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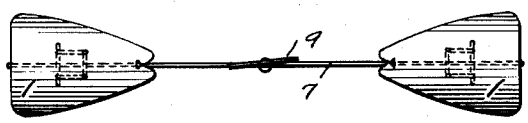


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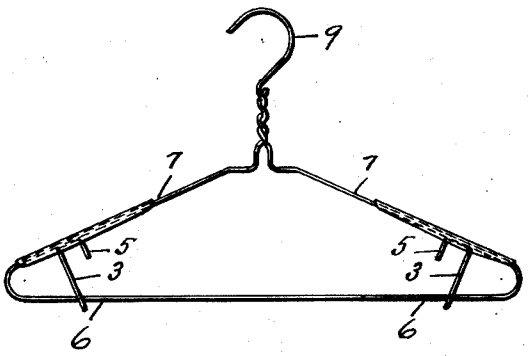


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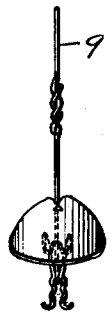


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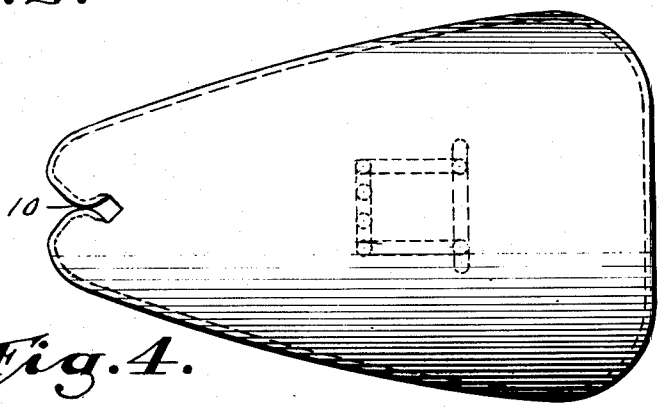


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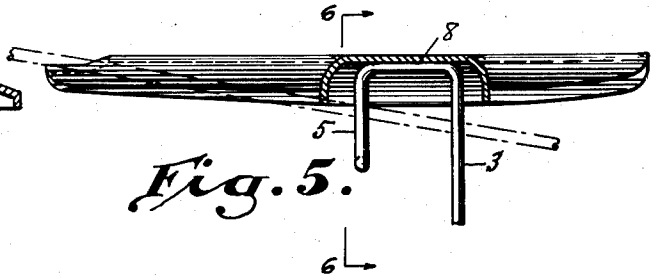


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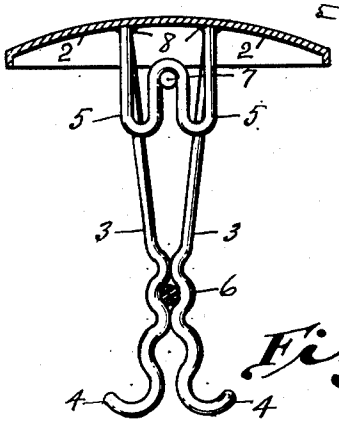


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This invention relates to a combined clothes hanger shoulder shield and hooks thereon. It has for its main objects to provide such a device that will be simple in structure, cheap to manufacture, extremely durable, easy to use, and highly efficient.

A further object is to provide such a shield with integral hooks that will be adapted for easy mounting by an inexperienced person on the shoulder positions of any standard type wire coat hanger now in general use.

It is well known that when a coat of any kind of suit is hung on a standard wire hanger and allowed to so remain for more than a day or two, the shoulder positions of the garment become creased and lose their shape. With the shields of the present invention attached to a wire hanger this objectional feature is overcome, no matter how long the garment remains on the hanger. Also the hooks of the present device provide additional means for hanging thereon the light weight fancy garments worn by ladies.

Other objects and advantages will appear from the drawing and description.

The present invention is an improvement over a similar device covered by my pending application under Serial Number 85,327 filed April 4, 1949, in the United States Patent Office, now Patent No. 2,597,509, dated May 20, 1952.

By referring generally to the drawing, part of this application, it will be observed that Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a wire coat hanger with shoulder shields according to the present invention attached; Fig. 2 is a side elevational view of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is an end view of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is an enlarged top plan view of a shield; Fig. 5 is a side view of Fig. 4 partly cut away, and with part of wire hanger in broken lines and Fig. 6 is a view substantially on line 6—6 of Fig. 5 with the lower portion of the fasteners included.

Similar reference numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing in detail it will be seen that the shoulder shield with hooks comprises a substantially flat piece of thin metal 1 with its surrounding edge slightly curved and having attached to its under face 2 a wire bracket consisting of two long curved arms 3 terminating as hooks 4, and two U-shaped depending extensions 5. The long arms are adapted to fit over the lower wire portion 6 of a wire coat hanger with the U-shaped members in straddle position over the upper wire portion 7 of the hanger as plainly shown in Figs. 1 and 6. The bracket is attached to the under face of the shield as at 8. The curved portions of the arms 3 are set to clamp around the lower wire portion 6 of the hanger as plainly shown in Fig. 6, or the arms may be lapped one over the other to thus provide a tighter grip

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on the wire if desired. The hanger has a regular hook 9 for supporting the entire assembly, while the arm hooks 4 are adapted to support other pieces of wearing apparel. The plate piece 1 has a slot 10 in its smaller end that is adapted for fitting in straddle condition over the upper wire portion 7 to better retain the shield in position for use.

From the foregoing it will appear that in order to use the shields it is only necessary to mount same by easy manual means, without any tool, in straddle condition over the upper and lower wire portions of the hanger.

The shields may be made of any material suitable for the purpose, such as thin rust-proof metal, or plastic or the like, but I prefer thin stiff rust-proof metal and substantially stiff rust-proof wire. Also the shields with wire hooks may be made in different sizes and capacities.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to limit same to the exact and precise details of structure, but reserve the right to make all modifications and changes so long as they remain within the spirit and scope of the invention and the following claim.

Having described my invention I claim:

A garment shoulder shield of the character described for use in combination with a wire coat hanger including a cross member comprising; a piece of stiff thin material as its main body, said piece defining a shape approximately the same as the outline of the center section of a pear through and along its major axis, the said body being concave in shape from its surrounding edge toward its center portion, a resilient wire bracket attached to the inner face of the concave portion, said bracket consisting of two comparatively long arms with the end portions thereof formed into opposed outwardly curved portions for yieldably gripping the cross member and having their free ends formed as hooks, said bracket having two integral short arms formed integrally substantially W-shape, the two sets of arms positioned parallel with each other and extending from the inner face of the concave portion, said main body having a slot in its small end.

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