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Fig. 1.

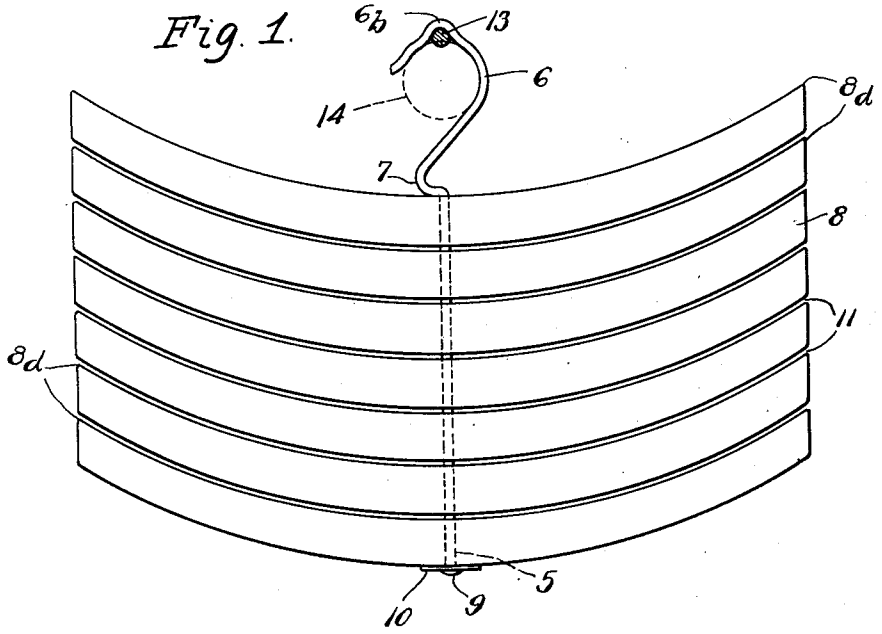


Fig. 2.

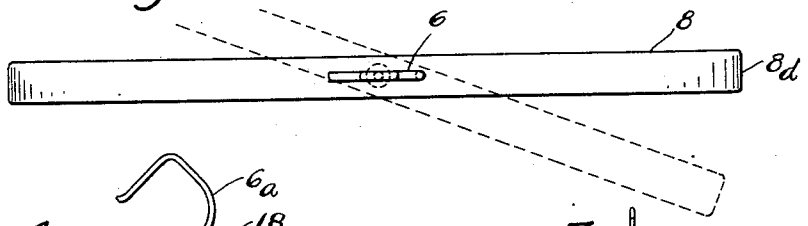


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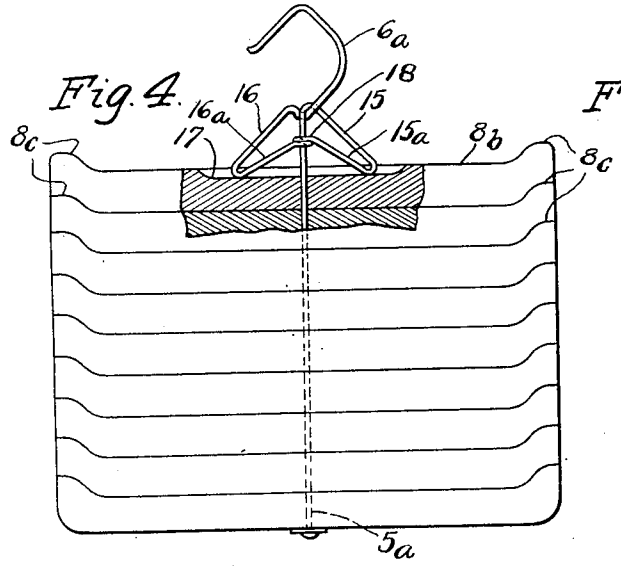
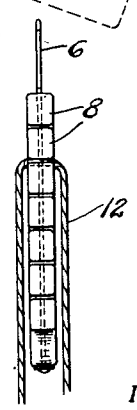


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to an improved garment hanger which may be used to support a great variety of clothing and fabrics in general, but which is more particularly intended as a holder for small articles of wearing apparel such, for example, as neckties, lingerie and ribbons.

An object of the invention is to improve upon other devices of its class with regard to the provision of a more dependable and secure holding device for small, light articles of clothing which, if supported by an ordinary hanger, are apt to become soiled by reason of becoming detached and falling upon the floor.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character stated with improved resilient means to releasably grip the articles supported thereby.

Additional objects of the invention relate to a simplified structure for performing the required functions, and to the production of a multiple of garment supports in a single device with but a slight increase in cost of manufacture.

Still other objects, advantages and features of the invention may hereinafter appear.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, which illustrates what is at present deemed to be a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the complete device, showing the same in the suspended position, the hanger bars being shown slightly spaced apart for clearness of illustration.

Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof.

