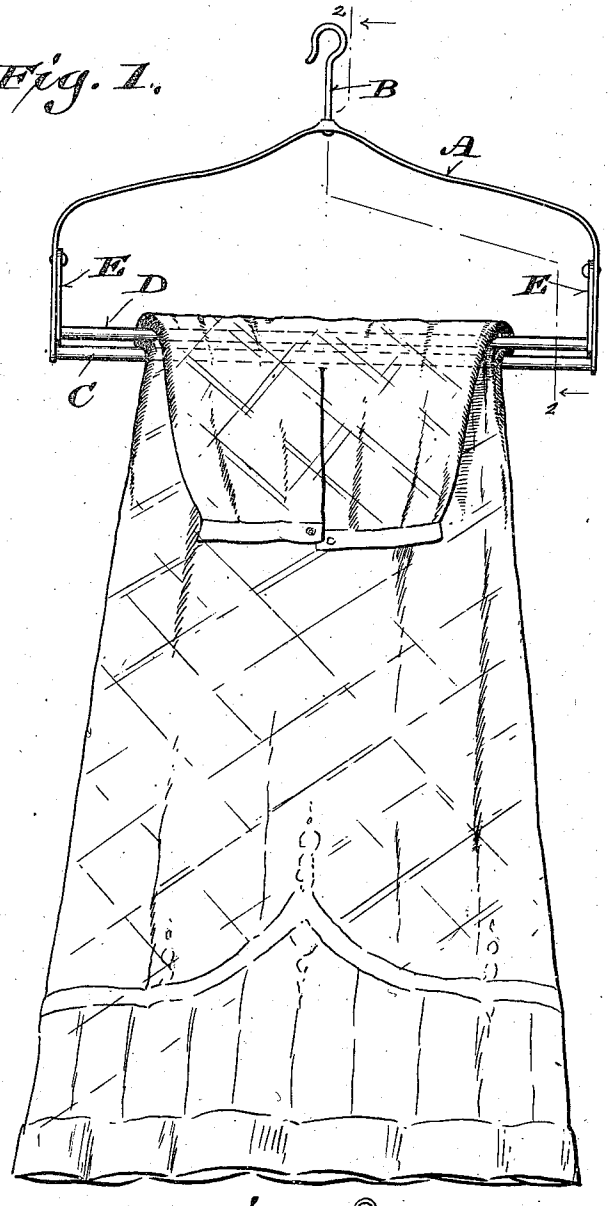
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Fig. 1.



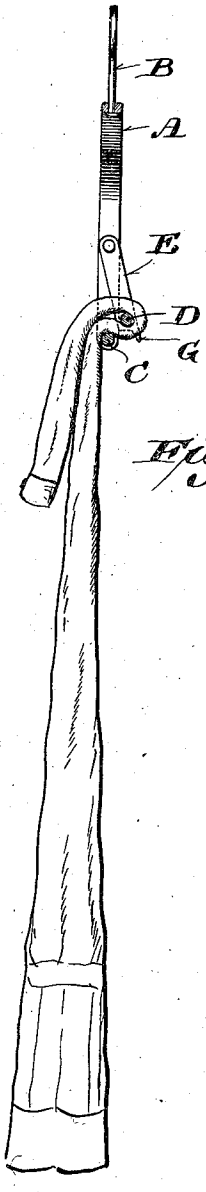
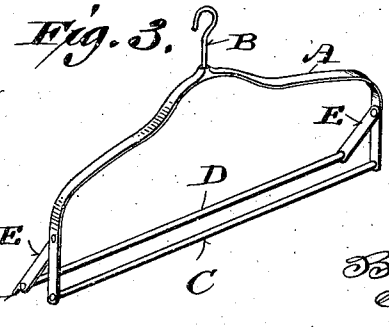


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. WHEARY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and effective garment-holder for use in wardrobe trunks, or other places where garments are hung, such for instance as clothes presses or the like, and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts as hereinafter fully set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

The said invention particularly relates to garment-holders, wherein two-piece garments are supported, the skirt or trousers being held in place by a clamping member, the arrangement of which is such that said skirt or trouser may be folded upon the holder in such a manner that the length of the depending part of the garment may be altered at will, so that a long garment, such as a skirt, can be hung in a relative low space, as is ordinarily found in wardrobe trunks without wrinkling the same, the garment-holder also serving as a compress to hold the garments smooth and flat, and in cases where trousers are hung thereon, it will compress the same at their creased edges and also serve to keep them properly stretched.

In the drawings: Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a garment-holder embodying the features of my invention, showing a skirt in position thereon; Fig. 2, a sectional elevation of the same, as indicated by line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3, a perspective view of the hanger with the clamping member shown in its open position.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A indicates a bail bent to form a coat-support and having the usual hook B, extending from the center thereof. The ends of the bail extend downward parallel and are connected by a bar C, which bar forms a support for garments folded thereover.

A swinging clamping-rod D is connected to the parallel portions of the bail by arms E, which arms are pivoted to said bail by rivets F, the clamping rod being in such a position with relation to the bar C as to pass over the latter when swung in, and said clamping rod is held against further forward movement by stops G depending from the arms E, as best shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

In placing a skirt upon the holder, the clamping rod is first swung open, one end of the skirt is then drawn between said rod and the bar C to any desired point, the rod is then swung in upon the skirt-end and then folded over said rod and permitted to hang down as shown.

The weight of the garments, when hung one against the other upon separate holders, as in a trunk or clothes-press will cause the swinging clamping rod to press more firmly against the garment, and not only clamp the same securely, but will also have the effect of pressing and smoothing said garment.

If greater security is desired to prevent the garment from slipping upon the bar C, the end of said garment may be passed between the bar C and rod D, so as to hang down over bar C, while the rest of the garment can be passed up and over said rod D, and thereby cause the additional weight of the long end of the garment to press the clamping rod against that part of the garment on said bar, this manner of folding however, being seldom necessary.

While I have shown and described the bail as being of metal, it is understood that the severed parts or any portion thereof may be formed of wood or other suitable material.

I claim:

1. A garment-holder comprising a bail bent to form a coat-hanger and having a cross-bar secured to its end, depending swinging arms pivoted to the bail above the cross-bar, and a clamping-rod in rigid connection with the depending arm ends immediately above the said cross-bar, whereby a gripping-jaw is formed in connection with the aforesaid cross-bar.

2. A garment-holder comprising a bail having a cross-bar connecting its ends, a clamping-rod located immediately above the first named bar in swinging connection with the bail, the said clamping-rod being adapted to act in conjunction with the cross-bar as a gripping member.

3. A garment-holder comprising a bail

having a cross-bar connecting its ends, pivotal arms in connection with the bail above the cross-bar, a gripping-rod carried by the arms immediately above the cross-bar, and a stop depending from one of the pivoted arms in the path of said cross-bar.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Racine in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin in the presence of two witnesses.

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