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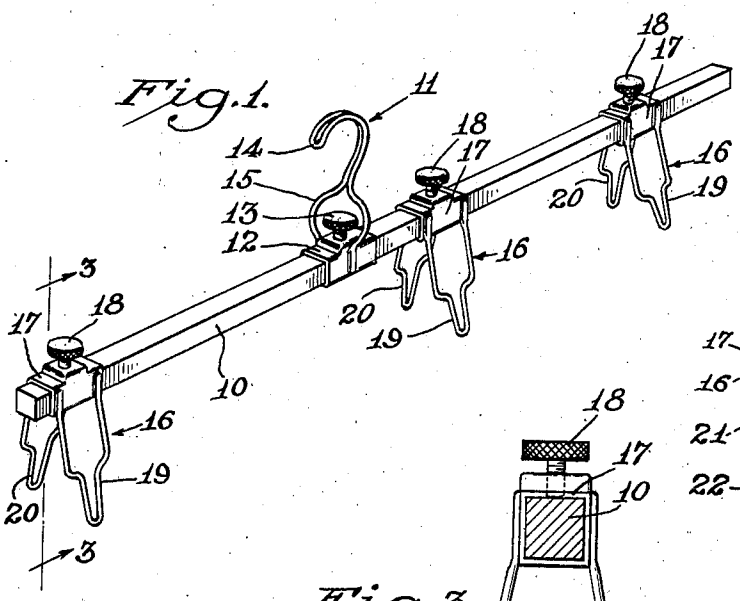


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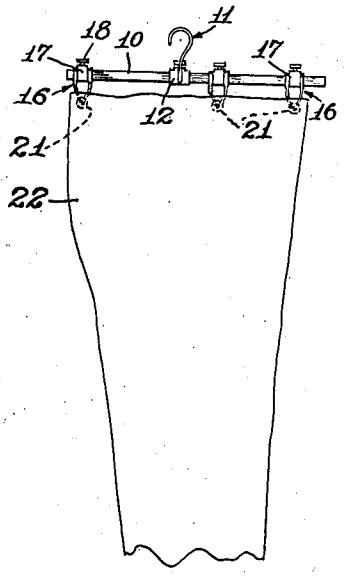


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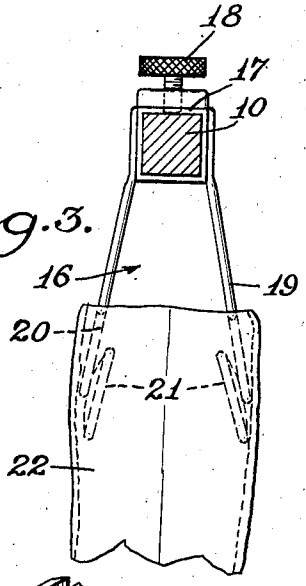


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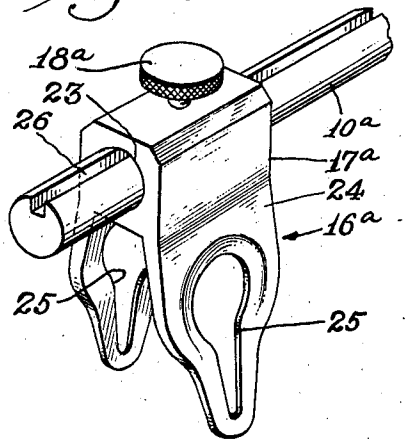
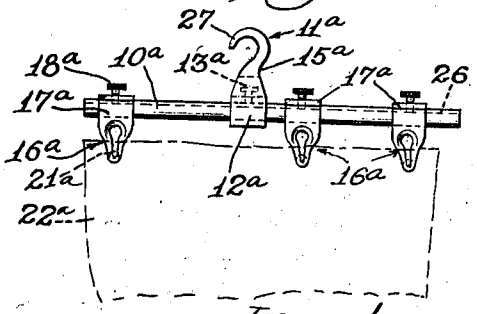


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The present invention relates to improvements in garment hangers.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a novel garment hanger adapted to suspend garments, such as men's trousers, from buttons at the top, thereby causing the garments to hang naturally and preventing articles from falling out of the pockets.

Another object is to provide a new and improved garment hanger which is simple and sturdy in construction, and attractive in appearance, and which is readily adjustable to hang garments of different kinds and sizes.

Further objects and advantages will become apparent as the description proceeds.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment hanger embodying the features of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the hanger on a reduced scale.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged transverse sectional view taken substantially along line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of a modified form of garment hanger.

Fig. 5 is a side view of the modified form of hanger on a reduced scale.

While the invention is susceptible of various modifications and alternative constructions, I have shown in the drawing and will herein describe in detail, the preferred embodiment, but it is to be understood that I do not thereby intend to limit the invention to the specific form disclosed, but intend to cover all modifications and alternative constructions falling within the spirit and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the garment hanger constituting the exemplary embodiment of the invention comprises a cross bar or member 10 which may be of any suitable shape or material. In the present instance, the bar 10 is made of wood, and is straight and substantially rectangular in cross section.