Fig. 3 is an end view thereof.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary side elevation of a modification, the hanger bars being shown in vertical mid-section, in a portion of the view.

Referring in detail to Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawing, the suspending means comprises a hanger pin or rod 5 which has formed upon its upper end a hook 6 united to said rod by means of a bend 7. The straight body portion of said rod extends through alined holes in the hanger bars 8, and at its lower end said rod is furnished with a head 9 and washer 10. In Fig. 1 horizontally extending spaces 11 are shown between the bars 8, these spaces being such as might be produced if garments were gripped between the bars adjacent to each of these spaces. In Fig. 3 a garment 12 is shown thus gripped and supported. The bend 7 cooperates with the head 9 to limit the spaces between the hanger bars.

The bars are made of springy wood, or of other resilient material, and in practice the spaces 11 will not be observable but the bars will be superimposed in contact with each other and will spring apart only when garments are gripped between them. Said bars are shown all identical in size and shape, each of them being curved with the concave side directed upwardly, thus forming garment retaining tips 8*d*.

The hook 6 is shown having a small upward bend 6*b* in its top portion in order that it may be fitted snugly over a small rod 13, while the hook as a whole is shaped to conform to a larger rod 14 indicated by a broken line.

In using the form of the device which has been described, the particular hanger bar over which a tie or other garment is to be supported is swung out of alinement with the others, as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 2. Then the garment is placed thereover, whereupon such bar is forced back to its original position, the bars above and below, owing to their resiliency, spreading apart sufficiently to provide room for the garment. A number of garments may thus be put in place between the various bars. Owing to the concave side of each bar being directed upwardly, the danger of garments becoming detached is further reduced.

In Fig. 4 is shown a modification wherein, between the hanger hook 6*a* and its stem 5*a* there intervene the two laterally directed opposite bends or loops 15 and 16, each of these loops normally being seated in a groove 17 provided centrally and along the mid-width of the top hanger bar 8*b*. Said loops 15 and 16 are each as a whole directed downwardly and respectively have inclined lower runs 15*a* and 16*a*. These runs, as shown, extend at an upward inclination with relation to the lower part of the looped portion of the wire and are united to each other by a coil 18 which loosely surrounds the straight portion of the wire. The groove 17 keeps the loops 15 and 16 in proper relation to the bar 8*b*. The resiliency of these loops combined with the resiliency of the bars 8*b* renders the garments more easily inserted and yet keeps them in place. The operation of putting the garments into place on the hanger is the same as it is in the form first described. In the embodiment of the invention shown in Fig. 4 each end portion of all the hanger bars is provided with an upwardly directed part 8*c* which helps keep the garments in place and which functions similarly to the upwardly directed end portions of the bars 8 shown in Fig. 1.

In the manufacture of either form of the invention the curved bars may be rapidly cut out from boards or metal plates by a gang of co-

operating saws; or they may be made in any other preferred manner.

I claim:

1. A garment hanger comprising a plurality of vertically arranged laterally extending bars, and a suspending member having a stem passing vertically through said bars and supporting them in a laterally swingable relation to each other, said bars being resilient to provide for gripping garments between them, said suspending member having a laterally extending resilient portion engaging an upper bar of said plurality of bars to augment the yieldingness of said bars with relation to each other.

2. A garment hanger comprising a plurality of vertically arranged laterally extending bars, and a suspending member having a stem passing vertically through said bars and supporting them in a laterally swingable relation to each other, said bars being resilient to provide for gripping garments between them, said suspending member having resilient loops at opposite sides thereof arranged to engage one of said bars and thereby augment the yieldingness of said bars with relation to each other for the purpose stated.

3. In a device of the kind described, in combination, a plurality of like hanger bars; and a suspending rod for said bars, said rod having a stem portion which extends centrally through said bars and having a hook portion to provide for the suspension thereof, said rod having a lateral bend positioned to engage the top side of the upper bar when the device is in the garment-supporting position.

4. In a device of the kind described, in combination, a plurality of like hanger bars; and a suspending rod for said bars, said rod having a stem portion which extends centrally through said bars and having a hook portion to provide for the suspension thereof, the stem and hook portions of said rod being united by oppositely directed lateral bends, and one of the bars having a groove to form a seat for said bends.

5. In a device of the kind described, in combination, a plurality of like hanger bars; and a suspending rod for said bars, said rod having a stem portion which extends centrally through said bars and having a hook portion to provide for the suspension thereof, said rod having lateral bends positioned to engage the top side of the upper bar when the device is in the garment-supporting position, said lateral bends being united by a coiled portion of the rod which loosely surrounds the stem thereof.

6. In a hanger, a plurality of superposed hanger bars, and a suspending rod extending transversely through said bars, one of said bars having a longitudinally extending groove in its upper side when the hanger is in an operative position, said suspending rod having a lateral extension positioned to engage said groove, the bar having said groove being slidable along said rod to bring the grooved portion thereof into engagement with said extension.

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