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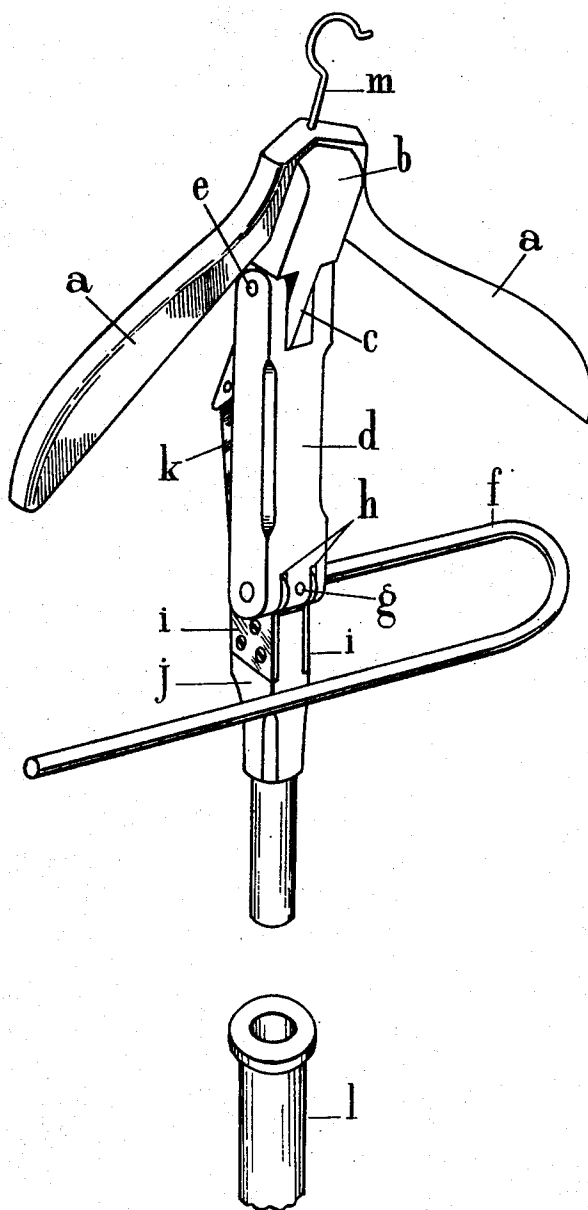


Fig 1

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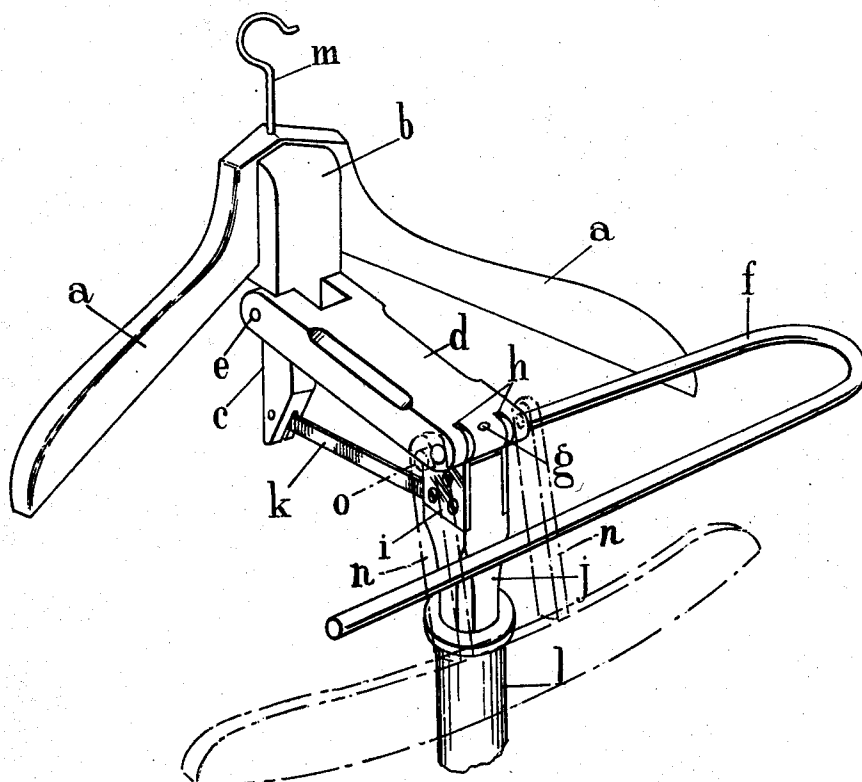


