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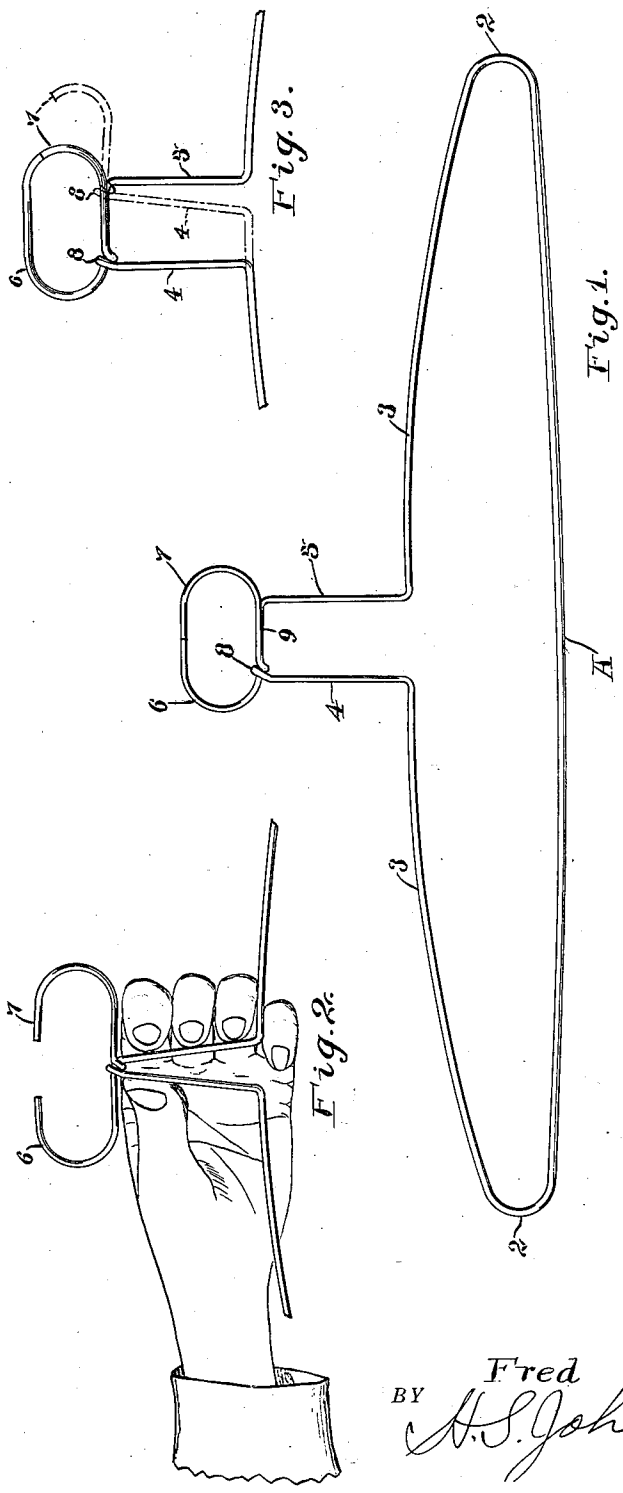


Fig. 1.

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My invention relates to garment hangers, particularly garment hangers made out of wire.

An object of the present invention is to provide a hanger made out of wire with separable jaws to enclose a bar, or other part, from which the hanger is suspended.

A further object is to provide a finger gripping portion in connection with a hanger so connected with the jaw portions that while permitting easy separation of the jaw portions will at all times prevent any twisting of the jaw portions.

A still further object is to provide a hanger of this character wherein the spring action in the separating of the jaw portions will essentially be at the ends of the main part of the hanger.

These and other objects of my invention will be more particularly set forth in the following description and the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view of a hanger embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a view of the jaw portion of the hanger shown being manipulated to open the jaws; and

Figure 3 is a view of the jaw portion of the hanger showing a side meeting of the jaws, the jaws being shown closed in solid lines, and open in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawing in detail, A represents the hanger made of wire shaped to form a garment supporting frame, the upper and lower bars of the frame being connected by the curved end portions 2.

The upper bar 3 of the hanger frame terminates in a pair of upwardly projecting, spaced wires 4 and 5. The free ends of the wires 4 and 5 are bent to form the jaws 6 and 7. The wire portion 4 is formed with a bend 8 encircling the bottom part 9 of the jaw formed by the inturned end of the wire 5, the wire 4 beyond the encircling portion 8 terminating in the jaw portion 7.

By grasping the wire portions 4 and 5, as shown in Figure 2, the jaws are separated as shown, the bottom horizontal wire portion of the jaw 6 sliding through the bend 8. In this separating action the ends 2 of the frame act as a spring. I am aware that it is old to have spring jaws in connection with garment hangers, but essentially these constructions either depend in operation upon the springing of the jaws themselves, or of a jaw supporting member functioning independently of the spring action of the hanger.

In my construction the essential part of the spring action in the opening and closing of the jaws is afforded by the ends 2 of the hanger frame, bringing about a desirable stiffness with respect to the jaw portion of the hanger.

I am further enabled by my construction to slidably interlock the lower sides of the jaw portions by having one of the jaw forming wires looped over the other wire, preventing any twisting or sidewise separation of the jaws. I am enabled, through the features of construction shown, to secure jaw portions which do not need to overlap at their free ends, but may stand in abutting position, a very desirable advantage. There are thus no parts in connection with the jaws of my hanger to catch in adjacent garments where such garments are being lifted from or placed upon hangers, and a single piece wire construction is secured, which, through the features of construction described, is braced against twisting or opening of the jaws or swinging of the hanger on its support, and at the same time, through the spring action of the frame itself, is particularly easy of manipulation.

I claim:

1. A garment hanger made of a single piece of wire bent to form a garment supporting frame, and upwardly extending, separated portions terminating in bent jaws, the wire of one of said upwardly extending portions being looped around the wire of the other upwardly extending portion at the base of the jaw portions to form a slidable connection for the purpose set forth.

2. A hanger of the class described formed of a single piece of wire bent to form a supporting frame work consisting of an upper and lower bar and connected spring ends, the upper bar of the frame-work terminating in upwardly extending spaced portions, a looped portion formed in the jaw end of one of said upwardly extending wire portions, said looped portion encircling the bottom of the jaw portion of the other upwardly extending wire portion to form a slide joint.

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