

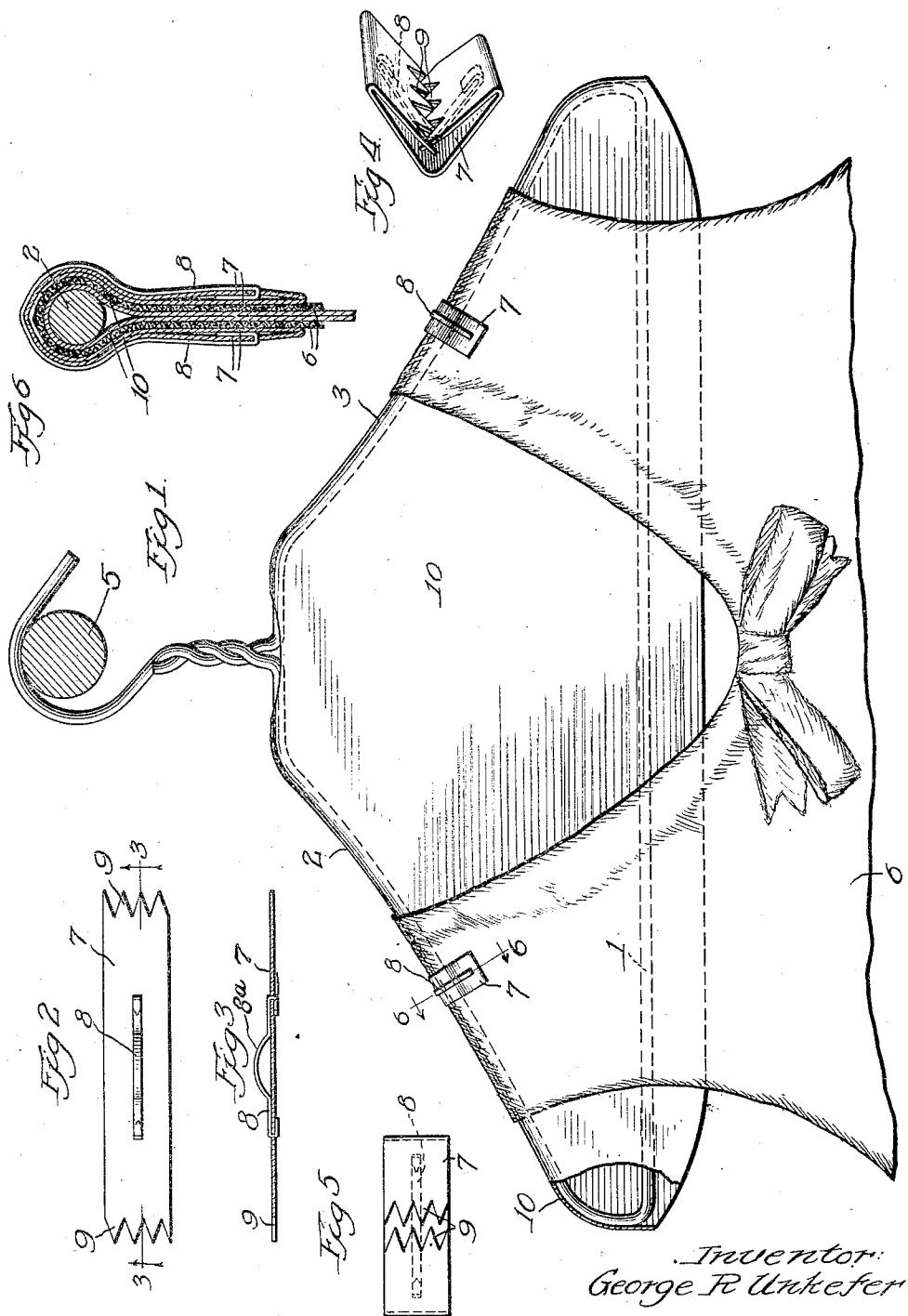
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My invention relates to clips and is of particular service when employed in connection with garment hangers for the purpose of preventing garments upon the hangers from slipping. The clip of my invention makes a garment hanger more adaptable to supporting sleeveless garments and garments having large neck openings, such as those worn by women; for example, the supported garments being held from slipping along and from the hangers by means of the clips. The clip of my invention is inclusive of a U-shaped gripping member having facility for maintaining gripping engagement with a garment hanger and the garment placed upon the hanger. The clip of my invention desirably includes material in its formation that renders it substantially non-resilient and capable of maintaining its sides in the relative positions in which they are placed in the application of the clip. This material is preferably embodied in a metal member which embraces a substantially non-resilient non-metal gripping member. The metal member is non-resilient and its sides remain in the relative positions in which they are placed to maintain the gripping member in engagement with the object embraced by the clip. The gripping member is desirably made of card board, which is somewhat soft, to prevent it from injuring delicate material and to further prevent the gripping member from injuring such material, the ends thereof have continuations extending toward the bight of the clip and terminating substantially at the bight and on each side thereof. These continuations are desirably upon the inner sides of the clip and are serrated to afford further holding engagement with the gripped object.

