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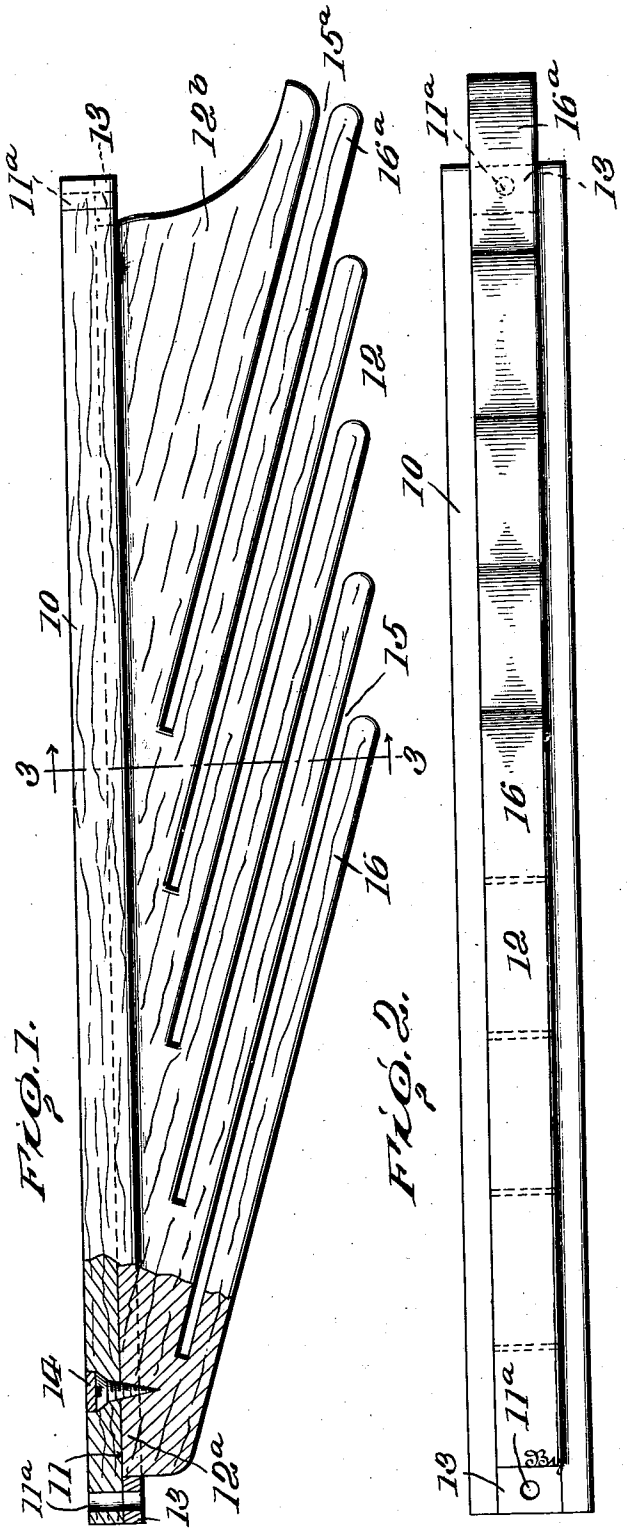


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

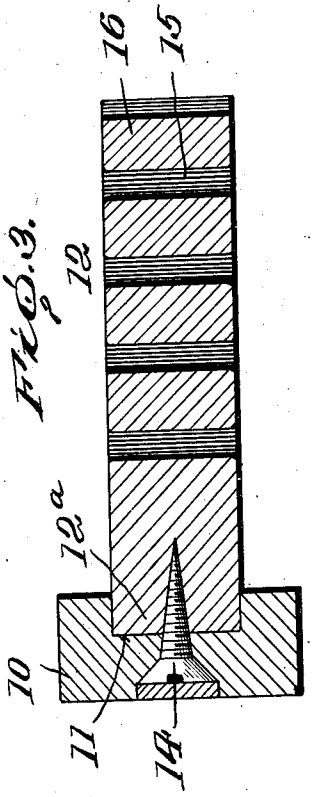


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1 Claim. (Cl. 211—89)

The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders for articles of apparel, and more particularly to improvements in a holder for hanging trousers, skirts or the like.

An object of the invention is to provide a holder of the above type, which is a simple and inexpensive construction, which is light in weight, and which also affords a maximum of strength in supporting the articles of apparel.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder of the above type, wherein a supporting member is secured to a base and is provided with slots inclined with respect to the plane of the base whereby to support the articles of apparel in such a position that a portion thereof will at all times be visible.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a holder of the above type, wherein the supporting member is an integral unit and is provided with resilient clamping fingers defining slots therebetween for receiving the articles of apparel to be supported.

