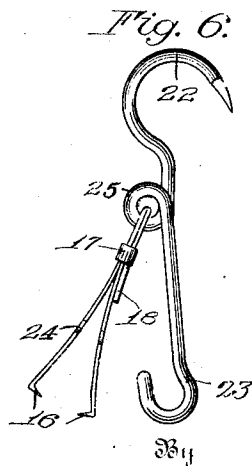
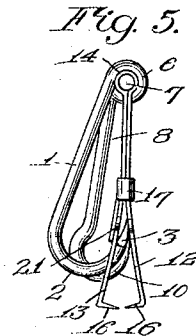
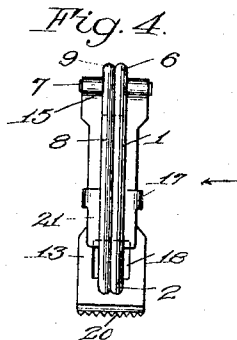
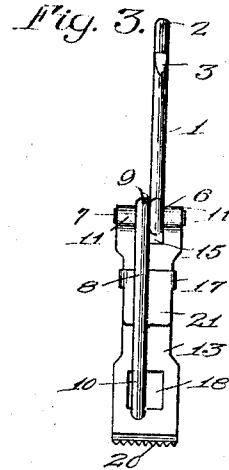
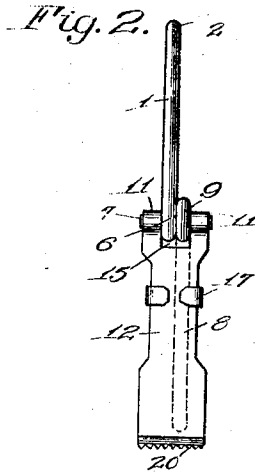
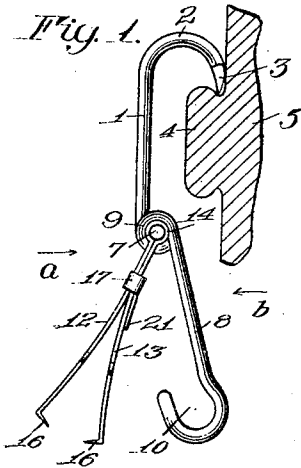


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. BENJAMIN, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket Hat and Coat Hangers, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and shown in the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment hangers, and it has for its objects among others to provide a simple and yet durable and efficient device, readily carried in the vest pocket, for use by persons traveling, in theaters, dining rooms, lodge rooms, steamboats and many other places, where it is desirable to have some ready means of hanging up the hat or coat, or both.

In one of its forms it embodies a foldable device, with means for protecting the point of the member by which it is adapted to be suspended.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the numerals of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation showing the device as in use, the support thereof being shown in section. Fig. 2 is a view of the device taken at right angles to Fig. 1, as indicated by the arrow *a* in said Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view looking at the opposite side, as indicated by the arrow *b* in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an elevation of the device showing it in its folded condition. Fig. 5 is a view of the same as indicated by the arrow in Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is an elevation of the device ready for use, showing a modified form.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings 1 designates a member, preferably of wire, as shown, having at one end a bent over or curved portion 2 terminating in the downwardly-extending terminal 3 which is shown as pointed so as to readily take hold upon a projection 4 of a wall or other support 5, for instance a molding, the top of a chair, a window frame, or any other such device where it may be desired to hang the coat and hat. The other end of this member 1 is coiled or shaped into

an eye or the like 6 through which passes the transverse pivot pin 7.

8 is the other member formed at one end with an eye 9, the said member being also preferably formed of wire, through which also passes the pivot pin 7. The other end of the member 8 is formed into a hook 10, which may serve as a button-hook and also provides means for the suspension of a coat or other garment.

The pivot pin 7 passes also through the eyes or the like 11 of a clasp hanger comprising the two members 12 and 13, preferably of one piece of spring metal with a loop or the like 14 at its center forming the said eyes 11, the metal being formed with an opening 15 adjacent and between said eyes to accommodate the adjacent portions of the members 1 and 8, as shown clearly in Figs. 2 and 3.

The free ends of the members 12 and 13 are turned at right angles to the length thereof to form the oppositely extended prongs 16 which may be more or less pointed.

17 is a slide member embracing the members 12 and 13 and movable thereon to draw the prongs together to close the prongs or jaws of the holder upon the hat when the latter is in place therebetween.

The side of the hat holder nearest the member 8 is provided with an opening 18 through which the points of the two members 1 and 8 may project, as seen in Figs. 4 and 5, so as to be covered and protected from catching into the clothing while being carried in the pocket.

The prongs 16 may be serrated if desired as shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4, for an obvious purpose. These serrations 20, however, need not always be present.

The slide 17 has a depending apron portion 21 which serves, when the device is in its folded condition, to partially close the opening 18 and hold the hook portions of the members 1 and 8 in their folded positions.

The mode of use will be apparent. When not in use the device is folded up as seen in Figs. 4 and 5, the slide 17 being slid along the members 12 and 13 so as to draw the prong ends thereof together and the apron 21 to partially close the opening 18 and hold the hooks of the members 1 and 8 within the said opening where they are protected by the member 12. In this condition the de-

vice may be carried in the pocket without danger of injury to the device or the garment. When it is desired to use the device the slide 17 is moved toward the pivot pin 7 and the members 1 and 8 thrown on the pivot so as to extend in opposite directions, when the suspending member 3 may be engaged over a projecting portion as indicated, or over a nail or screw, or engaged into a nail hole or anything of that nature temporarily; the weight of the garment will serve to prevent displacement thereof. The hat may be placed with its brim between the jaws 12 and 13 and the slide 17 moved downward so as to bring the prongs together to hold the hat in place. The coat or other garment may be suspended from the hook 10.

In Fig. 6 I have shown a device embodying all of the essential features of the construction above described except that it is not foldable, the suspending member 22 and the hook member 23 being in one piece and the clasp member 24 pivotally supported from the loop 25 formed intermediate the ends thereof. The mode of operation is the same.

It is to be noted that in both forms the hooks of the two members extend in opposite direction, that is one toward the front and the other toward the back so as to throw the garment-supporting hook outward and provide room for the garment.

Other modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What is claimed as new is;—

1. A foldable garment hanger comprising

two members with hooks and a third member with clasping jaws all of said members being mounted on a pivot common to all and the said members foldable one against the other and points of the hook members receivable between the jaws of the clasp when the hanger is in its folded condition.

2. A foldable garment hanger comprising two members with hooks, and a clasp member, all pivoted on the same pivot, and one of the members of the clasp member having an opening to receive the said hooks when the device is folded and means for holding the clasp members in their closed position and having means extending over said opening.

3. A foldable garment hanger comprising two members with hooks and a third member with jaws the three being mounted on a common pivot, and the clasp member having one of its members provided with an opening to receive said hooks, and a slide mounted on the members of the clasp member.

4. A foldable garment hanger comprising two members with hooks and a third clasp member, all mounted on a common pivot, one of the members of the clasp member having an opening to receive said hooks, and a slide on the clasp members having an apron portion to extend over said opening.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of March, 1910, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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