I will explain my invention more fully by reference to the accompanying drawings in which Fig. 1 is an elevation of a garment hanger with a garment thereon that is held in place upon the hanger by two clips of my invention; Fig. 2 shows the structure in flat form; Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the clip; Fig. 5 is a view looking into the clip; Fig. 6 is a sectional view on line 6—6 of Fig. 5, on a larger scale.

The hanger illustrated is completely formed of wire, it being inclusive of a base portion 1 and two upper portions 2 and 3 which converge upwardly from the ends of said base portions with which they are integral. The meeting ends of the parts 2 and 3 are twisted together, one of these parts being continued into a hook 4 by which the hanger may be supported from a suitable support such as the rod 5.

A garment 6, having a large neck opening, is draped upon the hanger and is prevented from slipping along and from the hanger by means of one or two clips. Each of these clips is inclusive of a flexible substantially non-resilient non-metallic gripping member 7 itself incapable of exerting material gripping pressure, this member being preferably made of somewhat soft and thin card board. Each clip is also inclusive of a substantially non-resilient metal member 8 which embraces the corresponding gripping member, the bights and side portions of said members being respectively associated, the sides of said metal member being capable of remaining in the relative positions in which they are placed to conform substantially to the contour of an object embraced by said clip and to maintain the sides of the gripping member in engagement with the garment and, if desired, also in engagement with the hanger. The metal which I employ is preferably soft steel. The metal member 8, when in the flat form as shown in Fig. 3, has a surplus center portion here shown as the loop-like portion 8a, which forms a desirably enlarged bight for the clip when the parts are folded into gripping position. Thus the clip is enabled to conform to the contour of the hanger portions 2 or 3 and the portions of the apron 10 and garment 6 overlying said portions 2 or 3 and to maintain the garment 6 in relatively tight engagement with the hanger.

To prevent the gripping members from catching upon the garment as the clips are being applied, the ends of these members are provided with continuations which extend toward the bights of the clips. To afford further engagement between the clips

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and the garment, the continuations of the ends of the gripping members are upon the inner sides of the clips and are serrated, as indicated at 9, these serrations terminating substantially at the bight of the clip and on each side thereof and thus being in effective position for engaging the garment. The ends of the metal members 8 are passed inwardly through the gripping members and are returned toward the bights of the clips, whereby the two members 7 and 8 of each clip are securely assembled. The returned ends of the gripping members cover the returned ends of the metal members to prevent the latter portions from having damaging contact with the garment.

The hanger may be provided with an apron 10, in accordance with common practice.

Changes may be made without departing 20 from the invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. As an article of manufacture, a clip comprising a flexible substantially non-resilient gripping member itself incapable of exerting material gripping pressure, and a substantially non-resilient metal member embracing the gripping member, the sides of said metal member being capable of remaining in the relative positions in which they are placed to conform substantially to the contour of an object embraced by said clip and to maintain the sides of the gripping member in engagement with said object, the ends of the metal member being passed inwardly through the other member and returned to secure the two members in assembly, the ends of the gripping member having inward continuations extending toward the bight of the clip and covering the returned ends of the metal member.

2. As an article of manufacture, a clip comprising a flexible substantially non-resilient gripping member itself incapable of exerting material gripping pressure, and a substantially non-resilient metal member embracing the gripping member, said metal member when in flat form having a central loop-like portion forming an enlarged bight 45 for the clip when said members are folded into gripping position, the sides of said metal member being capable of remaining in the relative positions in which they are placed to conform substantially to the contour of an object embraced by said clip and to maintain the sides of the gripping member in engagement with said object, the ends of the metal member being passed inwardly through the other member and returned to secure the 50 two members in assembly, the ends of the gripping member having inward continuations extending toward the bight of the clip and covering the returned ends of the metal member.

3. As an article of manufacture, a clip com-

prising a flexible substantially non-resilient gripping member itself incapable of exerting material gripping pressure, and a substantially non-resilient metal member embracing the gripping member, said metal member when in flat form having a central loop-like portion forming an enlarged bight for the clip when said members are folded into gripping position, the sides of said metal member being capable of remaining in the relative positions in which they are placed to maintain the sides of the gripping member in engagement with said object, the ends of the metal member being passed inwardly through the other member and returned to secure the two members in assembly, the ends of the gripping member having inward continuations extending toward the bight of the clip and covering the returned ends of the metal member, the ends of said gripping members having serrations in the terminations thereof and terminating at the bight of said clip and on each side thereof.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name.

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