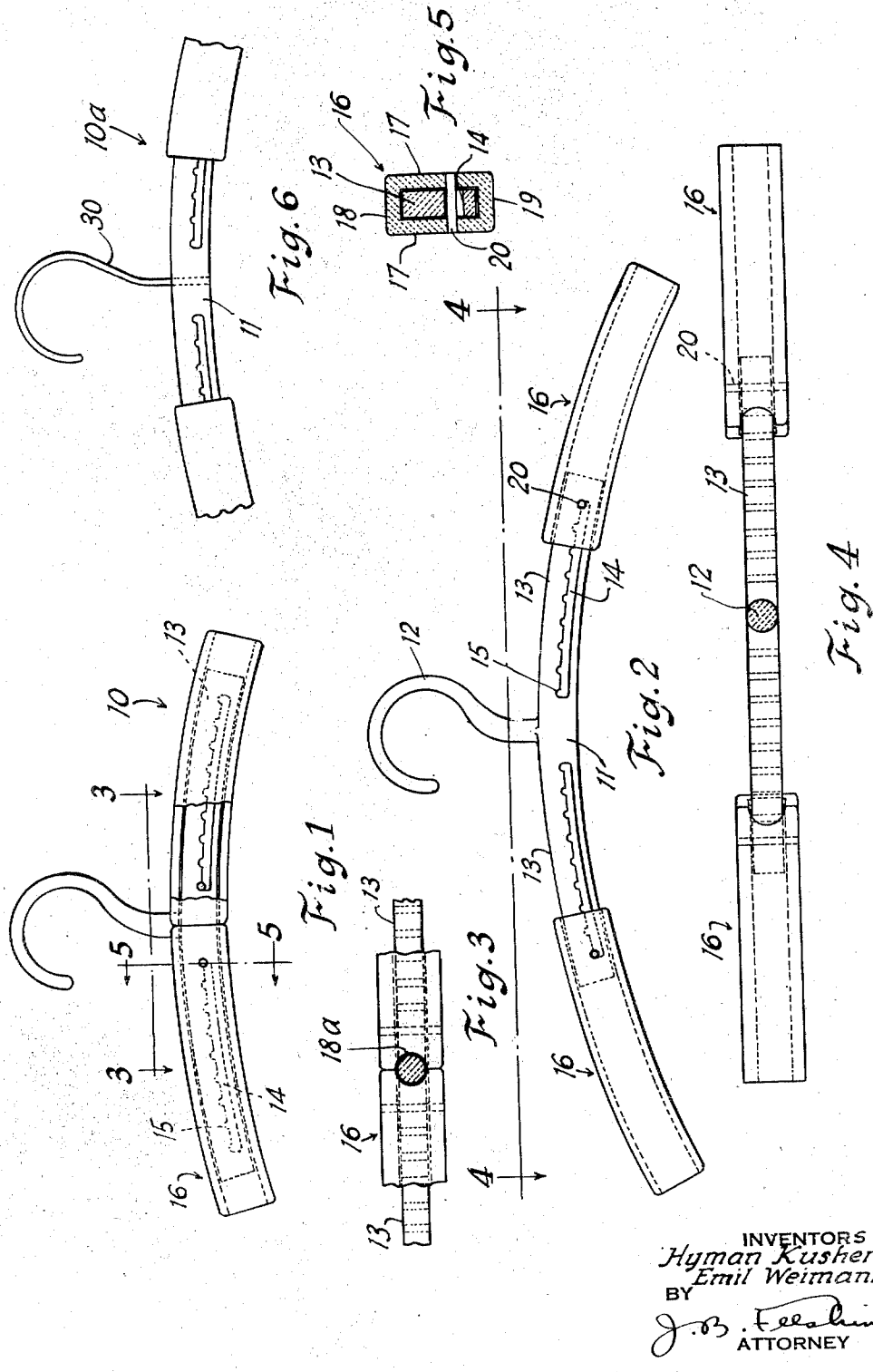
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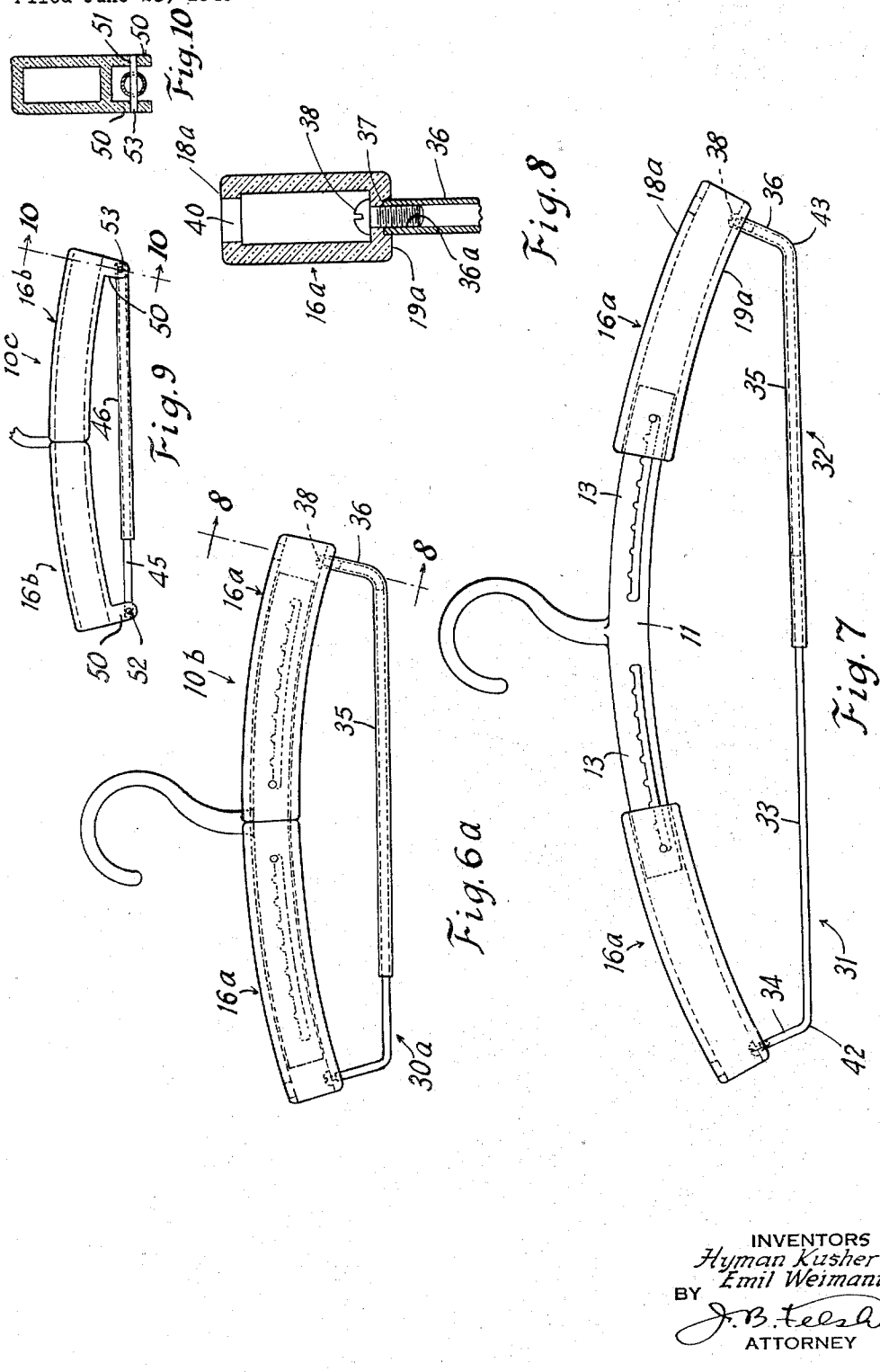


