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Fig. 1.

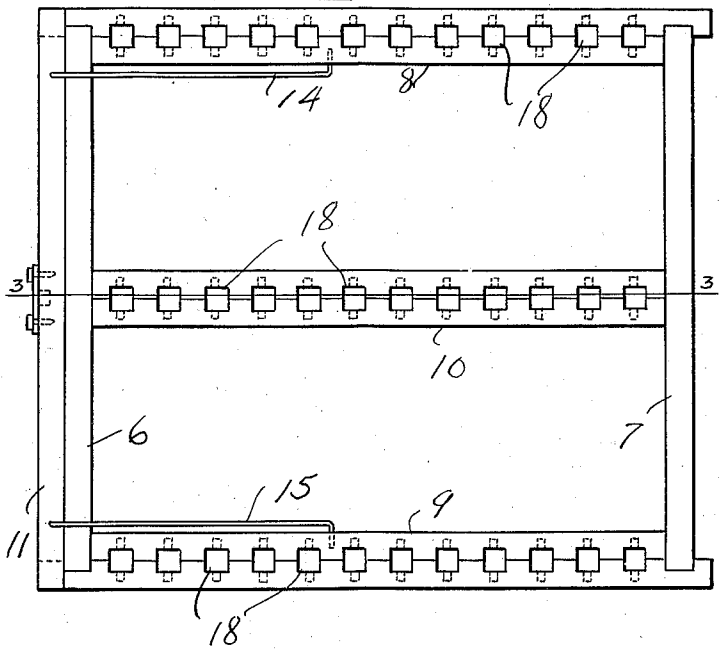



Fig. 2.

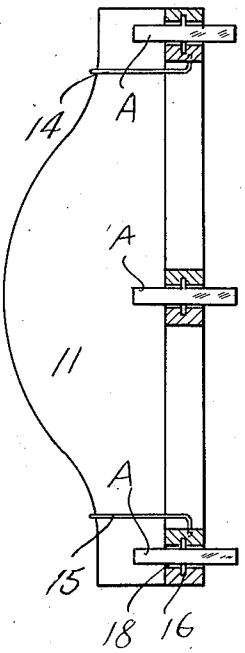



Fig. 3

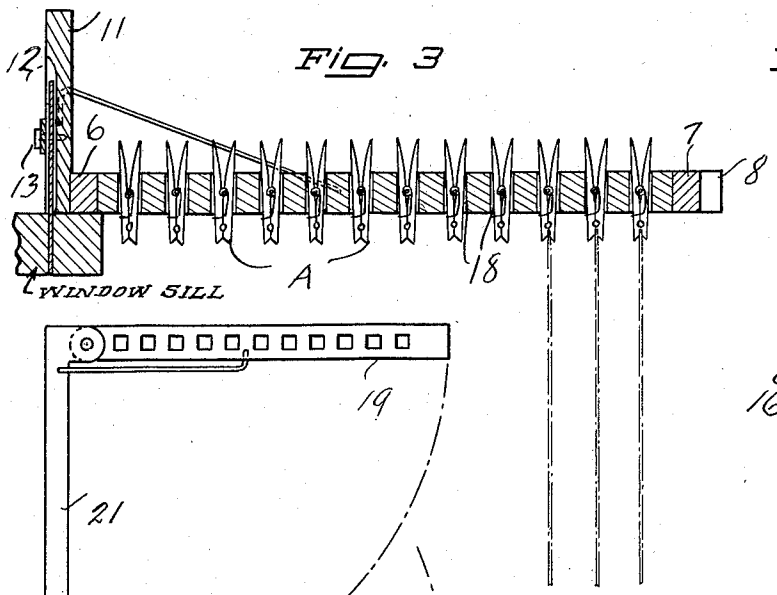



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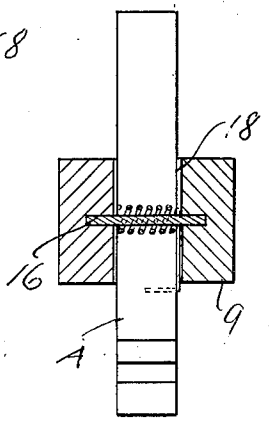






Fig. 5. 20

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This invention relates to improvements in hangers and has particular reference to a portable laundry hanger especially adapted for use in hanging laundered clothes when it is desired to dry the same.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of a hanger that may be readily supported outside a window, which hanger carries a plurality of clothes supporting media so that a number of laundered clothes may be dried and yet supported within a restricted area.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of a hanger of the character described that is most durable, economical to construct, and most serviceable in use.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same;

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my improved hanger;

Fig. 2 is an end view of the same;

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section through the hanger, the view being taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detailed view of one of the clothespins and the supporting means therefor; and

Fig. 5 is a modified form of the invention, showing the two cross supporting arms hingedly connected to the back portion of the hanger.

In the accompanying drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be noted that the hanger comprises a substantially rectangular frame consisting of a back bar 6, a front bar 7, side bars 8 and 9, and an intermediate bar 10.

To the back bar there is secured a base board 11 of substantial thickness that has provided in the rear thereof a groove 12 in which is placed a transverse clamp 13, which arrangement of parts serves as a means for receiving therein a hook or like supporting medium so that the hanger may be supported outside a window to more readily dry the clothes suspended from the hanger. If desired, the hanger may be suspended upon the wall of a room or other suitable support. The numerals 14 and 15 indicate a pair of braces that are connected at one end to the base board and at the opposite end to the side bars 8 and 9 and serve as an additional support for the said bars.

It will be noted, as disclosed to advantage in Fig. 1, that the side bars and the intermediate bar are made of sectional form—namely, of two pieces so that clothespins, as indicated by the reference character A, may be secured to cross pintles 16 that have their opposite ends journaled in the sections of the cross bars. Recesses, as indicated by the numeral 18, are cut in the bar sections and permit an adjustment of the clothespins from their normally closed position to an open position.

In the modified form of the invention, as disclosed in Fig. 5, the two side bars are indicated by the numerals 19 and 20, which bars have their inner ends hinged or pivoted to a back bar 21. In this form of the invention the medial of the intermediate bar is removed, and the said end bars may be readily grasped.

From the foregoing description, considered in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be obvious that I have devised a hanger to which clothes can be readily attached and removed without undue effort on the part of the user; and, further, I have provided a medium for supporting clothes to be dried that will eliminate the danger of clothes becoming soiled, as frequently occurs when a clothline is used.

It is to be understood that the forms of my invention herewith shown and described are to be taken as preferred examples of the same and that various changes relative to the material, size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

In combination with a window sill of a portable clothes hanger adapted to be removably suspended from the window sill, said hanger embodying in its construction a base member, a plurality of outwardly extending bars fixed thereto, a plurality of openings vertically provided through said bars and arranged in series therein, a plurality of resiliently controlled clothespins individually positioned in said openings, each of said clothespins including a coiled spring, and means extending through each coiled spring of the clothes pins and into the side walls of said openings for pivotally holding the clothespins therein.

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