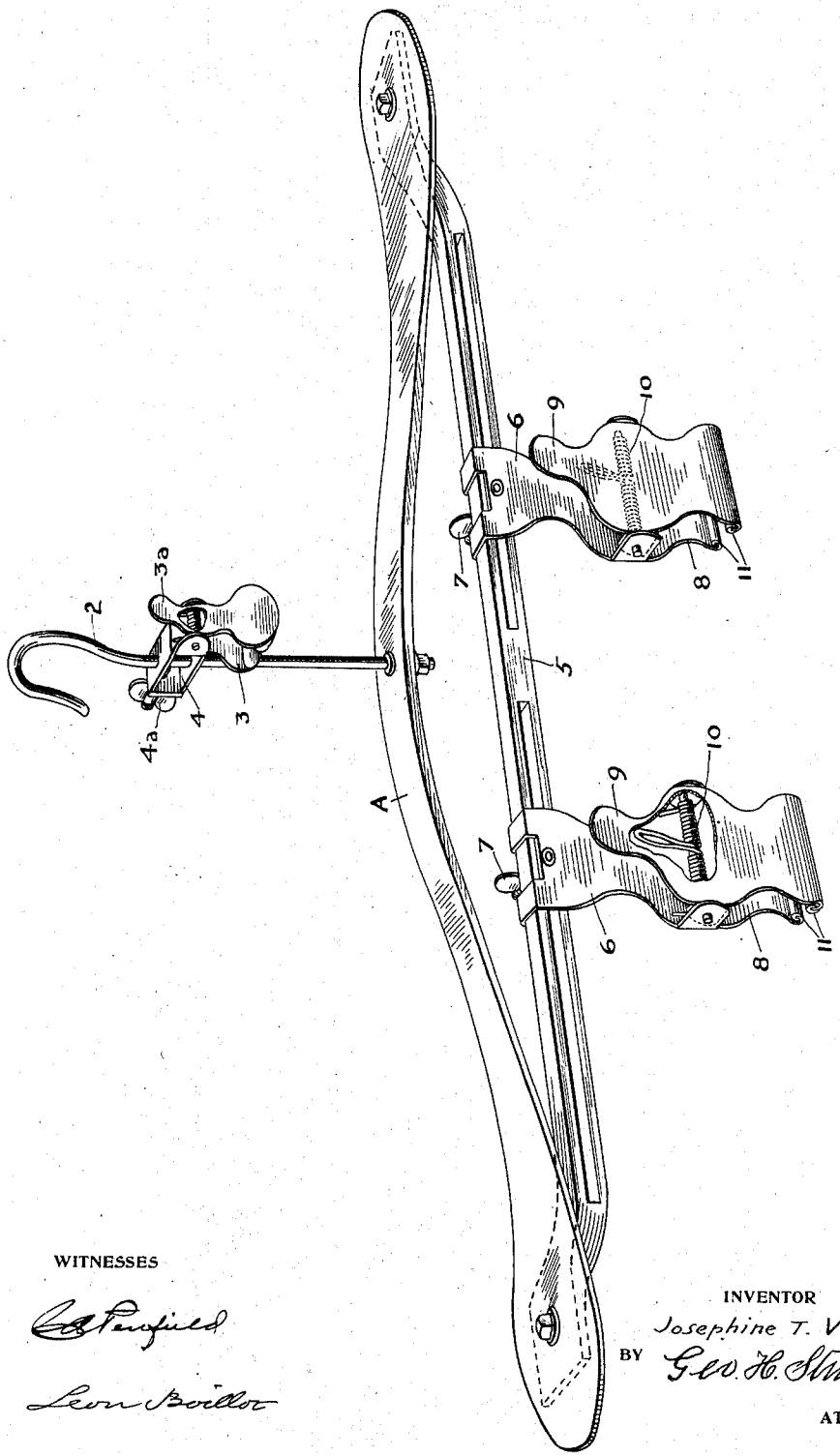
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPHINE T. VIGANEGO, citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in that class of devices which are designed for the hanging of garments.

It consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, and in details of construction which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a perspective view.

In the ordinary construction of garment hangers, little or no provision is made for the proper extension of various garments so as to maintain their proper shape.

It is the object of my invention to so construct a hanger as to provide means for supporting garments of various kinds, and maintaining them in an extended position while so supported.

I have here shown a device consisting of a bar A of any suitable form or material, the bar being preferably arched upwardly in the center, and having the ends rounded and widened so that they may form a suitable support for the shoulders of garments of that class.

2 is a hook formed into an upwardly extending shank which is fixed to the center of the arch, and upon this shank is fixed by a set screw, a slidable plate 4, which may be fixed at any desired point by means of a set screw 4^a. The end of the plate opposite to the set screw side is extended for a considerable distance, and substantially at right angles with the line of the bar A, and at the outer end is bent downward to form one jaw of a clamp 3, the other jaw being pivoted to the angular bend so as to act in opposition with the first named jaw. A coiled spring may surround the pivot pin, and be so operated as to normally close the jaws, and an upwardly extending lug 3^a serves as a pressure plate by which the tension of the spring is overcome and the clamps opened. This clamp serves to hold the collar of the garment which is hung upon the bar A, and to retain the collar in its proper position with relation to the remainder of the garment, preventing the back sagging down across the shoulders below the collar.

Beneath the ends of the bar A is fixed a channel or slotted bar 5, which extends straight across below the arch, and upon this bar are mounted the slidable plates 6; these plates preferably hooking over the bar, and by means of locking-screws 7 they may be adjusted at any distance apart. The rear portions of these plates carry spring-pressed clamps 8, which may have means, as at 9 to enable the user to open the clamps, when desired, while the springs 10 surrounding the pivot pins of the movable jaws tend to normally close the clamp.

In order to preserve delicate fabrics from injury, I have shown pads 11 fixed to the inner surfaces of the jaws, and these serve to grip the goods. The garment being hung upon the apparatus as described, those portions which it is desired to maintain extended, and prevent their getting out of shape while hanging, have their outer edges secured to clamps 8. These clamps are then separated to any desired distance by first loosening the screws 7, and having been separated to the desired distance, the screws 7 are tightened, and the clamps are held in position. The garment, or that portion of the garment which is thus suspended from these clamps, will be maintained in the desired position for an indefinite time, and the upper portion will, in like manner, be properly extended and held in shape.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. In a garment support of the character described, the combination of an arched bar, a centrally fixed shank and hook, a plate vertically slidable upon the shank, said plate having a fixed jaw, a spring-pressed jaw pivotally mounted on the plate and co-acting with the fixed jaw, said plate extending transversely of the shank, and a locking screw extending through the plate and engaging the shank to secure said plate at any desired point thereon.

2. The combination in a garment hanger of a centrally suspended arched bar, a straight bar, extending across beneath the arch and longitudinally slotted, plates having upper portions hooking over the top of the straight bar, said plates being adjustable on the bar, and having their lower portions forming members of pairs of jaws, other plates pivotally mounted on the first-named

plates and forming jaws to co-act with the first-named jaws, said second-named plates being spring-pressed, and locking screws passing through the slot of the straight bar for fixing the first-named plates in their adjusted positions.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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