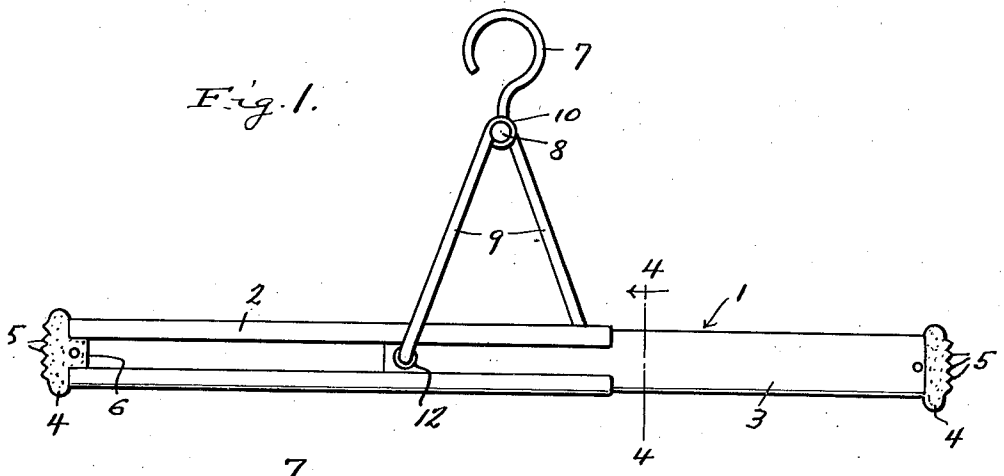
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Fig. 1.



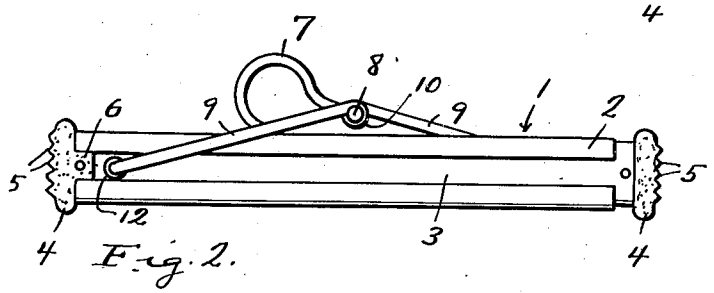


Fig. 2.

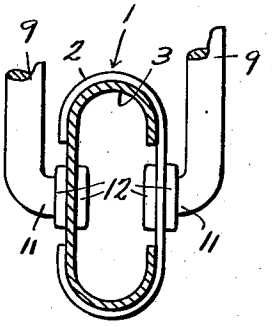
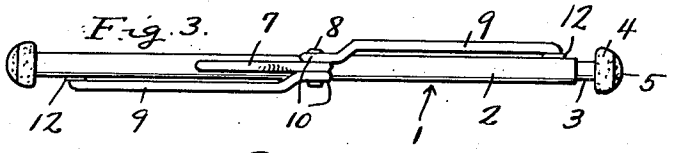


Fig. 4.

Fig. 3.



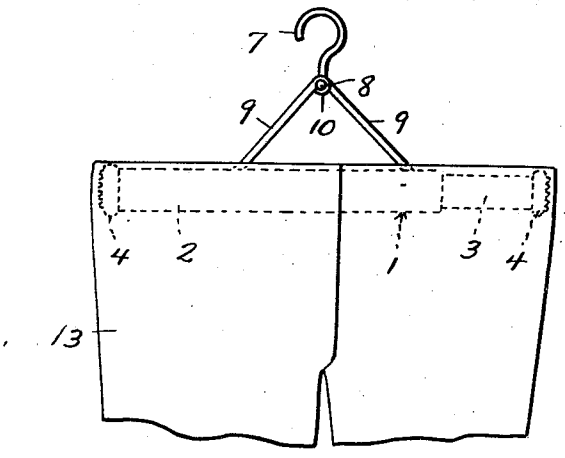


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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in garment hangers particularly for pants or trousers and has for one of its important objects to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character embodying a novel construction and arrangement whereby the weight of the garment itself is utilized for securing said garment to the hanger.

Another very important object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the aforementioned character from which the trousers may be expeditiously suspended in such a manner that it is unnecessary to empty the pockets thereof to keep the contents of said pockets from falling out.

Still another very important object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger of the character described which will automatically adjust itself to different sizes of trousers.

A still further important object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger of the character set forth which will hold the trousers in a natural position without wrinkling and at the same time preserve the appearance of the garment.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a garment hanger which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, highly efficient and reliable in use, compact, light in weight and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a garment hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention, showing the bar extended.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view, showing the telescopic sections of the bar in retracted position.

Figure 3 is a top plan view thereof.

Figure 4 is a cross sectional view, taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is an elevational view, showing a pair of trousers suspended from the hanger.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises an extensible bar of suitable metal which is designated generally by the reference numeral 1. As illustrated to advantage in Fig. 4 of the drawing, the bar 1 includes a pair of telescopic sections 2 and 3 of substantially C-shaped cross section. Mounted in the outer end portions of the bar sections 2 and 3 are rubber tips 4 which are serrated or toothed, as at 5. It will be observed that the tips 4 include reduced shanks 6 which are anchored in the outer end portions of the bar sections 2 and 3.

The reference numeral 7 designates a metallic suspension hook having mounted transversely on its shank a pin 8. Links 9 terminate, at one end, in eyes or loops 10 which are journaled on the pin 8 on opposite sides of the hook 7. At their other ends the links 9 terminate in inturned trunnions 11 which are journaled in the outer or closed sides of the bar sections 2 and 3. Washers 12 are provided on the trunnions 11 on opposite sides of the bar sections 2 and 3. In Fig. 5 of the drawing, the reference numeral 13 designates the upper portion of a pair of trousers suspended on the hanger.

It is thought that the manner in which the device is used will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly, with the fly of the trousers 13 closed, the bar 1 is inserted transversely in said trousers and the tips 4 are engaged with the side portions of the waistband thereof. The sections 2 and 3 of the bar 1 are opened and the device may then be suspended from a suitable support through the medium of the hook 7. The weight of the garment has a tendency to swing the links 9 together thereby urging the telescopic sections 2 and 3 apart in a manner to securely hold the trousers. It will thus be seen that the greater the weight on the hanger the more firmly the garment will be held. Of course, to remove the trousers it is only necessary to slide the bar sections 2 and 3 toward closed or retracted position. The construction and arrangement is such that the suspension hook 7 is centrally located at all times. It will also be observed that when the hanger is closed, as seen in Fig. 2 of the drawing, the links 9 and the hook 7 are located closely adjacent the bar 1 thus making for compactness.

It is believed that the many advantages of a garment hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A garment hanger of the class described com-

prising an extensible, tubular metallic bar substantially oval in cross section, said bar including a pair of oppositely positioned telescopic sections of substantially C-shaped cross section, resilient tips mounted in the outer end portions of said sections and projecting therefrom for engagement with a garment for securing the bar therein, a hook, links having one end pivotally connected to said hook, and inturned trunnions on the other ends of the links journaled in the opposed side walls of the sections in the inner end portions thereof and operable between the longitudinal edges of said sections, the inner end of one of the sections being engageable with the tip in the other section when said sections are in closed position.

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