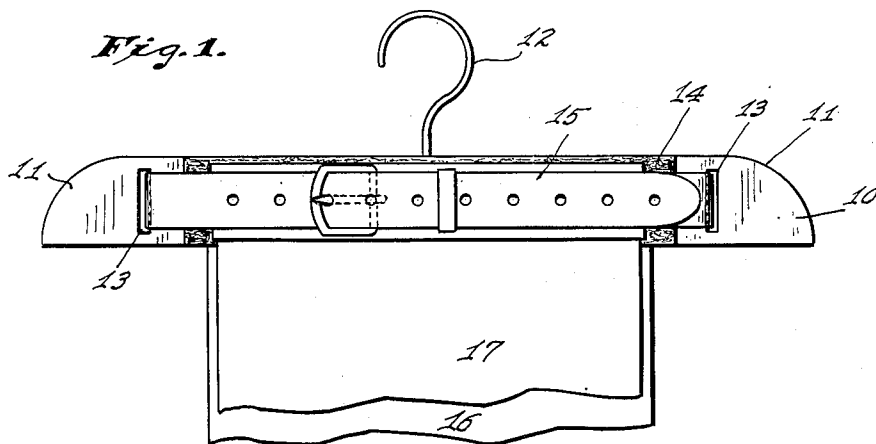
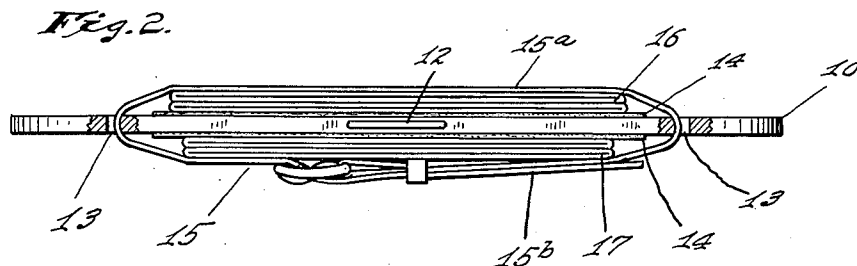
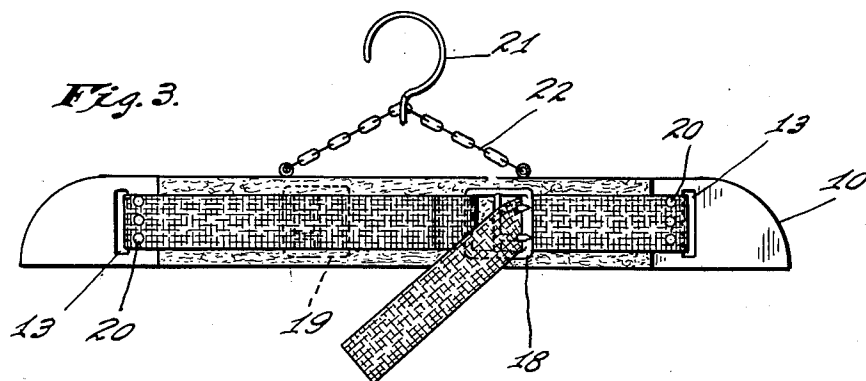


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This invention relates to a light and simple clothes hanger.

It is the object of my invention to provide a simple clothes hanger which may be readily packed in a traveling bag and occupy little space therein, which will be suitable to hang a man's suit and to support the trousers thereof by the bottoms of the trouser legs, and in which such trouser bottoms may be stretched to obtain a pressing thereof.

In accordance with my invention, the main body of the hanger is in the form of a bar of a length suitable to support the coat of a man's suit by the shoulders thereof, and such bar is provided at its mid point with suitable means for supporting it in a horizontal position. The bar is shaped to present side-faces of considerable vertical width, which faces are desirably padded. Openings through the bar adjacent the ends thereof provide support for a strap extending longitudinally of the bar over the pads. The bar is substantially rigid and incompressible between the openings, so that the strap may be tightened to hold and support a garment against the pad on one or both side faces of the bar. The strap may be secured to the bar, or may be freely removable therefrom, in which latter case the hanger is adapted to be used with the belt of a garment, i. e. trousers, and to hang such garment by combining its normal belt with the hanger.

The accompanying drawing illustrates my invention. In such drawing, Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a hanger embodying my invention in which the strap is removable from the hanger; Fig. 2 is a plan of the hanger shown in Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a modified form of hanger in which the strap is permanently secured to the hanger.

