

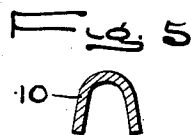
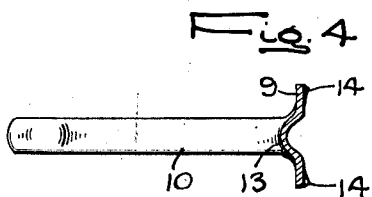
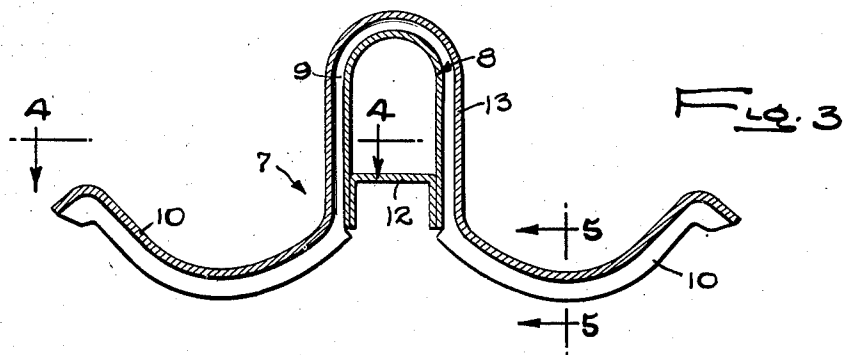
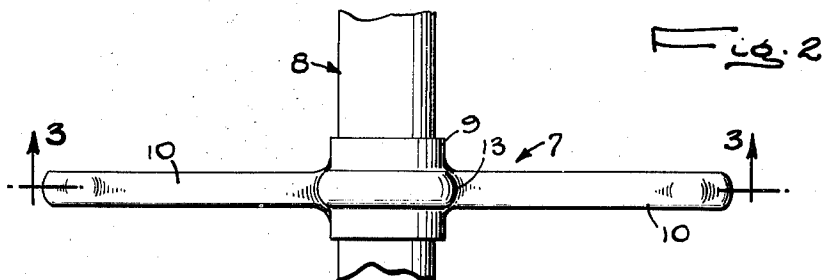
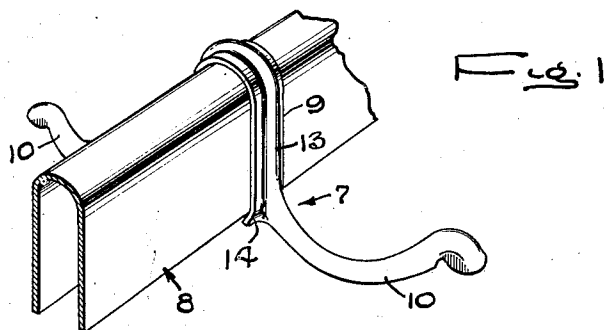
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The invention pertains to garment supports and more especially to a clothes hook mounted on the hanger rail of a garment rack.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a convenient supporting means for coats, hats and the like through the provision of hooks applied to a hanger rail and so constructed as to be held firmly against twisting or turning movement relative to the rail as well as against accidental removal therefrom and yet capable of being shifted along the rail into any desired spaced relation.

A further object is to provide a hook of low cost but of rugged construction, capable of being quickly and easily applied to or removed from a hanger rail and when so applied is effectually retained in position thereon.

The objects of the invention thus generally stated, together with other and ancillary advantages are attained by the construction and arrangement shown by way of illustration in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved hook applied to a hanger rail of a garment rack, a portion only of the rail being shown.

Fig. 2 is a top elevational view of the hook applied to a section of the rail.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section taken in the plane of line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken in the plane of line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken in the plane of line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

As shown in Figure 1 the improved garment supporting means comprises a hook 7 mounted upon a rail 8 of a garment rack, the opposite ends of the rail being customarily supported in the rack. In practice the rail is equipped with a plurality of hooks but for the sake of simplicity I have herein shown only one such hook.

The hook 7 comprises a central yoke portion 9 carrying oppositely projecting arms 10. The yoke is of inverted U shape so as to fit snugly over the rail 8 which is of generally rectangular cross section with opposed flat sides and a rounded upper edge. As shown, the rail is made of a strip of sheet metal bent into channel form and closed at its lower end by a flanged stiffening member 12.

The hook 7 is made of sheet metal or other suitable resilient material. Preferably, it is in the form of a low cost sheet metal stamping shaped for strength and ruggedness as well as for effectual coaction with the rail so as to be held against turning movement relative thereto as

well as against accidental removal. Thus the opposed legs of the yoke 9 are made relatively wide for engagement with the flat sides of the rail. The arms 10, which are formed integrally with the lower ends of the legs, are bent into channel form so as to provide nicely rounded and appropriately shaped hook members. The channel formation of the arms 10 lends ample stiffness thereto, and to insure adequate strength at the point of connection with the yoke the latter is formed with a central bead 13 struck out from the yoke. The channel form of the arms is thus in effect continued into the yoke through the medium of the bead.

To retain the hooks against accidental removal from the rail detent means is provided. This means preferably takes the form of lugs 14 bent inwardly from the lower ends of the legs of the yoke at opposite sides of the bead 13 so as to engage with the underside edges of the rail. The resilient material from which the yoke is formed permits the legs thereof to be sprung outwardly to disengage the lugs from the rail when it is desired to remove the hook therefrom. In normal position, however, the legs of the yoke yieldably clamp the rail. By this construction hooks mounted on the rail are frictionally held in position but are capable of being slid along the rail into any desirable spaced relationship.

I claim as my invention:

1. A clothes hook for a garment rack hanger rail of generally rectangular cross section, comprising a central yoke portion of inverted U shape with opposed parallel legs, hook portions extending outwardly from the lower ends of said legs, and retaining lugs on the lower ends of said legs for engagement beneath the lower side edges of the hanger rail, said yoke portion being resilient to permit relative spreading of the legs of the yoke to carry said lugs into disengaged relation to such lower side edges of the rail in removing the hook from the rail.

2. A garment supporting hook made of sheet metal and comprising a yoke with opposed legs and relatively narrow arms extending outwardly in opposite directions from the ends of said legs, said arms being of inverted channel form and said yoke having a strengthening bead formed as a continuation of said channel-shaped arms.

3. A sheet metal clothes hook comprising a yoke shaped to fit over a hanger rail and having opposed legs for engagement with opposite sides of the rail, a hook member formed integral with the lower end of one of said legs and extending outwardly therefrom, said hook member

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being of inverted channel shape and the adjacent leg of the yoke having a bead formed as a continuation of said channel-shaped member.

4. A sheet metal clothes hook comprising a yoke shaped to fit over a hanger rail and having opposed legs for engagement with opposite sides of the rail, and a hook member formed integral with the lower end of each of said legs and extending outwardly therefrom, said hook members being of inverted channel shape and having inwardly projecting lugs engageable beneath the hanger rail, said yoke being resilient to permit relative spreading of the yoke legs to carry said lugs into disengaged relation with said hanger rail and having a strengthening bead intermediate its edges formed as a continuation of said channel shaped hook members.

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