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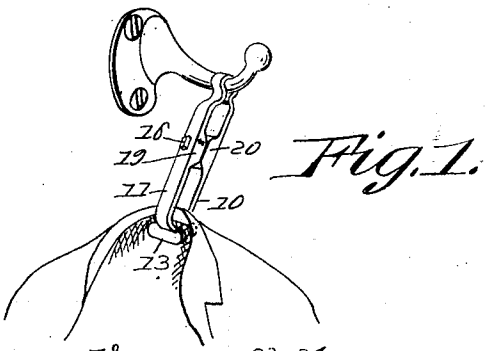


Fig. 1.

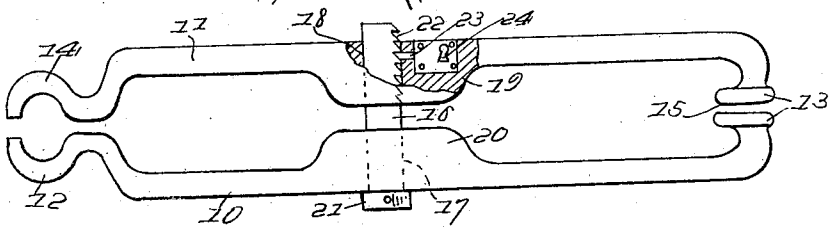


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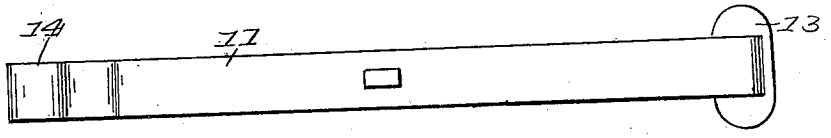


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that JOSEPH HESS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, has invented new and useful Improvements in Coat Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient means for suspending a coat or other garment from a hook or nail under such conditions as to prevent the accidental or surreptitious removal thereof, as for example when leaving a garment in a public place, and in this connection to provide a device which is of such dimensions as to permit of readily carrying the same for use when the emergency arises; and with these objects in view the invention consists in a construction and combination of parts of which a preferred embodiment is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view of a hanger embodying the invention applied in the operative position to a garment.

Figure 2 is a side view partly in section of the hanger.

Figure 3 is an edge view partly in section of the same.

The device consists of substantially parallel relatively movable side members 10 and 11 adjustably connected transversely between their extremities and provided at their ends respectively with complemental hook engaging jaws 12 and garment engaging jaws 13, either of which may be of any preferred construction adapting them to objects with which they may be intended to engage. In the construction illustrated the hook engaging jaws consist of the oppositely disposed arches 14 designed to receive a hook or nail at the shank portion and designed when drawn together to embrace the hook or nail with sufficient tightness to prevent the removal thereof so long as the parts of the device are held against separation, while the garment engaging jaws are provided with enlarged substantially flat bearing faces 15 adapted for engagement with a seam or other portion of a coat or like garment or to be engaged with a button hole or the like so as to permanently connect the garment thereto when the jaws are held in clamping relation.

The connection between the intermediate portions of the members of the device consists of a bolt 16 extended transversely through registering openings 17 and 18 in the intermediate enlargements 19 and 20 of the said members, provided at one end with a head 21 for engagement with one of the members and provided at the other end with a longitudinal series of serrations or teeth 22 for engagement by a locking latch 23 carried by the other member. The teeth are preferably of the ratchet type and the latch is spring actuated so that when the terminal jaw members of the device are properly related with the garment and the hook or supporting device the pressure of the members toward each other will cause the closing of both sets of jaws and the members will be held at the limit of the inward adjustment thus produced until the bolt is released by the disengagement therefrom of the latch through the agency of a suitable key for the use of which a key hole 24 is provided.

Also to permit of the relative movement of the members of the device to suit different relative adjustments of the jaws at opposite ends thereof the opening 17 in the member 18 is extended longitudinally or enlarged to permit of a rocking movement of said member with relation to the bolt.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. A garment hanger having relatively movable side members provided at opposite ends with facing complemental jaw members for respective engagement with a garment and a supporting object, and an intermediate transverse connection between said members for holding the same against accidental separation, the garment engaging jaw members having flat facing surfaces for contact with an interposed garment.

2. A garment hanger having relatively movable side members provided at opposite ends with facing complemental jaw members for respective engagement with a garment and a supporting object, and an intermediate transverse connection between said members for holding the same against accidental separation, the support engaging jaw members being reversely bowed or arched to embrace an interposed hook or nail.

3. A garment hanger having relatively movable side members provided at opposite ends with facing complemental jaw members for respective engagement with a garment and a supporting object, and an intermediate transverse connection between said members for holding the same against acci-

dental separation, and consisting of a bolt extending transversely through said members and a latch for securing one of the members in adjusted relation thereto.

4. A garment hanger having relatively movable side members provided at opposite ends with facing complemental jaw members for respective engagement with a garment and a supporting object, and an intermediate transverse connection between said members for holding the same against accidental separation, and consisting of a bolt extending through registering transverse openings in said members, and provided at one end with a head in engagement with one member and at the other end with ratchet teeth, and a key actuable latch mounted upon the other member for engagement with said ratchet teeth.

5. A garment hanger having relatively movable side members provided at opposite ends with facing complemental jaw members for respective engagement with a garment and a supporting object, and an intermediate transverse connection between said members for holding the same against accidental separation, and consisting of a bolt extending through registering transverse openings in said members, and provided at one end with a head in engagement with one member and at the other end with ratchet teeth, and a key actuable latch mounted upon the other member for engagement with said ratchet teeth, the bolt opening in the head engaged member being longitudinally elongated to permit of relative rocking movement of the member.

In testimony whereof he affixes his signature.

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