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Fig. 1.

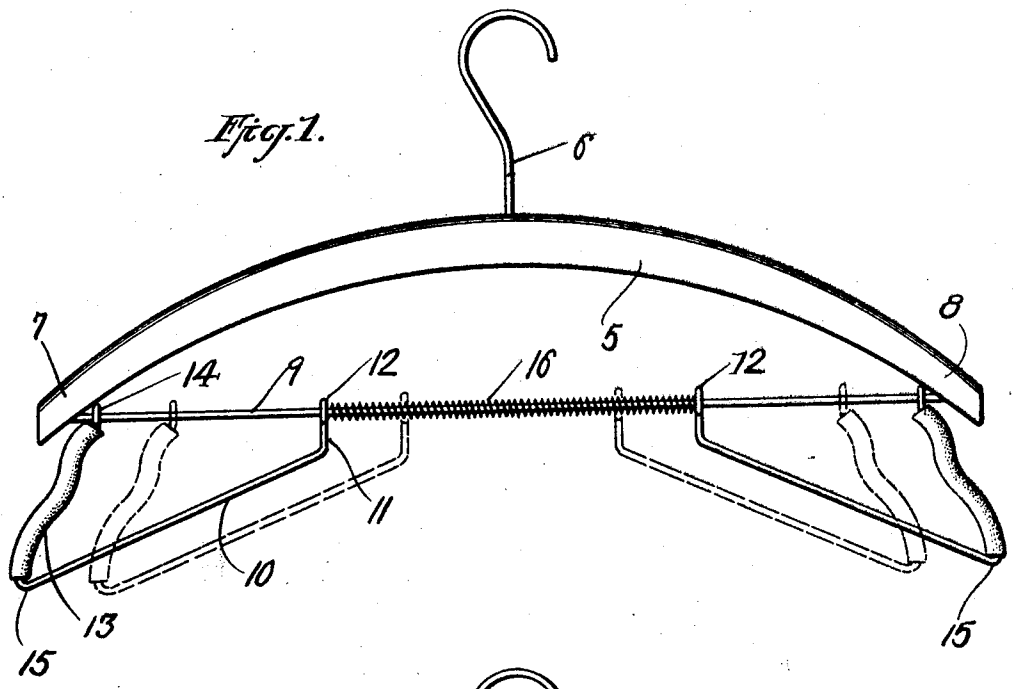
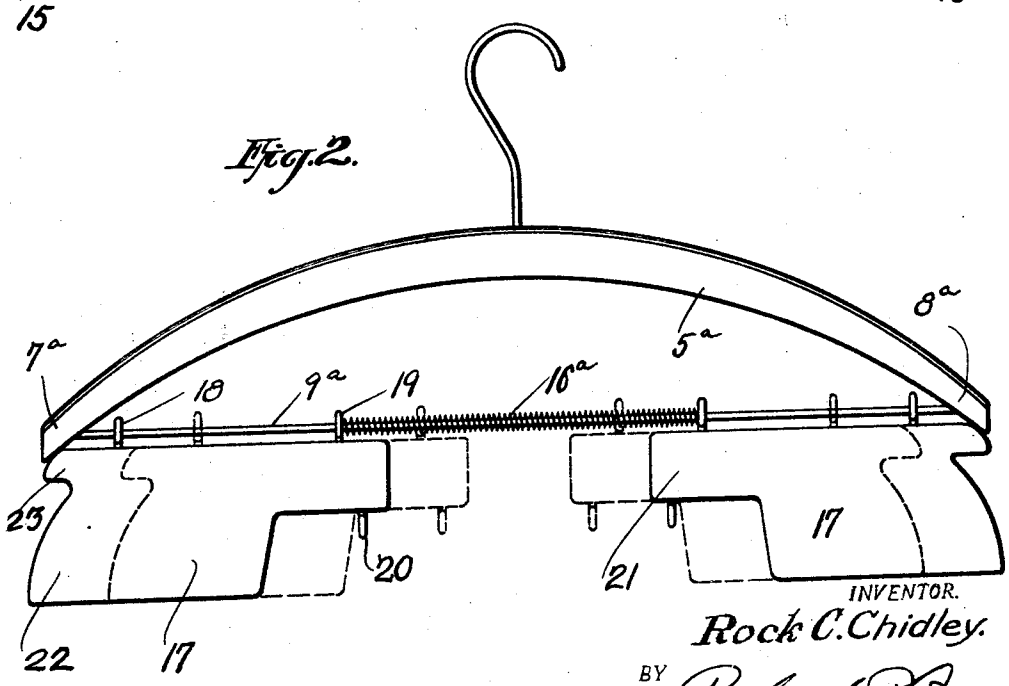


