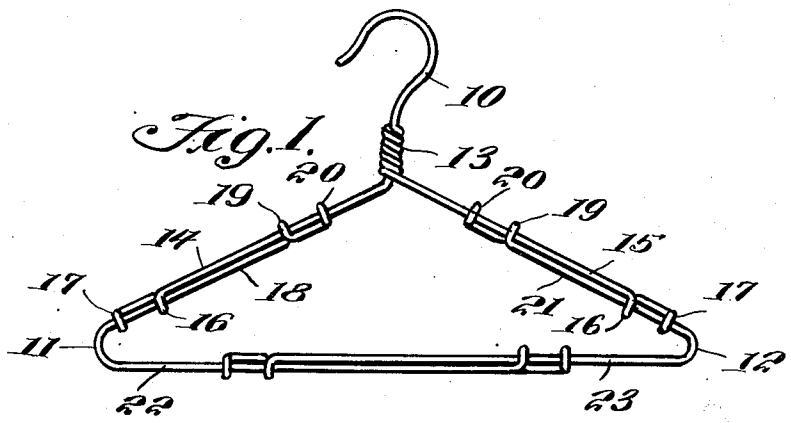


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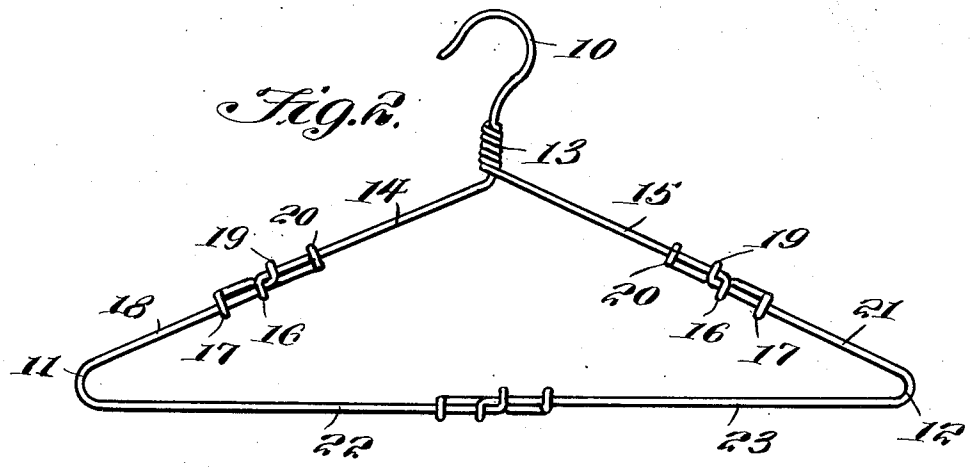


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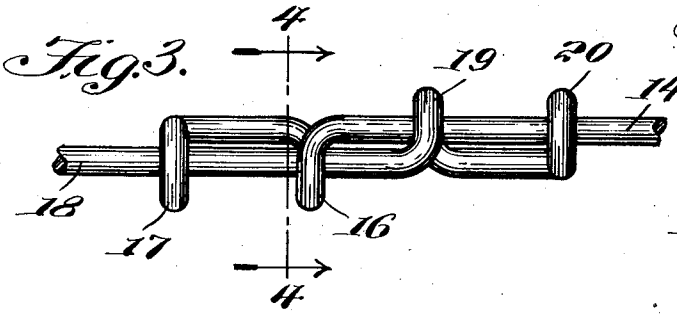
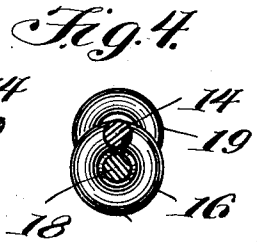


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to garment hangers of the adjustable type and particularly to hangers formed of wire, and in particular the invention relates to a garment hanger formed of wire sections with loops formed on the ends of the sections providing slidable holding means frictionally holding the sections together.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a clothing or garment hanger that may readily be adjusted to garments of different sizes.

Various methods have been employed for adjusting the size of garment hangers and some have been formed of telescoping tubes which provide adjusting means, but to be accepted for universal use particularly where hangers are supplied without charge as in cleaning and pressing establishments, the hangers must be inexpensive and any attempt to provide adjustments that increase the cost of manufacture is objectionable. With this thought in mind this invention contemplates a wire garment hanger which is formed in sections with the ends of the sections formed to provide loops by which the sections are adjustably held together.

The object of this invention is, therefore, to provide means for forming wire sections of a garment hanger whereby the sections may be slidably secured together to provide means for adjusting the size of the hanger.

Another object of the invention is to provide means for slidably connecting ends of wire sections of a garment hanger whereby the sections are frictionally held in different positions.

A further object of the invention is to provide an adjustable garment hanger which is of a simple and economical construction.

With these and other objects and advantages in view the invention consists of the new and novel combination, construction, and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more fully described, set forth in the claim appended hereto, and disclosed in the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view showing a front elevation of the wire garment hanger showing the sections slid together to form a small hanger.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the sections extended to form a hanger of a larger size.

Figure 3 is a detail showing the loops at the ends of two sections by which the sections are slidably held together, with parts of the sections of the hanger broken away.

Figure 4 is a cross section through the ends of the wires taken on line 4—4 of Figure 3 showing the loops.

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Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts the adjustable garment hanger of this invention is formed with a hook section 10 and V-shaped end sections 11 and 12.

The hook section 10 is formed of a single strand of wire bent substantially midway of its length and shaped to form the hook with the strands twisted to provide a shank 13, and with the ends extending outwardly to provide arms 14 and 15. The ends of the arms are rolled to form eyes or loops which slidably hold the end sections to the hook section as illustrated in Figure 3, wherein the arm or wire 14 is first rolled to form a loop 16 which is spaced from the end and then the end is rolled to form the loop 17.

The upwardly extending arm 18 of the end section 11, which is parallel to the arm 14 is also shaped to form a loop 19 spaced from the end and the end is provided with a loop 20. By this combination of separated loops the arms are held parallel and the end sections may readily slide on the arms of the hook section. The upwardly extending arm 21 of the end section 12 is provided with similar spaced loops by which it is slidably held on the arm 15 of the hook section, and the arm 15 is also provided with similar loops.

The base elements 22 and 23 of the end sections are also provided with spaced loops by which they are slidably connected, and with the parts constructed in this manner the end sections may readily be adjusted to form a small hanger, as shown in Figure 1, or to provide a relatively large hanger as illustrated in Figure 2, as may be desired.

It will be understood that modifications may be made in the design and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

A garment hanger comprising a wire hook with outwardly and downwardly sloping wire arms, said arms of the hook having loops on the ends and intermediate loops spaced from the ends, and wire end sections with slidably connected horizontally disposed base elements and upwardly and inwardly sloping arms, said end sections having loops on the ends of the base elements and also on the ends of the arms thereof and also having intermediate loops spaced from the ends of the base elements and also from the ends of the arms thereof, and said end sections slidably mounted on the outwardly and downwardly sloping arms of the wire hook with the

arms of the end sections extended through the end and intermediate loops of the arms of the hook and with the end and intermediate loops of the arms of the end members slidably mounted on the arms of the hook, and the said base members of the end sections slidably connected with the end and intermediate loops of each of said base members positioned around the corresponding base member of the other of said end sections.

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