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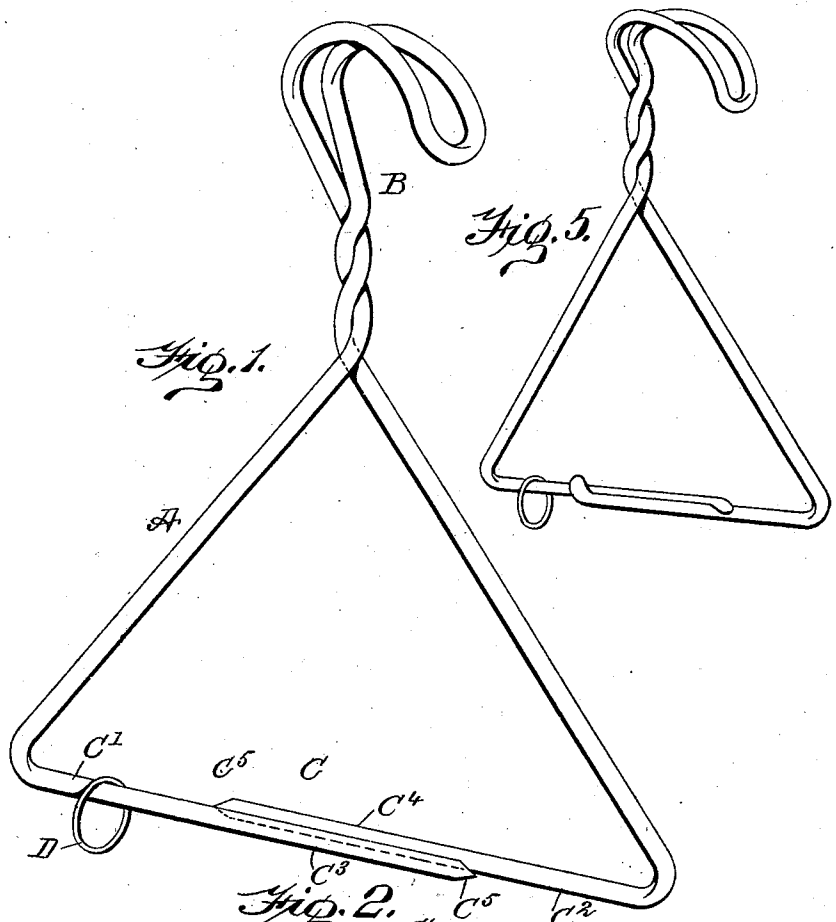


Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

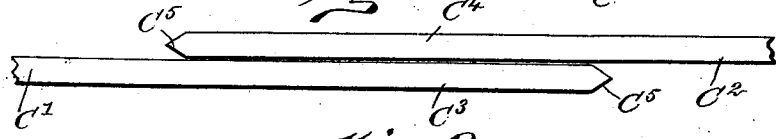


Fig. 3.

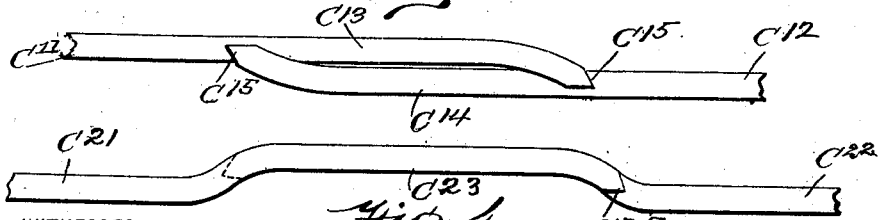


Fig. 4.

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DISPLAY-HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RALPH ORCUTT DOUGHTY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Mount Pleasant, in the county of Isabella and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Display-Hanger, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved display-hanger or merchandise-support, more especially designed for use in stores and arranged to compactly support and display fur scarfs, collars, muffs, and other articles to the greatest advantage, at the same time preventing petty theft or removal of the articles by unauthorized persons.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, which will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claim.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of the base members of the frame. Figs. 3 and 4 are like views of modified forms of the same; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the improvement, showing the construction of base illustrated in Fig. 3.

The display-hanger or merchandise-support is preferably made from a single piece of wire bent to form a closed frame A, of triangular or other shape and having its top preferably terminating in a hook B for supporting the hanger from a rod or other support. The bottom or base bar C of the frame A is formed of two members C′ and C^2, extending toward each other and having their end portions C^3 and C^4 overlapping in any desired form, such as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, each end portion C^3 and C^4 terminating in a point C^5. In Fig. 3 the members of the bottom or base bar are lettered C^{11} and C^{12}, the overlapping portions are lettered C^{13} C^{14}, and the ends or extremities thereof are lettered C^{15}, while in Fig. 4 the members of the bottom or base bar are lettered C^{21} C^{22}, the overlapping portion is lettered C^{23}, and the extremity thereof C^{25}.

The fur scarf, collar, muff, or other article to be displayed is provided with a ring D, adapted to be passed over one of the points C^5 and forced along between the end portions C^3 and C^4, which, owing to the resiliency of the members C′ and C^2, spring sufficiently far apart to allow the passage of the ring until it passes the other point C^5, so that the ring is then hung on the bottom bar C of the frame A to display the article held on the ring D. As soon as the ring has passed the end portions C^3 and C^4 it is evident that the same return to their overlapping position, so as to prevent accidental disengagement of the ring D from the bottom bar C of the frame A and also to prevent unauthorized persons from removing the article displayed and attached to the ring D.

Any desired number of rings D with various articles attached thereto can be readily placed in position on the bottom bar C of the frame A to conveniently display the articles in compact and advantageous form and allowing the storekeeper or other person in charge to remove any one of the articles whenever it is desired to do so at the time a sale is made, it being understood that for this purpose the corresponding ring of the article selected is forced between the end portions C^3 and C^4 to finally disengage the same and free the ring of the bottom bar C.

It is understood that the end portions C^3 and C^4 overlap each other a considerable distance, as plainly indicated in the drawings, to prevent convenient removal of a ring D by unauthorized persons, and hence persons attempting to remove a ring with the article placed thereon can easily be detected, owing to the time required for removing a ring.

The device is very simple and durable in construction and can be cheaply manufactured.

In the specific construction shown in Fig. 3 the bottom is made of two members extending toward each other and overlapping longitudinally to points near their extremities and with their extremities deflected to overlap each the other member of the bottom. In this construction it will be noticed the overlapping members form at the bottom of the frame a doubled portion the sections of which at said middle extend approximately parallel with each other, and by deflecting the extremities of the members the difficulty of removing the ring is increased.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The display-hanger herein described com-

prising a frame having at its upper end a suspending-hook and provided at the said end with diverging side bars and at the lower end of said side bars with members extending inward toward each other and overlapping at their meeting portions thus producing at the middle of the bottom of the frame a doubled portion, the sections of which at said middle extend approximately on straight lines and parallel with each other, and a ring of such thickness that it may be forcibly passed between the overlapping sections, the said ring being adapted for connection with an article of merchandise, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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