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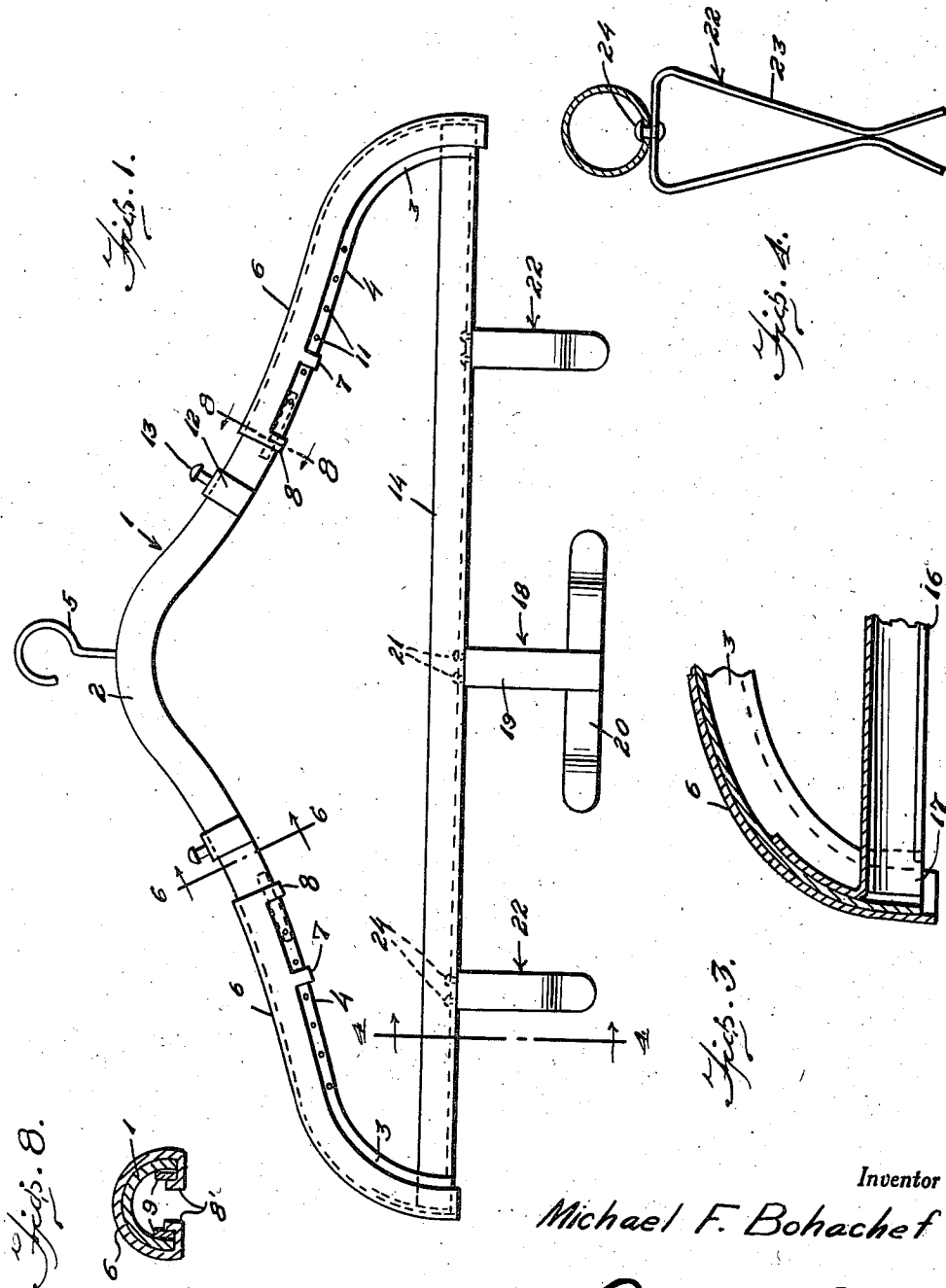
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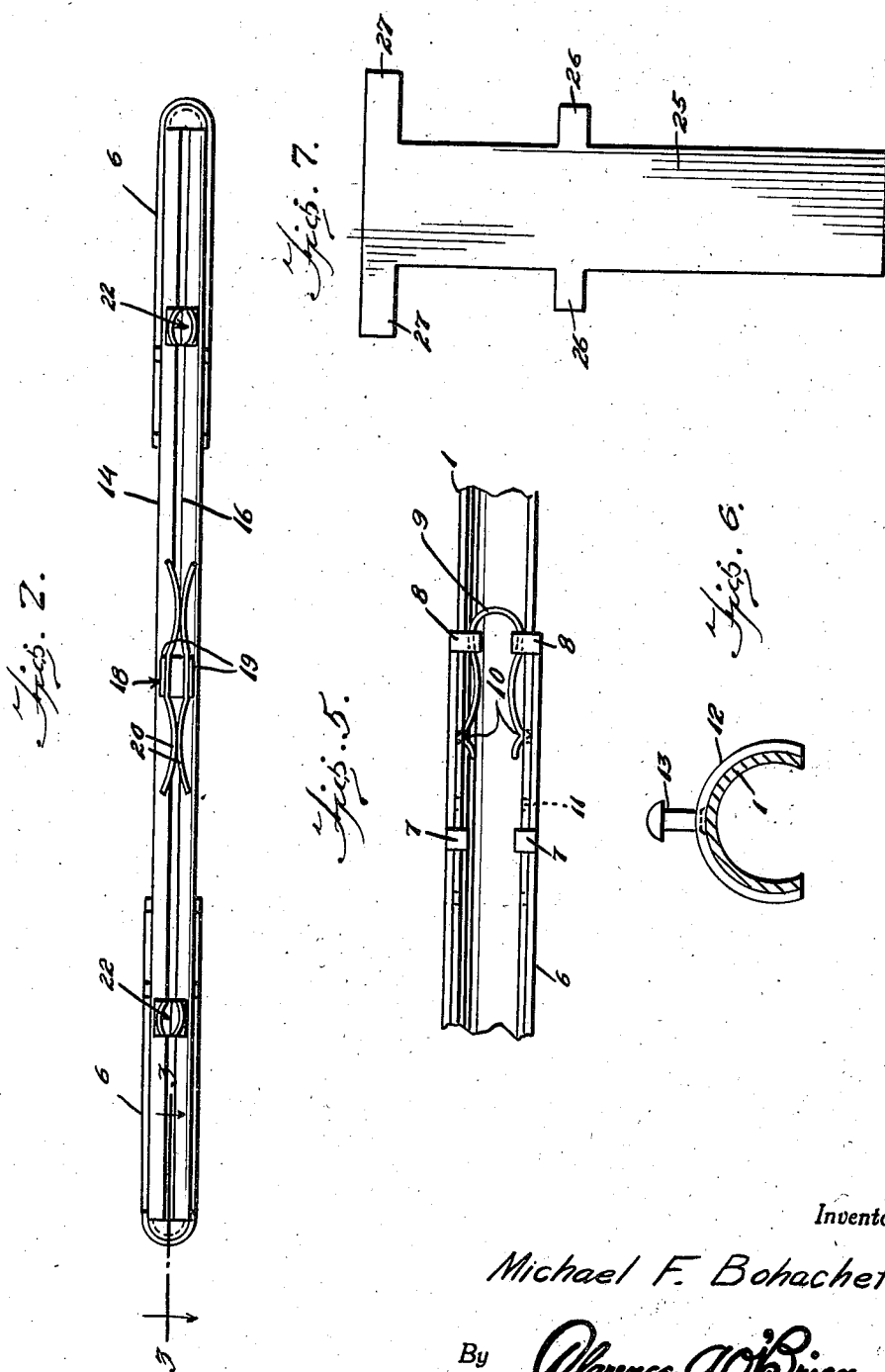
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My invention relates to improvements in garment hangers for use more particularly for coats, trousers, skirts and gowns.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a simply constructed, inexpensive hanger which is extensible to fit different sizes of coats so that the same may be hung thereon without becoming wrinkled, and which is equipped for hanging trousers, dresses and other garments evenly, and for the hanging of evening gowns so that the same will not slip off.