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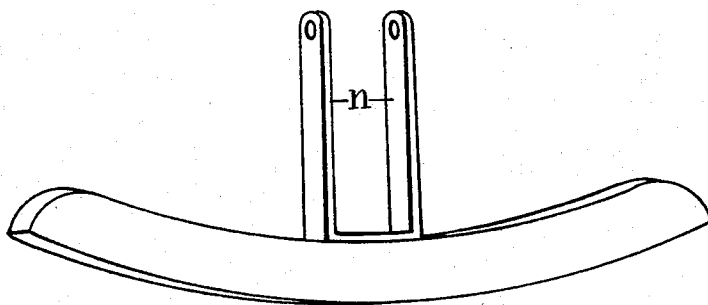


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to means for supporting wearing apparel, more particularly to a hanger for a suit of clothes.

The object of the present invention is to provide means for supporting the garments constituting a suit of clothes in such a manner that the articles can be individually hung upon or removed from the support without disturbing other garments resting on the same.

The invention consists in a clothes hanger or like support for wearing apparel comprising a first bent or shaped member on which to hang a jacket or coat, a connecting member one end of which is hingedly attached to a fixture on said first member so as to be free to move in the plane of symmetry of said first member and having at the other end thereof a shaped bar member fixed thereto so as to lie at right angles to said plane of symmetry of said first member on which to hang a pair of trousers, a carrier member hingedly attached to the connecting member adjacent the bar member which is also free to move in the plane of symmetry of the first member to afford support for the hanger when the said carrier member is applied to a floor stand or wall bracket or like device and a link connecting a projection upon the fixture on the said first member and the carrier member so that the former and the latter remain substantially parallel to one another when moved relative to one another.

A further feature of the invention is that means are provided upon the fixture on said first member or on said carrier member or both to limit the extent of hinged movement in relation to the connecting member.

A still further feature of the invention is that a second bent or shaped member is hingedly suspended from and suitably spaced from one end of the connecting member so as to be free to move in the plane of symmetry of said first member to support a vest.

A still further feature is that a hook may be provided upon the first shaped member so that the hanger can be suspended from a hook or bar as an alternative to support upon a floor stand or wall bracket.

In accordance with one mode of carrying out the invention the first bent or shaped member is made of wood in one or two pieces which are shaped in the known manner to simulate the shoulders to support the jacket of the suit. To the centre of this member there is attached a vertical piece of wood in the shape of a T, the cross member supporting the shaped members while the upright of the T forms part of a hinge.

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A second piece of wood of like thickness and width is provided with a slot at its upper end into which the upright of the T is inserted and pinned to form a hinge. In one extreme position the two pieces of wood lie in line with one another while in the other extreme position the second piece of wood is folded up at right angles to the first piece of wood. To the other end of this second piece of wood or connecting member there is rigidly fastened a bent rod having a straight portion to accommodate the trousers in a plane parallel to the jacket.

The first shaped member is provided with a bent wire hook for suspending the hanger from a hook or rod. When the hanger is so suspended the trousers lie parallel to and in contact with the jacket, but when the connecting member is lifted to the horizontal position the trousers are lifted away from the jacket.

In order that the hanger can be supported from a floor stand or bracket, the lower end of the connecting member is provided with a suitable shaped carrier member of wood or other material which can be inserted in a corresponding fitting in the stand or bracket. The upper end of the carrier member is hinged to the back and lower end of the connecting member in such a manner that when support is taken from the floor stand the connecting member assumes a horizontal position. A metal link is hingedly attached between the carrier member and the lower end of the T to ensure that the latter remains substantially vertical when the hanger is supported on the stand.

The hanger may be provided in addition with a rest for a vest comprising an inverted bow member hingedly supported from the lower end of the connecting member. This hinge can be constructed with two metal strips which are fastened to the bow parallel to one another and spaced a short distance apart, the upper ends of which pass into saw cuts in the end of the connecting member being hinged about a pin passing through the wood and holes in the strip. The rest for the vest is arranged to hang down behind the trouser rest.