A suitable hook 11 for supporting the hanger is adjustably attached to the bar 10. The hook 11 as herein disclosed comprises an anchor sleeve 12 of rectangular form through which the bar 10 extends with a snug sliding fit. Suitable means, such as the set screw 13, is provided for securing the sleeve 12 to the bar in selected position of adjustment along the latter. The set screw 13 is threaded through the upper wall of the sleeve for engagement with the top surface of the bar 10. The adjustment facilitates proper balancing of the hanger from its support regardless of unequal distribution of the weight of the garment.

The hook 11 further consists of a wire bent back upon itself at 14 and with the bent portion suitably curved to engage a supporting pole or wall hook (not shown). The base ends of the wire are flattened and rigidly attached, as by welding, to opposite sides of the sleeve 12, and are spread apart, as indicated at 15, to extend about the set screw 13. Preferably, the wire strands are connected intermediate their ends to prevent spreading in the hook portion.

Adjustably mounted on the bar 10 are a plurality of garment suspending devices 16 which are alike in construction. Each device 16 comprises a sleeve 17 of rectangular form through which the bar 10 extends with a snug sliding fit. The bar 10 and sleeve 17 are complementary in shape, and the sleeve is adapted to be secured in different positions of adjustment by suitable means, such as a set screw 18. The set screw 18 is threaded through the top wall of the sleeve 17 for engagement with the top of the bar 10. Two wire loops 19 and 20 are rigidly attached to the sleeve 17 and depend from opposite sides thereof for engaging the buttons on the garment. Each loop consists of a wire bent intermediate its ends, and having the free upper ends flattened and secured, as by welding, to one side of the sleeve 17. The legs of each loop are spaced apart sufficiently to receive the garment button and the lower bent portion is contracted in width so as to engage back of the button 21 as illustrated in Fig. 3. Preferably the two loops 19 and 20 diverge slightly toward their lower ends to facilitate attachment and removal of the garment.

Any suitable number of suspending devices 16 may be provided, and in the present instance three are shown. It will be evident that the hook 11 and the devices 16 may be independently adjusted along the bar 10 relative to each other into any desired location and spacing as required by the garment. The three suspending devices 16 comprise six loops, and in Fig. 2 the loops are shown in engagement with a corresponding number of buttons 21 on trousers 22.

The modified form of Figs. 4 and 5 is generally similar, and hence corresponding parts are identified by the same reference numerals plus the letter *a*. In this form, the bar 10a is round and made of a suitable plastic material. Each suspending device 16a is also made of plastic material in one integral piece, having a sleeve portion 17a with a bore 23 slidably receiving the bar 10a, and with slightly diverging depending arms or ears 24 on opposite sides formed with

slots 25 adapted to engage the buttons on the garment. The top of the bar 10a is formed with a longitudinal spline groove 26, and a set screw 18a is threaded through the top of a sleeve portion 17a for guiding and clamping engagement in the groove. When the screw 18a is loosened, the suspending device 16a is shiftable along the bar into the desired position of adjustment. The inner end of the screw 18a coacts with the groove 26 to prevent relative rotation between the device 16a and the bar 10a. The screw 18a is of course adapted to be tightened to lock the device 16a in the adjusted position.

As in the first form, the hanger of Fig. 5 has a hook 11a and a plurality of the garment engaging devices 16a. The hook 11a has a sleeve 12a, a clamp screw 13a, and upstanding curved ears 15a defining the curved hook portion 27.

It will be evident that I have provided a new and advantageous garment hanger which is simple and attractive in construction, and in which the hook and the various suspending devices are readily adjustable into different selective positions to suit the requirements of the garment, and to cause the garment to hang in a balanced condition regardless of uneven distribution of weight.

I claim as my invention:

1. A garment hanger comprising, in combination, an elongated crossbar, a plurality of complemental closed sleeve members of like construction mounted on said bar with a snug sliding fit for independent sliding movement longitudinally thereof, a supporting hook on an intermediate one of said members projecting upwardly from the bar, garment engaging elements on the other of said members projecting downwardly at the other side of said bar and comprising button engaging wire loops, said members being held against rotation relative to the bar to maintain a predetermined relationship between the hook and said elements, and screw clamping means carried by each of said members operable manually to clamp the member to said bar in a selected position of adjustment, said clamping means being located on the upper walls of the members to provide access thereto for adjustment and locking of the members while a garment is supported from the garment engaging elements.

2. A garment hanger comprising, in combination, an elongated bar rectangular in cross section, a plurality of sleeves of rectangular form receiving said bar with a snug sliding fit and being independently slidable on said bar into different positions of relative adjustment longitudinally thereof, a set screw threaded through the top wall of each sleeve for engagement with said bar to clamp said sleeve in adjusted position, an upstanding supporting hook rigidly connected to an intermediate one of said sleeves and having wire strands spread apart to straddle the associated set screw and flattened ends welded to opposite sides of the associated sleeve, and two button-engaging wire loops having flattened ends welded to each of the others of said sleeves and depending therefrom in diverging spaced relation.

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