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GARMENT HANGER FIXTURE.

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Fig. 1.

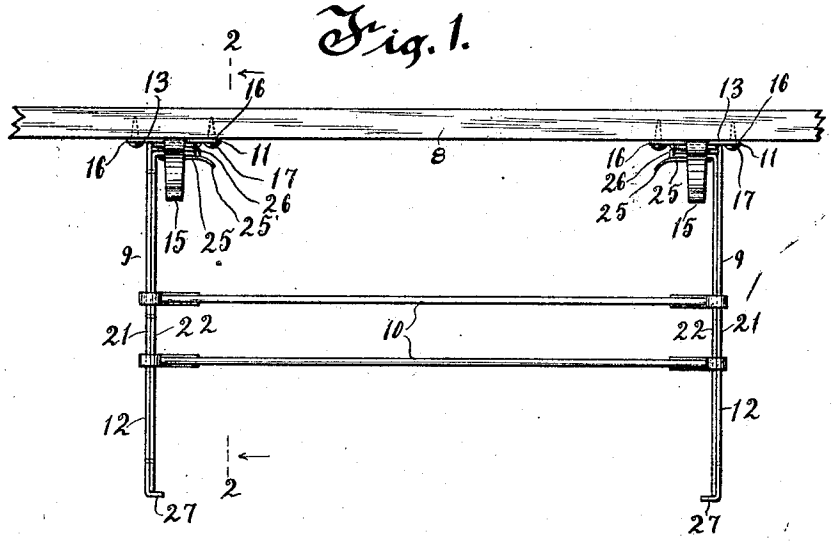


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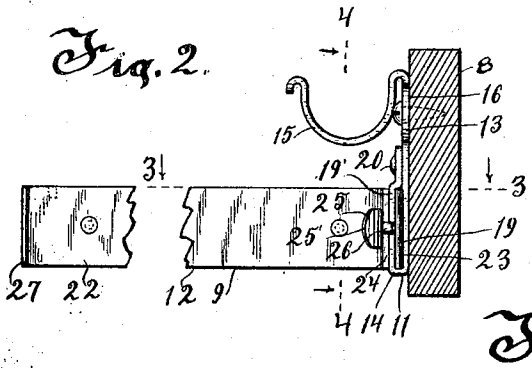


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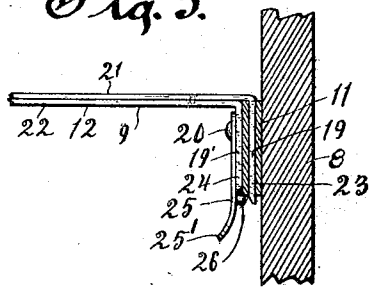
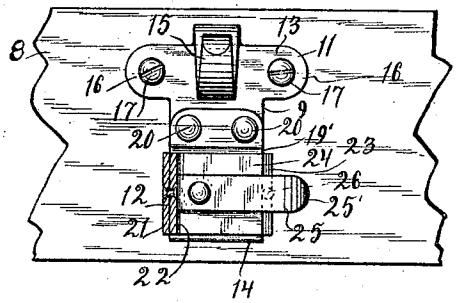


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE HENRY WHEARY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hanger Fixtures, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garment hanger fixtures.

Modern wardrobe trunks are usually provided with garment hangers which are slidably supported at their opposite ends upon tracks. Other wardrobe trunks are provided with garment hangers of the ordinary type having medial hooks which engage a single track provided in the trunk. In dwelling houses or other places of abode the wardrobe closets are usually provided with ordinary clothes hooks which are fastened to the side walls of the rooms. These clothes hooks while suitable for supporting one or two of the last mentioned garment hangers are not adapted to support a considerable number of the said hangers, nor are they adapted to support any of the hangers in the same manner that they are held while in the trunk. The ordinary clothes hooks are also not adapted to support garment hangers of the modern type which have support engaging hooks at their opposite ends.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to provide a garment hanger fixture which may be secured to one of the side walls of a closet or to the inner side of the door thereof, and which is adapted to support the different kinds of hangers before mentioned in the same manner in which they are supported in a wardrobe trunk so that trunk hangers with garments draped thereon may be transferred from the trunk to the closet fixture without disarranging the garments.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger fixture having portions which may be permanently fastened to a support, and which portions are adapted to serve as ordinary garment hanger hooks and to also hold garment hanger tracks upon which a plurality of garment hangers may be supported.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger fixture in which the removable track portions may be easily releasably attached and locked to the permanently fastened bracket portion in a simple manner.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger fixture which is of reversible type so that the fixtures may be used in pairs without requiring right and left handed parts.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger fixture in which parts thereof may be easily adjusted to accommodate garment hangers of varying lengths.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger fixture which is of simple construction, is strong and durable and is well adapted for the purpose described.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of the improved garment hanger fixture and its parts and combinations as set forth in the claims, and all equivalents thereof.

