

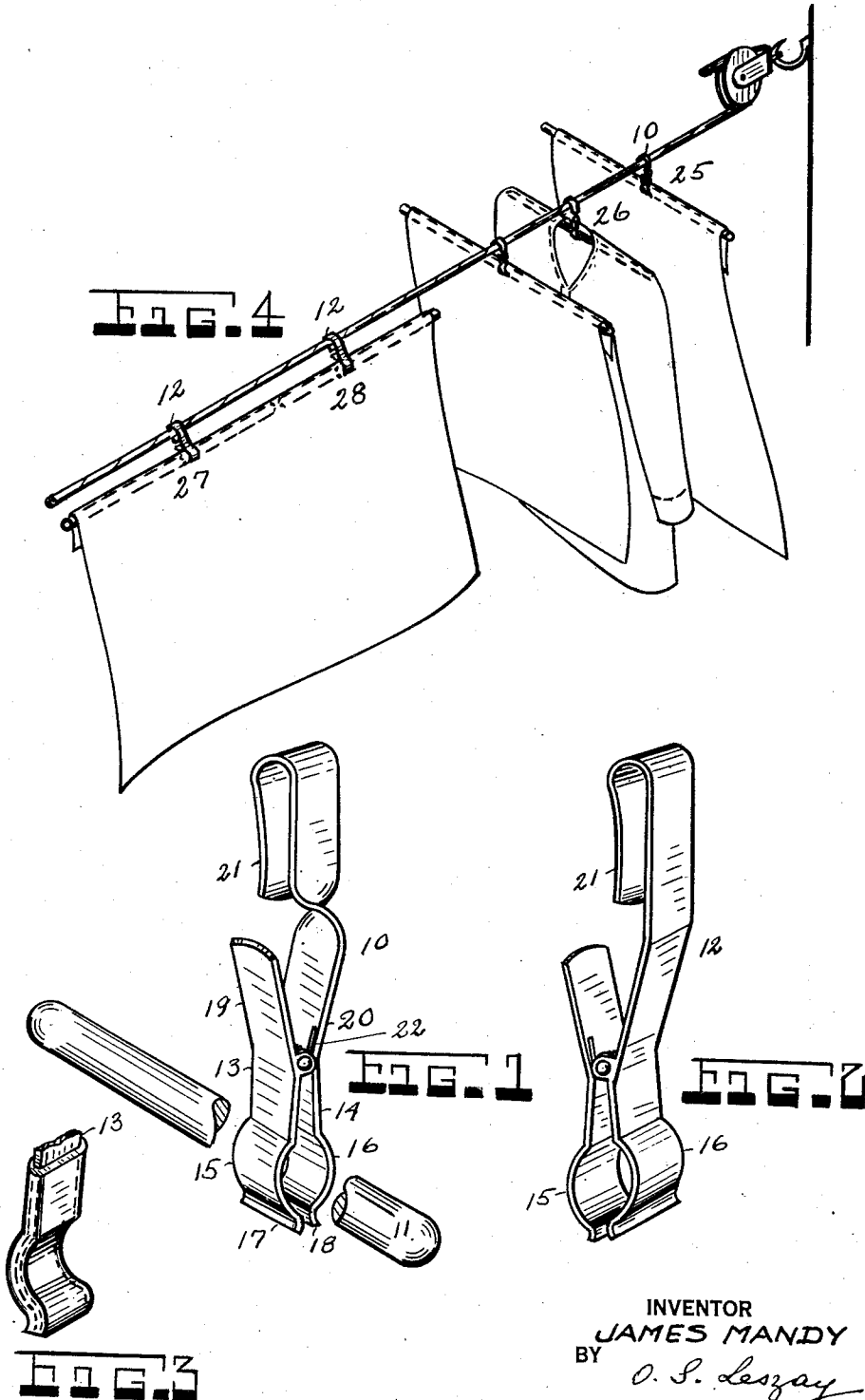
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This invention relates to a laundry hanger and has for its object to provide a device of this character which will support articles of apparel on a line in such a manner that the said apparel does not come into contact with the said line, but is held suspended slightly below the same.

A further object is a means for hanging the said articles of apparel in positions transverse to the said line, thus permitting of placing the pieces much closer together and enabling the user to hang a greatly increased amount of laundry in a limited space.

Ordinarily clotheslines exposed as is the custom, collect upon their surfaces quantities of dust and dirt which are transferred to the freshly washed articles and, when dry, leaves them streaked and soiled. This invention, by providing clean rods in combination with clamp elements, keeps the clothes entirely free from contact with the line and, at the same time holds them conveniently and securely in position for drying.

The foregoing and other objects and features of the device will be fully described in the following specification and claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 shows in perspective view, a transverse clamp, and its accompanying rod which is broken away the better to disclose the clamp construction.

Fig. 2 shows, also in perspective, a straight line clamp which is otherwise the same as that seen in Figure 1.

Fig. 3 shows a modification in which a clamp leg is covered with a buffer element.

Fig. 4 shows a perspective view on a greatly reduced scale of the several forms of the clamp as applied on a line and with articles of clothing attached.

Referring first to Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings, the invention comprises, first, a transverse clamp 10 as seen in Figure 1. Second, a rod 11; and third, a straight line clamp 12 as seen in Figure 2. The clamp 10 is constructed as follows: right and left legs 13 and 14, which legs are outspread as shown at 15 and 16 and terminate in outflared extremities 17 and 18. The said legs are hinged to-

gether and are provided with press levers 19 and 20. An extension of the element 20 is twisted at a right angle and is formed into the loop 21. A spring 22 serves to normally force the clamp legs together. These parts are made from suitable material and are galvanized or otherwise protected against rust or corrosion. The rod 11 is preferably of wood and has its ends rounded as shown so as to avoid tearing the clothing.

The clamp 12 seen in Figure 2 is similar to that first described, but has its loop element in straight alignment with the leg members.

The modification shown in Figure 3 has a covering over the leg member. This may be of rubber or similar material and is designed to grip the clothing more softly than is possible with the plain metal members.

In Figure 4 it will be seen that, by using the clamp 10, pieces may be hung transversely to the supporting line—either by folding the material over the rod as at 25, or by inserting within a garment as at 26—long pieces, as for instance sheets and the like, may be hung as indicated at 27 and 28.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

A laundry hanger adaptable for holding a transverse rod in suspension from an adjacent line, the said hanger comprising opposed clamp elements hingedly connected to each and provided with a spring which bears against the said elements, legs extending downward from the hinge joint, and the said legs having gripping portions consisting of opposed curved members, which curved members have flared extremities spreading outward with respect to each other.

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