The above and other objects of the invention will in part be obvious and will be hereinafter more fully pointed out.

In the accompanying drawing,

Figure 1 is a top-plan view, partly in section, of the improved holder.

Figure 2 is a side view of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is an enlarged sectional view, taken along the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

The invention relates generally to a trouser or skirt hanger which includes a base member adapted to be secured to a supporting wall or the like and an article supporting member which is disposed at substantially right angles to the base member and secured thereto. The supporting member is provided with a plurality of resilient clamping fingers which are integral therewith and which define open slots or notches therebetween. The fingers are disposed in the plane of the supporting member and at an acute angle to the plane of the base member. The articles of apparel may be inserted within the slots between adjacent clamping fingers and maintained in this position by the inherent resiliency of the fingers. The articles of apparel are supported by the clamping fingers so that a portion of each of the articles is visible from in front of the holder and may be readily removed therefrom.

Referring more in detail to the accompanying drawing, the improved holder is preferably constructed of wood and includes a wooden base member 10 which is adapted to be secured to a wall or door structure in a substantially horizontal position by means of screws, bolts or the like. The grain of the wood in the base 10 extends longitudinally thereof. One face of the base member 10 is provided with a recess 11 which extends lengthwise thereof and in the direction of the grain of the wood forming the base.

A supporting member 12 is adapted to be secured to the base 10 and to support the articles of apparel, such as trousers, skirts or the like. The edge 12a of the supporting member 12 is continuous and solid from end to end and is adapted to be inserted within the recess 11 in the base 10. A pair of end pieces 13 are secured in opposite ends of the recess 11 and abut against the ends of the supporting member 12. These end inserts 13 may be secured in the recess 11 by glue or other suitable fastening means, and serve to properly locate the edge 12a of the supporting member and to prevent endwise movement thereof in case a dovetail connection, without the additional securing means, is provided between the edge 12a of the supporting member and the recess 11 in the base 10. As illustrated, screws or bolts 14 are provided for securing the supporting member 12 to the base 10.

The supporting member 12 is provided with parallel slots 15 which are disposed at an acute angle with respect to the plane of the base 10 and open at the edge of the supporting member which is remote from the edge 12a thereof. The grain of the wood in the supporting member 12 also extends at an acute angle with respect to the plane of the base 10 and it is to be noted that the slots 15 extend in the same direction as the grain of the wood. Portions of the supporting member between adjacent slots 15 thus afford clamping fingers 16 which possess the inherent resiliency of the wood. The resiliency of the clamping fingers 16 is increased and the supporting strength thereof is also increased by the fact that these fingers extend in the direction of the grain of the wood forming the supporting member 12. The end portion 12b of the supporting member 12 provides a substantially rigid end due to the substantial amount of material left between the last slot 15a and the end. The end portion 12b, being substantially rigid, thus insures that the resilient fingers 16 will exert the desired clamping action on the articles of apparel supported therebetween.

The base member 10 is adapted to be secured in a substantially horizontal position to a supporting structure, such as a door or wall, by

means of securing elements extending through openings 11*a* in the base and in the inserts 13. The body portion of the article supporting member 12 thus extends away from the wall structure and is disposed at substantially right angles to the vertical plane of the base member 10. When the articles of apparel, such as trousers or skirts, are to be hung in the holder, one article is inserted in a slot 15 and the inherent resiliency of adjacent fingers 16 will clamp the article therebetween. A portion of each article supported by the holder is visible from the front thereof. An article which is inserted in the last slot 15*a* is maintained in position by the last finger 16*a* and the end portion 12*b* of the supporting member.

There is thus provided a trouser or skirt hanger which is of extremely light wood construction and which affords a maximum amount of strength. The clamping fingers and the slots in the supporting member extend in the direction of the grain of the wood thereof so that the resiliency of the clamping fingers and the strength of the supporting member 12 is increased.

It is to be clearly understood that minor changes in the detail of construction and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claim.

I claim:

A holder for articles of apparel, such as trousers or skirts, comprising a base member adapted to be secured to a supporting structure in a substantially horizontal position and having an open recess in the outer face thereof extending longitudinally thereof, a wooden supporting member having a continuous solid edge fitting within said recess intermediate the ends thereof with the body portion extending outwardly, and means for securing the solid edge of said supporting member in the recess of said base member, said means including inserts fitted within the ends of said recess and abutting against the solid edge of said supporting member, said supporting member having the grain of the wood thereof extending at an acute angle to the vertical plane of said base member and having a plurality of spaced parallel resilient fingers integral therewith and extending with the grain of the wood at an acute angle to said solid edge for holding and supporting articles of apparel therebetween.

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