In the accompanying drawing in which the same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the views:

Figure 1 is a top view of a pair of the improved fixtures positioned to support the modern type of wardrobe hangers, and showing some of the said hangers mounted thereon;

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view thereof taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 8 indicates a support, 9 the improved garment hanger fixture mounted thereon and 10 modern garment hangers supported thereon. The fixture comprises bracket members 11 and track members 12 which are removably attached to the said brackets and upon which the garment hangers are supported.

Each bracket member 11 is stamped from heavy sheet or plate metal and consists of a body portion 13 having a depending loop portion 14, an upper hook portion 15 and side ear portions 16. The ear portions 16 are perforated to receive screws 17 for attaching the member permanently to a support, and the upper hook portion 15 serves as a clothes hook adapted to support garments in the ordinary manner. The depending portion 14 is bent upwardly and over upon the body portion to form an elongated

eyed or slotted part 19 extending transversely, horizontally, of the member and parallel with respect to the face thereof. Rivets 20 passing through the bent over portion and body part of the brackets serve to securely bind the upper part of the eyed portion to the body part of the member to form a rigid structure.

Each track member 12 consists of two riveted together elongated pieces of flat metal 21 and 22 having their inner end portions bent at right angles to form inner attaching portions 23 and 24, the inner portion 23 of which is adapted to extend through and snugly fit into the elongated eye 19 of the bracket member 11.

The right angular attaching portion 24 is spaced from the angular portion 23 a sufficient distance to permit the outer part 19′ of the eyed portion 19 of the bracket to just pass between the two angular portions 23 and 24 and form a close engagement therewith and thus firmly bind the track to the bracket.

A spring locking member 25 riveted to the angular portion 24 projects outwardly therefrom longitudinally beyond the end of said angular portion 24 and is provided with a bolt member 26 which extends transversely across the end of said angular portion into locking engagement with the side edge of the outer part 19′ of the eyed portion 19 and thus securely lock the track to the bracket. The end 26′ of the bolt member 26 is beveled off as indicated and the end portion 23′ of the angular portion 23 is also beveled and co-acts with the beveled end of the bolt in forming an easy entrance for the outer part 19′ of the elongated eyed portion 19 in attaching the track to the bracket.

The freed end 25′ of the spring is curved outwardly to form a convenient finger grip for unlocking the track from the bracket.

The outer end of the track is provided with a stop 27 formed by bending the longer outer end portion of the part 21 of the track at right angles over the outer end of the part 22 a sufficient distance to serve as a stop to prevent garment hanger supported thereon from accidentally slipping off the end of the tracks.

While only one of the fixtures has been described in detail it is to be understood that the fixture may be used singly for ordinary garment hangers having central hooks or used in pairs for garment hangers of the modern type which are provided with track engaging hooks on their opposite ends as indicated in Fig. 1. In this figure of the drawing the inner angular ends of the tracks are shown as extending toward each other and the track portions projecting from the opposite outer side edges of the brackets. This positioning of the parts provides for the tracks accommodating long hangers. Now by reversing one of the tracks so its angular end will extend outwardly and the track portion will project forwardly from a point between the two brackets the distance between the tracks will be shortened and shorter hangers may be supported upon the tracks. If the outer track is now reversed and connected to its bracket with the angular arm extending outwardly the distance between the two tracks will be further shortened and the tracks will accommodate still shorter garment hangers.

The invention contemplates the use of the brackets generally in hotels and private dwelling houses so that persons traveling from place to place may use the brackets as ordinary clothes hooks or may support garment hangers on tracks attached to the brackets. The brackets are also adapted to receive and hold removable garment hanger tracks (not shown) used in many of the modern trunks so that the said tracks may be easily transferred and used.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the garment hanger fixture is well adapted for universal use in that it will support garment hangers of various kinds and will also serve every purpose to which the ordinary clothes hook is adapted.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support, a garment hanger supporting track member slidably, horizontally, removably connected to the bracket member, and means locking the two members together.

2. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support and having an elongated eyed portion, and a garment hanger supporting track member having a fixed attaching portion which extends horizontally through the eye of the eyed portion.

3. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support and having an elongated eyed portion, a garment hanger supporting track member having a fixed angularly horizontally projecting attaching portion which horizontally enters the eye of the bracket member, and means locking the two members together.

4. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support and having an elongated eyed portion, and a garment hanger supporting track member having a fixed angularly horizontally projecting attaching portion which horizontally enters the eye of the eyed portion and also having another fixed angular projecting portion which engages one side portion of the eye of the bracket.

5. A garment hanger fixture, comprising

a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support and having an elongated eyed portion, a garment hanger supporting track member having a horizontally extending angularly projecting attaching portion which enters the eye of the eyed portion and also having another horizontally extending fixed angular projecting portion which engages one side portion of the eye of the bracket, and yielding means for locking the two members together.

6. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support and having an elongated eyed portion, and a garment hanger supporting track member formed of elongated plates of material connected together and having their inner end portions bent at right angles to form horizontally extending fixed attaching parts, the said attaching parts being spaced apart and extending horizontally on opposite sides of a part of the eyed portion with one of the parts extending through the eyed portion.

7. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support and having an elongated eyed portion, a garment hanger supporting track member formed of elongated plates of material connected together and having their inner end portions bent horizontally at right angles to form fixed attaching parts, the said attaching parts being spaced apart and extending horizontally on opposite sides of a part of the eyed portion with one of the parts extending through the eyed portion, and yielding means for locking the track member to the bracket member.

8. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support and having an elongated eyed portion, a garment hanger supporting track member formed of elongated plates of material connected together and having their inner end portions bent horizontally at right angles to form fixed attaching parts, the said attaching parts being spaced apart and extending on opposite sides of a part of the eyed portion with one of the parts extending horizontally through the eyed portion, and a flat spring mounted on the track member and having a portion which engages an edge part of the bracket to lock the track member to said bracket.

9. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a bracket member adapted to be connected to a support and having an elongated eyed portion, and a garment hanger supporting track member formed of elongated plates of material connected together and having their inner end portions bent horizontally at right angles to form fixed attaching parts, the outer end portion of one of the plates of material being bent at an angle to form a stop, the said attaching parts being spaced apart and extending horizontally on opposite sides of a part of the eyed portion with one of the parts extending through the eyed portion.

10. A garment hanger fixture, comprising an eyed bracket member adapted to be connected to a support, and a garment hanger supporting track member having a fixed angularly bent portion which extends through the eye of the bracket and is horizontally removably connected to the bracket member, said track member having a stop means at its outer end portion.

11. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a pair of eyed brackets adapted to be connected to a support in spaced relation, and garment hanger supporting track members having fixed angularly projecting portions adapted to be inserted horizontally laterally into the eyed portions of and on either side of the brackets to vary the distance apart of the track members.

12. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a pair of brackets adapted to be connected to a support in spaced relation, said brackets provided with elongated lower eyed portions, garment hanger supporting track members having angularly projecting fixed portions adapted to be inserted horizontally laterally into the eyed portions of and on either side of the brackets to vary the distance apart of the track members, and yielding means for locking the track members to the brackets in adjusted positions.

13. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a pair of brackets adapted to be connected to a support in spaced relation, said brackets provided with elongated eyed portions, and garment hanger supporting track members formed of plates of material connected together in pairs and having their inner ends bent horizontally at right angles to form fixed attaching portions, said attaching portions of each track member being spaced apart and one of said portions adapted to enter the eye of its respective bracket horizontally and the other of said attaching portions being adapted to bear against the outer face of the eyed portion of the bracket, said track members being capable of entering the eyed portion from either side edge of the bracket to vary the distance apart of the respective track members to accommodate garment hangers of varying lengths.

14. A garment hanger fixture, comprising a pair of brackets adapted to be connected to a support in spaced relation, said brackets provided with elongated eyed portions, garment hanger supporting track members formed of plates of material connected together in pairs and having their inner ends bent horizontally at right angles to form fixed attaching portions, said attaching por-

tions of each track member being spaced apart and one of said portions adapted to enter the eye of its respective bracket horizontally and the other of said attaching portions being adapted to bear against the outer face of the eyed portion of the bracket, said track members being capable of entering the eyed portion from either side edge of the bracket to vary the distance apart of the respective track members to accommodate garment hangers of varying lengths, and yielding means for locking the track members to their respective brackets.

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

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