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROCK C. CHIDLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat and Garment Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in garment hangers and supports and more particularly to a novel and improved hanger for supporting a coat or skirt or the like garment whereby they will retain their shape.

One of the objects of my invention is the provision of the coat and skirt supporting device wherein the coat supporting bar is provided with a guide rod and suspended, slidable skirt or garment engaging members thereon for engaging the garment so as to properly suspend the same without folding.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a combined coat and garment supporting bar which is extremely simple in construction, strong and durable, highly efficient in operation and use, practical, durable, and otherwise capable of being manufactured at an extremely low cost whereby its commercial possibilities are greatly enhanced.

Reference being had to the accompanying drawings, showing a preferred embodiment of my invention—

Figure 1 is an elevation showing the skirt engaging members in their normal and releasable positions.

Figure 2 is a modified form of the invention, showing a different type of skirt engaging member.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 5 designates the curved, wooden, supporting bar and 6 the conventional type of hook common to coat hangers. Between the extreme ends 7, 8, of the bar 5, I have provided a guide rod 9, which, in the form shown by Figure 1 of the drawing, supports a pair of skirt or garment engaging members now to be described.

Each garment engaging member is preferably constructed of wire and has its longer side 10 bent upwardly as indicated at 11 and terminating in an eye 12 for sliding movement on the bar 9 above referred to. The opposite side of the skirt engaging member is of an irregular formation as indicated at 13, being covered with a protector of rubber or other composition, the side last referred to also terminating in an eye 14 for sliding movement on the bar 9 as shown. It will be noted that the corner 15 of the skirt engaging member lies somewhat outside the ends of the bar 5 when in their normal positions and that the respective skirt engaging members are placed within the garment, the waist portion thereof will be engaged directly by the covered side 13 to properly suspend the garment from the bar 9. In order to contract and expand the skirt engaging members in their proper position when engaging a garment, I have provided a coil spring 16 on the bar 9 which spring bears against the eyes 12 so that by pressing the skirt engaging members toward each other against the resistance of the spring, the said members can be placed within the waist band of the garment and as they are released, will grip the same in position for supporting the garment.

In the form shown by Figure 2 of the drawing, the bar 5^a is also provided with the rod 9^a but instead of the wire skirt engaging members above referred to I have provided a pair of rigid skirt engaging members 17, slidingly suspended and movable on the bar 9^a, by the eyes 18, 19, in the top face thereof. An eye 20 is also provided in the bottom of the inner extensions 21 so that when the said eyes 20 are seized by the fingers and pressed toward each other against the resistance of the springs 16^a, the skirt engaging members can be moved inwardly in the same manner and for the same purpose as described in connection with the skirt engaging members shown by Figure 1 of the drawings. It will further be seen that the outer end 22 is provided with a short extension 23 which normally contacts with the outer ends 7^a, 8^a, of the bar 5^a so as to properly engage the suspended garment.

While I have illustrated and described my invention with some degree of particularity, I realize that in practice various alterations therein may be made. I therefore reserve the right and privilege of changing the form of the details of construction or otherwise altering the arrangement of the correlated parts without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claim.

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

In a garment hanger, the combination with a bow, a rigid cross bar secured to the ends of the bow, two slidable garment engaging members, each member comprising a single strip of wire bent to provide a short leg and a connecting longer leg, said legs terminating in an inner and outer eye encircling the cross rod and the longer leg extending toward the center of said cross bar, a coil spring on the cross rod adapted to engage the inner eyes of the garment engaging members to normally maintain the said members in their extreme outer position against the ends of the bow and rod, said inner eyes being spaced relative to each other so that they may be simultaneously urged toward the center of the cross rod against the resistance of the spring.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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