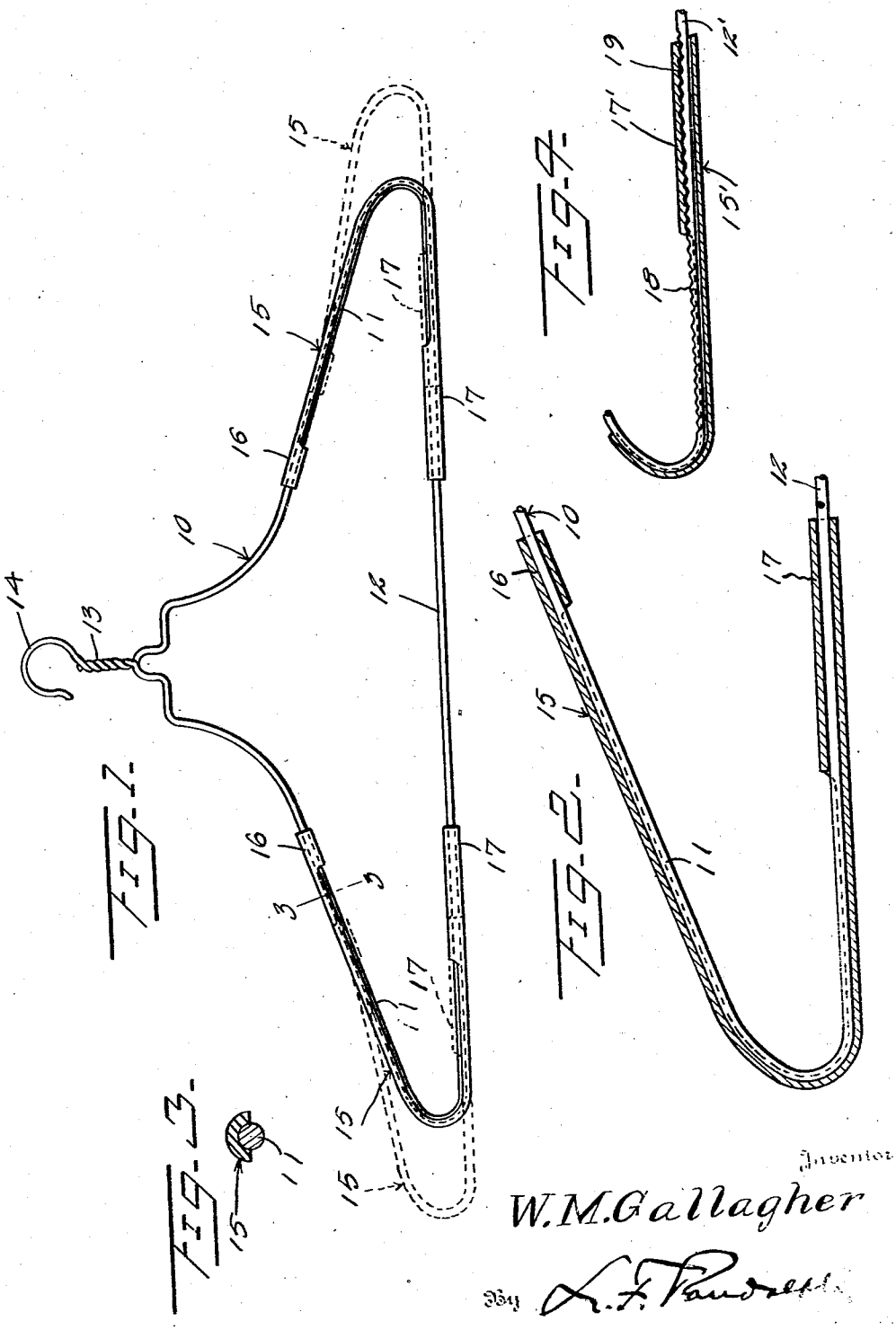
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This invention relates to a garment or clothes hanger.

It is aimed to provide a construction which will enable garments, articles of clothing or the like of different sizes to be hung or accommodated on the same hanger and yet be fitted by the hanger, rather than producing, in most instances, bulging in the material or a drooping effect to the shoulders of the garment.

A prime object of the invention is to provide a hanger which is adjustable in order to accommodate or fit the garment or the like.