In the hanger shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the main body of the hanger is in the form of a bar 10 of a length suitable to support a man's coat. The bar is straight longitudinally, and is generally rectangular in cross section, and wider than thick, so that it presents front and back faces of considerable vertical width. Desirably the upper outer corners of the bar 10 are cut away to form curved shoulders 11. The bar 10 is adapted to be supported in horizontal position by a hook 12 secured thereto at its midpoint. Near each end of the bar 10 there is a slot 13 opening through the two side faces of the bar 10, and each side face of the bar between such slots 13 carries a pad 14. Each slot 13 is shaped to provide a vertical inner edge disposed transverse with

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respect to each side face of the bar. The slots 13 are thus adapted to receive a strap 15 passed through the two slots 13 and stretched over the pads 14 on the side faces of the bar 10. The bar 10 between the slots 13 acts as a strut about which the strap 15 may be tightened. By such tightening, the stretches of the strap are drawn against the pads 14, to grip and hold between each stretch and its underlying pad 14 one or more garments.

Two pairs of trousers 16 and 17 are shown in place on the hanger. The bottoms of the legs of the trousers 16 are held between the back stretch 15a of the belt 15 and the underlying pad 14 on the strip 10. The bottoms of the legs of the trousers 17 are held between the front stretch 15b of the strap 15 and the underlying pad 14. The strap is tightened sufficiently to hold both trousers 16 and 17 in the position shown when the hanger is suitably supported by the hook 12. With the trousers held as shown, the hanger may be used to support a coat in the usual manner, by engaging the ends of the bar 10 in the shoulders of the coat.

In the hanger of Figs. 1 and 2, the strap 15 is removable. In consequence, the hanger may be used with a strap specially provided for that purpose, or may be used with the belt of the garment hung on the hanger.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3, the main body of the hanger is generally similar to that of Figs. 1 and 2. In this case, however, the strap is a double strap with a buckle 18 in the front stretch and a corresponding buckle 19 in the back stretch; and the strap is secured to the main body 10 of the hanger, as by rivets or other fasteners 20 adjacent the slots 13. This modification also has a modified form of support for the hanger, in which a hook 21 is secured to the bar 10 by a flexible connection such as a chain 22. Such flexible support may be used with the hanger shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and the hook 12 may be used with the hanger shown in Fig. 3.

Each of the two modifications may be used to support either one or more pairs of trousers beneath the strap, and likewise may be used to support other garments which it may be desired to hang. For example, a skirt may be hung either by its waistband or by its bottom hem in the same manner as the garments 16 and 17 shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In use, the edge of the garment is laid against the pad 14, and the strap 15 is tightened against it. After either partial or full tightening of the strap, the garment portions engaged by the strap

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may be manually stretched in the direction of the bar 10, so that they will be held in such stretched position and be pressed flat while engaged in the hanger.

In the modifications of Figs. 1 and 2 all of the garments to be supported by the strap must be in proper position before the strap is tightened, and a single strap will hold a plurality of garments on either or both sides of the bar 10. In the modification of Fig. 3, the garments are similarly mounted, but the garment or garments on each side of the bar 10 may be mounted and released independently of the garments on the opposite side of the bar 10, because the buckles 18 and 19 permit each stretch of the strap to be secured or released independently of the opposite stretch of the strap.

My new hanger is especially adapted for use in traveling, for it takes up small space and is readily packed. For example, the hanger adapted for use with a separate belt, as in Figs. 1 and 2, and supplied with a flexible support such as that in Fig. 3 will occupy substantially no more space than is required by the relatively thin and narrow bar 10, and the hook for such hanger may be folded against such bar so that the whole is of substantially regular shape and will not catch on other things packed in the same bag with it. No extra strap need be packed with it, for it may be used with the belt of the garment which is to be hung by it.

I claim as my invention:

1. A garment hanger, comprising a single substantially straight bar of a length sufficient to support by the shoulders a coat-like garment and of substantially greater width than thickness, the top outer corners of such bar being rounded, means adjacent the middle of the bar and connected thereto for hanging the bar on edge in a horizontal position, a slot adjacent each end of the bar, opening through its side-faces, and having a generally vertical inner edge of a height adapted to receive a flat strap, the bar between said slots being substantially rigid and presenting substantially straight side faces of considerable vertical width, a frictional facing on each side

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face of the bar between the slots, whereby the bar is adapted to receive a strap of the character of a trousers belt extending through its slots and over its frictionally-faced side faces, and will act as a strut within a strap so received, to secure for depending support and hold flat a garment received between a frictional facing of the bar and such strap.

2. A garment hanger, comprising a single substantially straight bar of substantially greater width than thickness, means adjacent the middle of the bar and connected thereto for hanging the bar on edge in a horizontal position, an opening through the side faces of the bar at each end thereof and having a generally vertical inner edge of a height adapted to receive the face of a flat strap, the bar between said inner edges being substantially rigid and presenting substantially straight side faces of considerable vertical width, and being of a length to extend beyond the edges of a supported garment, a frictional facing on each side-face of the bar between the slots, whereby the bar is adapted to receive a strap of the character of a trousers belt extending about said inner edges of said openings and over its frictionally-faced side faces, and will act as a strut within a strap so received, to secure for depending support and hold flat a garment received between a frictional facing of the bar and such strap.

3. A garment hanger as defined in claim 1 with the addition of a strap received in said slots and extending over said frictionally-faced side faces.

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