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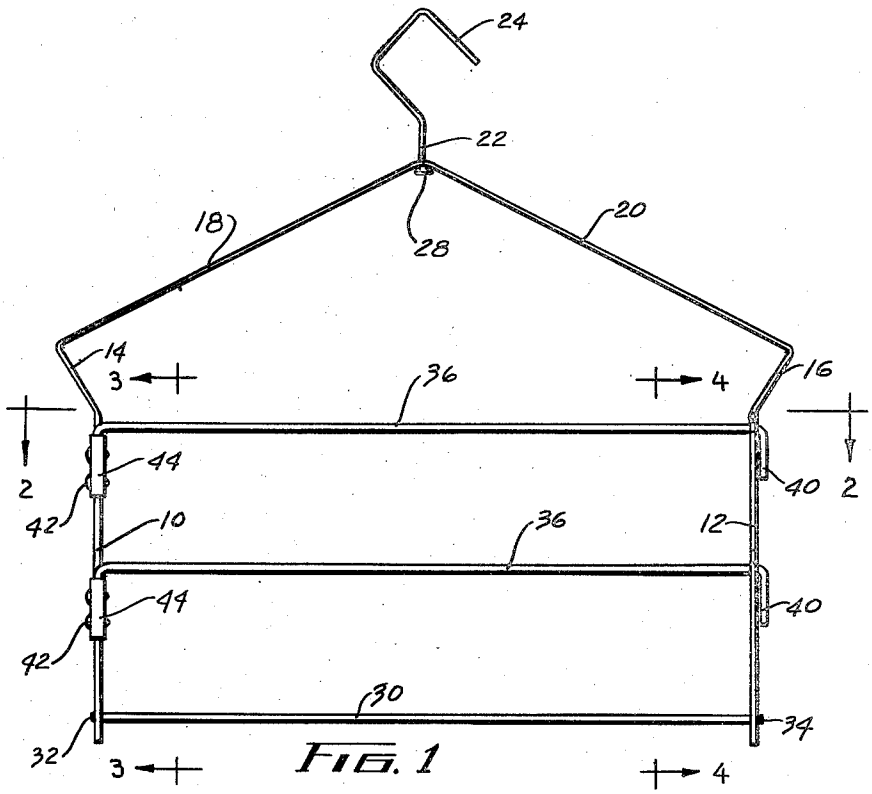


FIG. 1

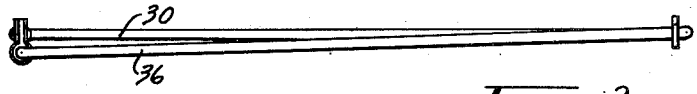


FIG. 2



FIG. 5

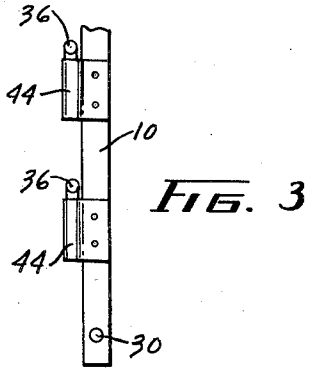


FIG. 3

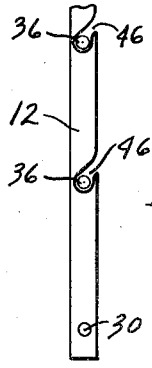


FIG. 4

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The present invention relates to a clothes hanger and particularly to one that accommodates a plurality of garments.

Heretofore clothes hangers have been ordinarily built for use with but one garment, a coat and a skirt or pair of trousers. As a result a relatively large closet space was required with such one garment hangers.

Efforts have been made to provide hangers for a plurality of garments but these have been relatively expensive to manufacture, comparatively complex in structure and inflexible in use.

The present invention therefore contemplates the provision of a clothes hanger for a plurality of garments that is relatively inexpensive to manufacture and one that is simple in structure and adapted to conventional production manufacturing methods.

The present invention further contemplates the provision of a multi-garment clothes hanger that lends itself to ready and easy use.

These, other and further objects of the present invention will be clear from the description which follows and from the drawing appended thereto, in which

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a clothes hanger according to my invention.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a front elevation of a cross member used in the practice of my invention.

Referring now to the drawing, a clothes hanger according to my invention is made from any suitable material, such as metal, wood or plastic, bent or formed to shape.

The frame member is bent or formed into the sides 10 and 12, which extend into the outwardly projecting shoulder forming portions 14 and 16 which latter return into the upwardly inclined elements 18 and 20.

At the center of the frame, where the elements 18 and 20 meet, I provide an opening through which the arm 22 of the hook 24 is mounted and frictionally held therein. The hook 24 is preferably diamond shaped with one of the sides open and may be formed from a rod or wire of suitable strength. The bottom of the arm 22 positioned inside of the frame may be peened to form the hook holding base 28. It will be apparent that the part of the frame member thus far described is a single integral element that may be bent or formed to shape.

In order to provide a rigid frame member, I insert at the base thereof in suitable openings

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in the sides 10 and 12, the rod 30, the ends of which on the outside of the sides form holding buttons 32 and 34.

The horizontal cross members 36 are preferably made from a metal rod though it will be understood that any other suitable material, such as wood or plastic, may be used, and provided with the downwardly extending fingers 38 and 40, which as will be seen serve to removably hold the cross members in place on the clothes hanger frame.

In order to provide a socket for a finger 38, I mount on the sides 10, as by the rivets 42, the straps 44 which are bent to form securing lugs and a socket in which the finger 38 may be positioned. It will be noted that the folded over part of the strap is spaced away from the side to thus form a pocket or socket member. It will be apparent that the cross member 36 may be removably mounted on the frame by inserting a finger 38 in the socket forming strap 44.

In order to provide a means for holding the other end of the cross member 36 on the frame, I form the inwardly and downwardly inclined slots 46, which are somewhat widened at the bottom of the slots to accommodate the cross member 36.

It will be noted that the finger 40 is positioned on the outside of the side 12 when the cross member is positioned in the slot 46.

The strap 44 and finger 38 function as a socket permitting the cross member to be moved toward and away from the frame and the downwardly inclined slot 46 functions as a catch to hold the cross member 36 in place when the end adjacent to the finger 40 is inserted in the slot.

Each slot 46 is aligned with a corresponding socket forming strap 44 and the enlarged bottom of the slot is positioned somewhat lower than its corresponding socket so that the slot can serve as a lock or a catch. If desired, the finger 40 may be omitted though its serves as a means for centering the cross member 36 in the frame.

While I have described in specific detail a certain embodiment of my invention, I do not intend to be limited thereto since other modifications will readily occur to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the claim appended hereto.

I claim:

A clothes hanger comprising in combination, a frame member having depending vertical sides extending into an upper cross member, a U-shaped member mounted on one of said sides,

the arms of said U-shaped member secured to the said last mentioned side and extending therefrom at right angles thereto to space the base of the U-shaped member outward from said side and thereby form a receiving pocket open at the upper and lower ends thereof, the other of said sides having a slot open at the said second mentioned side, said opening positioned in line with the upper opening of the pocket, said slot extending downward from the opening thereto at an inclination to the last mentioned opening and terminating at the upper open end of the U-shaped member, and a removable cross member terminating at each side in a downwarding extending element, one of said elements removably mounted in the pocket formed by the U-shaped member and the said cross member removably mounted in said slot with the other element extending downward on the outside of the said second mentioned side, the open upper end of the U-shaped member and the termination of the slot in the second mentioned side in line with each other whereby the said cross member assumes a horizontal position in the closed hanger.

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