While the hanger is suspended by its hook in a wardrobe the garments lie close together with their supports spaced from one another in a vertical plane, while when the hanger is supported from a floor stand or bracket by means of the carrier the garments are separated from one another in a horizontal plane, so as to facilitate their removal without disturbing other garments on the hanger.

The drawings show, by way of example, only one embodiment of the invention in which,

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Figure 1 shows the hanger adjusted for hanging.

Figure 2 shows the hanger supported upon a stand, and

Figure 3 shows a vest hanger for use with the construction of Figure 2.

The supports *a-a* for the shoulders of the jacket (Figure 1) are shaped in the usual manner and are supported upon the vertical wooden T-shaped fixture *b* by screwing or gluing or other known means. The upright of the T *c* forms part of a hinge which co-operates with the slot provided in the end of the connecting member *d*, pivoting upon the pin *e* passing therethrough. In one extreme position the two members *b* and *d* lie substantially in line while in the other extreme position they are at right angles to one another. The other end of the connecting member *d* is provided with a bent rod *f* which is rigidly fastened thereto and forms the pivot upon which the member *d* is supported. This rod is fastened by a screw *g* in the member *d* and is thus prevented from rotating in the bore. Two slots *h/h* are cut in the end of the connecting member to receive drilled lugs upon the plates fixed upon the carrier member *j*, the bent rod *f* passing through the holes in the lugs to act as the pivot of the hinge. This hinge allows the connecting member to assume either a vertical position, or a horizontal position, where it rests across the top of the carrier member *j* and is thus supported in this position (Figure 2).

The metal link *k* is provided between the end of the upright of the T-shaped member *b* and the carrier member *j* to ensure that the former remains substantially vertical when the hanger is supported by means of the latter upon the tubular support *l* the upper end only of which is shown in Figure 1.

The jacket supporting member *a* is provided with a bent wire hook *m* so that it can be suspended from a hook or rod provided in a wardrobe or like location. When the device is supported by means of its hook the trousers lie parallel with and in contact with the jacket, while when the device is supported by means of the supporting member the connecting member lies horizontally and the trousers are separated from the jacket.

In Figure 3 there is shown a supporting member for a vest which is hung from the trouser rod by means of the metal straps *n, n*. These straps are positioned on each side of the connecting member, the rod being extended as required and shown at *o* to accommodate the same. This vest support hangs freely in whatever position the main device is supported.

The various parts of the hanger may be made of wood, metal, plastic or other suitable material and the hinges may be formed in the different members or may be attached thereto as desired and other details for carrying the invention into effect may be varied without departing from the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A clothes hanger for wearing apparel com-

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prising a first bent or shaped member on which to hang a jacket or coat, a fixture on said first member, a connecting member one end of which is hingedly attached to the fixture on said first member so as to be free to move in the plane of symmetry of said first member and having at the other end thereof a shaped bar member fixed thereto so as to lie at right angles to said plane of symmetry of said first member on which to hang a pair of trousers, a carrier member hingedly attached to the connecting member adjacent the bar member which is also free to move in the plane of symmetry of the first member to afford support for the hanger when the said carrier member is applied to a floor stand or wall bracket or like device and a link connecting a projection upon the fixture on the said first member and the carrier member so that the former and the latter remain substantially parallel to one another when moved relative to one another.

2. A clothes hanger as claimed in claim 1 in which means are provided between the fixture on said first member and said carrier member to limit the extent of hinged movement in relation to the connecting member.

3. A clothes hanger as claimed in claim 1 in which a second bent or shaped member is hingedly suspended from and spaced from one end of the connecting member so as to be free to move in the plane of symmetry of said first member to support a vest.

4. A clothes hanger as claimed in claim 1 in which a hook is provided upon the first shaped member so that the hanger can be suspended as an alternative to support upon a floor stand or wall bracket.

5. A clothes hanger for wearing apparel comprising a first bent or shaped member on which to hang a jacket or coat, a connecting member one end of which is hingedly attached to said first member and having at its other end a shaped bar member on which to hang a pair of trousers, hanging hook means upon the first member, a carrier member associated with the shaped bar member to support the latter horizontally from a floor stand, and connecting link means between said first member and said carrier member such that when the device is hung by means of the hook means the first member and the shaped bar member are substantially parallel to one another and are spaced from one another substantially in a vertical plane while when the device is supported upon a floor stand by means of the carrier member the first member and the shaped bar member are substantially parallel to one another and are spaced from one another substantially in a horizontal plane.

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