A further object is to provide a hanger having one or more extensions which are slidably adjustable and adapted to be held in the different adjusted positions by spring action or friction.

The more specific objects and advantages will become apparent from a consideration of the description following taken in connection with accompanying drawing illustrating an operative embodiment.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation showing the improved hanger;

Figure 2 is a detail on an enlarged scale, showing one of the hanger extensions in central vertical sections and in combination with the adjacent portion of the hanger in elevation;

Figure 3 is a cross section taken on the line 3—3 in Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view corresponding to Figure 2 taken through a modified form.

Referring specifically to the drawing, wherein like reference characters designate like or similar parts, a conventional hanger is shown at 10 which is made, for instance, from a single strand of metallic wire or the equivalent, embodying an open frame like structure having oppositely inclined supporting portions 11 conforming to the angle of most garment shoulders. Portions 11 are joined by a base portion 12 and at their other extremities are twisted together at 13 and terminate in a hook 14 whereby it may be suspended as usual.

In accordance with my invention, both ends of the frame are equipped with an element 15. Each element 15 at the terminals has sleeves 16 and 17, which completely surround the portions 11 and 12, respectively, or at least surround them more than one hundred and eighty degrees so that they will not become detached. Extensions 15 between the sleeves 16 and 17 are arcuate and preferably semi-circular as shown in Figure 3.

Attention is called to the fact that the elements 15 may be made of any suitable material which will give them spring or resilient action and, for instance, metallic wire, wood, laminated products, paper, plastics and the like, or any combination thereof, and is especially adapted for manufacture out of material other than metal during the present emergency.

Particular attention is called to the fact that the elements 15 are generally of U-shape and that they are under tension so as to tend to move at their sleeves 16 and 17 toward each other in the manner of clasps. The extensions are slidably mounted so that they may be moved from the full line positions in Figures 1 and 2 to the dotted line positions of Figure 1 and any intermediate positions or other extended positions, and be held in such an extended or adjusted position by the spring clasps or friction action between the sleeves 16 and 17 and the portions 11 and 12. In this manner, both ends of the hanger may be extended to fit garments of various sizes and in addition it will be noted that the angle of the upper portion of the extensions also decreases slightly in proportion to the extent of their extension or projection, in order to better fit the angle of the coat or garment.

The hanger 10 instead of being made of metallic wire may also be made of the same materials as the extensions 15, especially where the conservation of metal is a desideratum.

A modified form is shown in Figure 4 which corresponds to the first form except the base of the hanger here designated 12' instead of 12 is provided with corrugations or serrations as at 18. The extension is here designated 15' and sleeves 17' corresponds to that at 17. Sleeves 17' has a bore enlarged relative to the size of the portions 12' and interiorally has corrugations or serrations 19 corresponding with those at 18 and adapted to interfit therewith. The extension 15' is slidable or adjustable in the same manner as the extension 11 but may be more positively held in adjusted positions through the interengagement of the corrugations or serrations 18 and 19. Corrugations 18 will be held engaged due to the resilience or clasp action of the extension 15', since it is made of the same materials as the extension 11, and disengagement and adjustment is permitted in view of the enlargement of the bore opening of the sleeves 17'.

Various additional changes may be resorted to provided they fall within the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. A hanger of the class described comprising

a frame having U-shaped portions including approximately straight members, and extension means mounted on each of said portions for adjustment to different positions according to the size of a garment or article to be suspended thereon, said means each comprising an element generally of U-shape, adapted to normally intimately fit and conforming to the shape of the adjacent portion of said frame, said extension means being provided with axially aligned relatively long sleeves at the terminals thereof surrounding said members of the frame, said elements being tensioned whereby said sleeves tend to move relatively to each other, said elements between said sleeves being concavo-convex in cross section with the concave surface facing the frame.

2. A hanger of the class described comprising a frame having U-shaped portions including approximately straight members, extension means mounted on each of said portions for adjustment to different positions according to the size of a garment or article to be suspended thereon, said means each comprising an element generally of U-shape adapted to normally intimately fit and conforming to the shape of the adjacent portion of said frame, said extension means being provided with axially aligned relatively long sleeves at the terminals thereof surrounding said members of the frame, said elements being tensioned whereby said sleeves tend to move relatively to each other, and interengaging means between the frame and the interior of one of the sleeves of each element, said elements between said sleeves being concavo-convex in cross section with th concave surface facing the frame.

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