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GARMENT HANGER AND PRESSER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILBERT H. BOSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gainesville, in the county of Cooke and State of Texas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment Hangers and Pressers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a garment hanger and presser, and the object is to provide a device including a coat hanger and a plurality of hinged elements between which a pair of trousers may be pressed.

A further object is to provide an element or board the upper end of which shall be shaped to constitute a coat hanger, and an element constituting a pressure member hinged to the element first named and retained in position by particular clamping means.

A still further object is to provide one of the principal elements of the device with cleats having extended end portions permitting retaining members to be pivoted thereto in position for engaging the other of said principal elements of the pressing device for holding the same in operative position.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of elements described and claimed, it being understood that modifications may be made within the scope of the claims, without departing from the spirit of invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the device in elevation; Figure 2 is an elevation, from the opposite side; Figure 3 is an edge view, the hinged member being in full lines and in dotted lines; Figure 4 is a transverse section on the line 4—4 of Figure 1; Figure 5 is a detail view of a clamping device.

The board or base 10 may be approximately rectangular, so far as the main portion thereof is concerned. The upper end of the board is however formed into a coat hanger, to be suspended by means of a hook 11 or other suitable device, having swivel connection with a clip, or the like, designated 12.

The upper end portion of base 10 is provided with curved portions 13 and 14, and with outwardly or laterally extending devices 15 and 16, adapted to directly support the shoulder portion of the garment.

A plurality of cleats 17 and 18 are se-

cured to the rear portion of base 10 and have enlarged end portions 19, extending around the edges of the base.

A cleat 20 is secured to the base or board 10 at the point shown, and is rounded at the end, to assist in supporting the shoulder portion of the garment. Secured to cleat 20 are hinges 21 and 22 by means of which the pressure board 23 is mounted, this board being usually of the same width as the base 10, and terminating at the lower end of the base.

Bars 25 and 26 are pivoted respectively on opposite edges of the pressure board 23, the pivotal members 27 being mounted in end portions 19 of the cleats 17 and 18. Clamping devices 28 and 29, of U-shape serve to retain the pivoted bars in position after the garment has been placed between boards 10 and 23.

From the foregoing the operation of the device will be apparent and particular emphasis is placed upon the devices by means of which the elements 10 and 23 are held with reference to each other.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. In a device of the class described, a base including an end portion formed as a coat hanger, a pressure board hingedly connected with the base, cleats extending across the rear portion of the pressure board and including end portions extending along the edges of the base, bars pivoted to the aforesaid end portions on opposite sides of the pressure board, and means for securing the ends of the respective bars, opposite the pivoted ends thereof, to extended end portions of the corresponding cleats.

2. In a device of the class described, a base, the upper end of which is formed into a coat hanger, a transverse member mounted on the base and having its ends curved to conform to the curvature of the hanger, a pressure board hinged to the transverse member, a cleat secured to the base and extending around the edges thereof, and the extended portions being flush with the surface of the pressure board when in operative position, a bar pivoted to one of the extended end portions, and a U-shaped element for clamping the opposite end of the bar to the extended end portion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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