Various other objects are also comprehended by my invention all of which, together with the precise nature of my improvements will be readily understood when the succeeding description is read with reference to the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a preferred embodiment of my invention,

Figure 2 is a view in bottom plan,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in longitudinal section taken on the line 3-3 of Figure 2 and drawn to an enlarged scale,

Figure 4 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 4-4 of Figure 1 and drawn to an enlarged scale,

Figure 5 is a fragmentary view in bottom plan,

Figure 6 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 6-6 of Figure 1 and drawn to an enlarged scale,

Figure 7 is a view of a blank from which the extension members are formed, and

Figure 8 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 8-8 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, the illustrated embodiment of my invention comprises a hanger bar 1 having a central arch 2, curved, downturned ends 3, and intermediate, substantially straight portions 4 between said arch and ends sloping downwardly toward the latter. The usual suspension hook 5 extends upwardly and centrally from said arch 2. The bar 1 is suitably formed out of sheet metal in the cross sectional shape of half round tubing, the open side of the bar comprising the bottom thereof.

A pair of extension members 6 are provided for said bar 1, each of which is also formed of sheet metal and in the cross-sectional shape of half round tubing and to fit over the ends 3, respectively, and the adjacent straight portions 4, said members otherwise conforming in shape to said ends and straight portions and being endwise slidable on the bar 1 to extend the length of

the latter so that coats of different shoulder widths may be hung thereon evenly.

For retaining the members 6 on the bar 1, each member is provided, at its inner ends, with a pair of opposed edge keeper tabs 7 bent under the bottom edges of the bar 1, and a similar pair of longer edge tabs, or lugs, 8, adjacent the tabs 7 bent under said edges with their free ends extending for a suitable distance inwardly past the edges of the bar and upturned as at 8'. As will be obvious, the tabs 7, 8, are designed to slide along the edges of the substantially straight portions 4 of the bar 1 and the members 6 may be adjusted outwardly and inwardly of the bar into different set positions.

Means are provided for yieldingly retaining the extension members 6 in different set positions as follows:

A pair of U-clips 9 of suitable, flat, resilient metal are provided to fit sidewise between the side edges of the bar 1 with the closed ends thereof resting on the extending ends of the pairs of tabs 8, respectively, and straddling the upturned ends 8' thereof, and with their legs extending inwardly along the inside of the bar 1. As will be readily understood, the tabs 8 and upturned ends 8' thereof anchor the clips 9 in fixed relation to the extension members 6. The legs of the clips 9 are crimped to form a pair of opposed teeth 10 adjacent the free ends of the legs, of each clip, adapted under reaction of the legs outwardly to snap into apertures 11 provided in the sides of the bar 1 in opposed pairs spaced longitudinally of the straight portions 4 of said bar. The teeth 10 are wedge-shaped to be cammed out of the apertures 11 under adjustment of the extension members 6 in either direction.

A pair of substantially semi-circular spring clips 12, each with a radial, central, headed stud 13 thereon are provided for attachment over the bar 1 intermediate the arch 2 and extension members 6 and which are adjustable along said bar, 1. The clips 12 may be formed of flat spring steel and are provided for anchoring evening gown straps, not shown, thereon to suspend such gowns from the hanger.

A straight tie rail 14 is provided to extend between the ends 3 of the bar 1, said rail being formed of sheet tubing. The rail 14 is attached to the ends 3 of the bar 1, by means of a pair of upwardly bent end flaps 15 on said rail spot welded to said bar 1 within the latter, the spot welding not being shown. Said rail 14 is longitudinally split to form a slot 16 therein extending

along its bottom and a pair of bottom openings 17 at the ends of the rail to which said slot extends.