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This invention relates to garment hangers.

An object of this invention is to provide a garment hanger which is adjustable in extent so that it may be used for infants' and children's wear as well as for adults' apparel.

A further object of this invention is to provide a garment hanger which may be collapsed into compact form so that it may easily be packed for travelling.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a garment hanger of the character described comprising an arched member provided with a hook and a pair of extension sleeves on the outer ends of said arched member, the sleeves being extensible to various positions, and to retain the sleeves in various adjusted positions.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide in an extensible garment hanger of the character described, extensible pants or skirt supporting means.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a strong, compact and durable device of the character described, which shall be relatively inexpensive to manufacture, which shall be attractive in appearance, and yet practical and efficient to a high degree in use.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a device embodying the invention in collapsed form and with parts broken away to show the interior construction;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the device opened up or in extended position;

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a partial view similar to Fig. 2, but illustrating a modified construction;

Fig. 6a is a front elevational view of a garment hanger embodying the invention and illustrating a modified form thereof and showing the same in collapsed condition;

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Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 6a and showing the same in extended position;

Fig. 8 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 8—8 of Fig. 6a;

Fig. 9 is a view similar to Fig. 6 and illustrating another modification; and

Fig. 10 is an enlarged cross-section taken on line 10—10 of Fig. 9.

Referring now in detail of the drawing, 10 designates a garment hanger embodying the invention. The same comprises an arched member 11 provided with a central upstanding hook 12. The member 11 may be made of plastic material or any other suitable material and the hook may be formed integrally therewith.

Each wing 13 is formed with an arched slot 14. At the upper edge of each slot are a plurality of spaced curved semi-circular notches 15 for the purpose hereinafter appearing. Slidably mounted on each wing 13 is a sleeve 16. Each sleeve 16 has parallel side walls 17, a curved top wall 18, and a curved bottom wall 19. The curvature of sleeve 16 is the same as the curvature of the wings 13 so that the sleeves may be slidably moved.

Interconnecting the side walls 17 is a pin 20 passing through slot 14. The top wall 18 is formed with notches 18a to receive the stem portion of the hook 12. The pins 20 are located adjacent the inner ends of the sleeves 16. When the sleeves are brought together as shown in Fig. 1, pins 20 will engage the innermost notches 15 as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. There is some looseness between the sleeves 16 and the wings 13 so that the pins 20 may be moved out of notches 15, and into slot 14 so as to permit the sleeves to be moved lengthwise of the wings. In order to extend the sleeves, the sleeves 16 are tilted to disengage the pins 20 from the innermost notches 15, and then the sleeves are pulled out and the pins then engaged with any one of the other notches 15. In this manner, the sleeves may be extended so as to adjust the length of the garment hanger. When the sleeves are pulled outwardly the weight of their outwardly extending portions and the weight of a garment applied to the hanger causes the sleeves to rock upon ends of the arched member or main bar 11 and inner ends of the sleeves will be tilted upwardly and thereby prevent the pins from slipping out of the notches in which they are engaged. Therefore the sleeves will be firmly held in the adjusted positions until their outer ends are thrust upwardly to rock the sleeves in a direction which moves their inner ends downwardly and dislodges the

pins from the notches in which they are engaged. The garment hanger may be used for either infant's or children's wear or for adult's apparel. The device may be collapsed to the position shown in Fig. 1 so that it may be easily packed for travelling.

In Fig. 6 there is shown a garment hanger 10*a*, similar to the garment hanger 10, except that the integral hook 12 is replaced by a metal hook 30 which is attached to the central arched member 11. The sleeve 16 may likewise be made of synthetic plastic. The sleeves may be transparent, if desired.

It will be noted that the sleeve 16 cannot be entirely pulled off the arched member 11 because the pins 20 are within the slots 14.

In Figs. 6*a*, 7 and 8 there is shown a garment hanger 10*b* embodying the invention and illustrating a modified form thereof. The garment hanger 10*b* comprises an upper portion which is substantially similar to the garmant hanger 10. The garment hanger 10*b*, however, is provided with pants or skirt supporting means 30*a* which is extensible with the sleeves 16*a*.

The garment hanger 10*b* comprises an arched member 11, similar to member 11 of Figs. 1 to 6. The sleeves 16*a* are slidable on the wings 13 of member 11. Sleeves 16*a* are similar to sleeves 16, except for the differences pointed out hereinafter.

The pants supporting means 30*a* comprises a tube 31 telescoped within a tube 32. Tube 31 has a horizontal portion 33 and an upwardly and outwardly inclined portion 34. Tube 32 has a horizontal portion 35 receiving portion 33 of tube 31. Extending upwardly from tube portion 35 is a tube portion 36. The bottom wall 19*a* of each sleeve 16*a* is formed with a countersunk opening 37 adjacent the upper end thereof. The upper end of tube portion 36 projects into the countersunk opening 37. Said upper portion is internally screw threaded as at 36*a*. Extending through opening 37 is a screw 38 screwed into the threaded opening 36*a*, fixing said tube portion to sleeve 16*a*.

The top wall 18*a* of each sleeve 16*a* is formed with an opening 40 aligned with opening 37 to receive a screw driver for fastening the screw 38 to the tube portion 36.

The upper end of tube portion 34 is similarly attached to the other sleeve 16*a*.

It will now be understood that when sleeves 16*a* are extended, the pants or skirt supporting means 30*a* will likewise be extended. The tubes 31 and 32 are preferably made of resilient metal or any other suitable resilient material so as to permit some flex, particularly at junctions 42 and 43 between the tube portions 33, 34 and 35, 36 respectively.

In Figs. 9 and 10 there is shown a hanger 10*c*, similar to hanger 10*b*, except for the differences noted hereinafter. Hanger 10*c* comprises the arched member 11 in the ends of which are slidably mounted sleeves 16*b*, similar to sleeves 16, except that the former are formed at the ends thereof with pairs of depending ears 50 formed with aligned holes 51 receiving transverse pivot pins 52 and 53, respectively. Pivoted on pin 52

is one end of a tube 45. Pivoted to pin 53 is one end of a tube 46 telescoping on tube 45. As the wings move outwardly, rod 45 slides in tube 46.

Movement of one wing without the other is not hampered by the rod and tube because of the pivots 52, 53.

Pants or a skirt may be hung on the telescoping rod and tube 45, 46.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiments above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A garment hanger comprising a longitudinally arched main bar, a suspension member midway the length of said bar adapted for engagement with an overhead support, portions of said bar between its ends and said suspension member being formed with longitudinally extending slots conforming to the curvature of the bar and with notches spaced from each other longitudinally of the upper walls of the slots, tubular longitudinally curved sleeves fitting about said bar and slidable longitudinally thereon from a retracted position to an extended position and having their inner ends abutting under said suspension member when retracted, and pins mounted transversely through inner end portions of said sleeves and passing through said slots to limit sliding movement of the sleeves along the bar, said sleeves being tiltable upon said bar by weight upon their outer portions when extended and when so tilted disposing the pins in selected notches to releasably hold the sleeves in adjusted positions.

2. The structure of claim 1, wherein the sleeves carry transversely spaced ears extending downwardly from their outer ends, telescoping rods extending longitudinally of the hanger under the sleeves, and pins passing through the ears and outer ends of said rods and connecting the rods with the sleeves.

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