A clip 18 of flat resilient spring steel is suspended centrally from the rail 14. The clip 18 is of inverted T-shape with a pair of opposed vertical side arms 19 and a pair of opposed horizontal jaw members 20 on the lower ends of arms 19 having diverging ends. A pair of headed studs 21 slidably fitting in the slot 16 with the heads thereof resting on the edges of the slot suspend said clip 18 from the rail.

A pair of clips 22 also of flat spring steel are suspended on the rail 14 at opposite sides of the clip 18. Clips 22 each comprise a pair of side arms 23 converging downwardly into engagement adjacent the lower ends thereof and then flaring outwardly. A pair of studs 24 suspend each clip 22 from the rail 14 in the same manner as clip 18. As will be clear, the clips 18, 22 may be slid along the slot 16 to either opening 17 and detached through said opening.

The rail 14 may be used to hang skirts, and trousers, thereover, as well as other wearing apparel. The clips 18 and 22 may be used to clampingly engage said garments and suspend the same from the rail and may be relatively adjusted along said rail as occasion may require.

The extension members 6 are preferably formed from a blank 25 of resilient steel of elongated rectangular form having a pair of opposed edge ears 26 intermediate its ends and a similar but longer pair of edge ears at one end thereof and which are designated 27. The manner in which the blank is formed into an extension member will be readily understood from the description of said members.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly the invention, as described, is susceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept, and right is herein reserved to such modifications as fall within the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A garment hanger comprising a bar of sheet metal half round tubing including a central arch portion, downturned ends, and intermediate portions between said arch and ends, the open side of the bar comprising the bottom thereof, a pair of extension members also of half round tubing fitting over said portions and ends and slidable on said portions outwardly of said ends into different set positions to extend the length of said hanger said extensions having bottom lugs hooking under said bar to retain the same on the bar, and means to releasably latch the members to said bar in different set positions comprising a resilient U clip for each of said members carried by the lugs of the members within said bar and each having a pair of legs

reacting in a separative direction against the sides of the bar.

2. A garment hanger comprising a bar of sheet metal half round tubing including a central arch portion, downturned ends, and intermediate portions between said arch and ends, the open side of the bar comprising the bottom thereof, a pair of extension members also of half round tubing fitting over said portions and ends and slidable on said portions outwardly of said ends into different set positions to extend the length of said hanger said extensions having bottom lugs hooking under said bar to retain the same on the bar, and means to releasably latch the members to said bar in different set positions comprising a resilient U clip for each of said members carried by the lugs of the members within said bar and each having a pair of legs reacting in a separative direction against the sides of the bar, said sides of the bar being apertured and said legs having wedge shaped teeth for entering said apertures.

3. A garment hanger comprising a bar of sheet metal half round tubing including a central arch portion, downturned ends, and intermediate portions between said arch and ends, the open side of the bar comprising the bottom thereof, a tie rail extending between said ends of the bar and formed of sheet metal tubing longitudinally slotted along the bottom thereof, and means to suspend garments from said rail comprising spring clips having headed studs within said rail fitting over the edges of said slot and depending through the same whereby said clips are suspended from said rail for sliding adjustment along the same.

4. A garment hanger comprising a bar having downturned ends, and a tie rail extending between said ends of the bar and formed of sheet metal tubing longitudinally slotted along the bottom thereof, and means to suspend garments from said rail comprising spring clips having headed studs within said rail fitting over the edges of said slot and depending through the same whereby said clips are suspended from said rail for sliding adjustment along the same.

5. A garment hanger comprising a bar having downturned ends, and a tie rail extending between said ends of the bar and formed of sheet metal tubing having a slot extending longitudinally along the bottom thereof and means to suspend garments from said rail comprising spring clips having headed studs within said rail fitting over the edges of said slot and depending through the slot whereby said clips are suspended from said rail for sliding adjustment along the same, said slot having enlarged terminal ends larger than the heads of said studs to permit said heads to be withdrawn there-through and the clips thereby detached from said rail.

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