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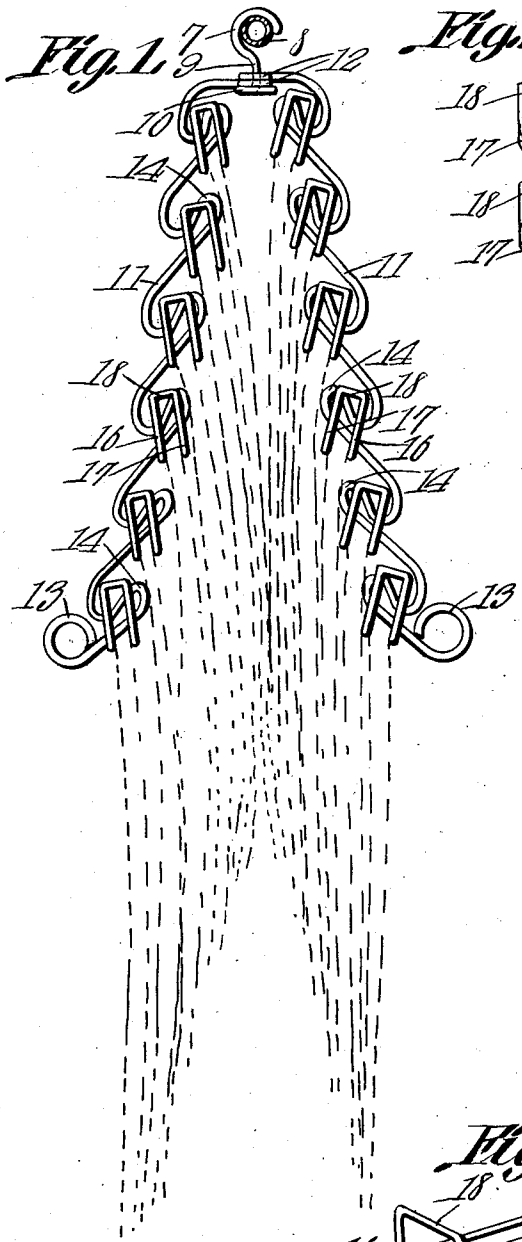

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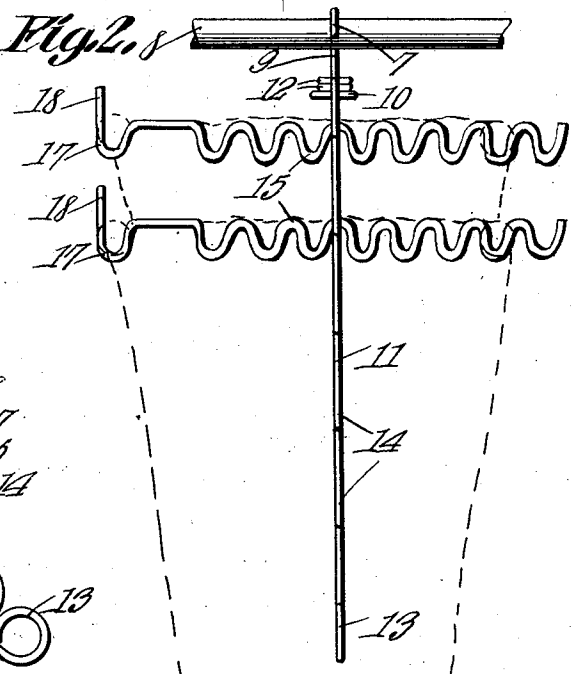

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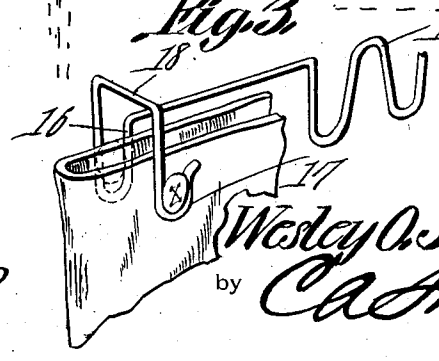

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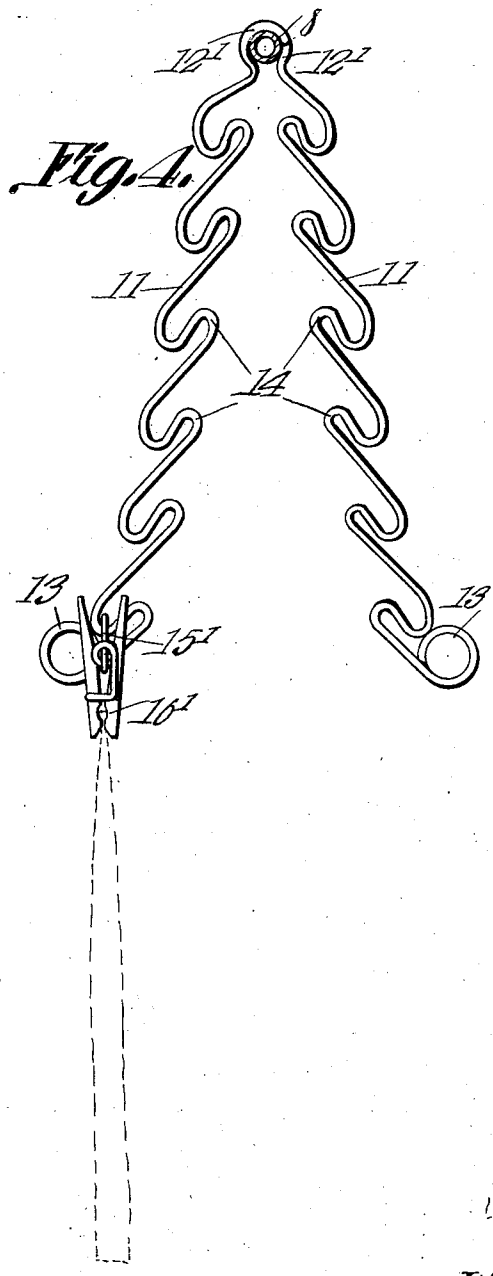

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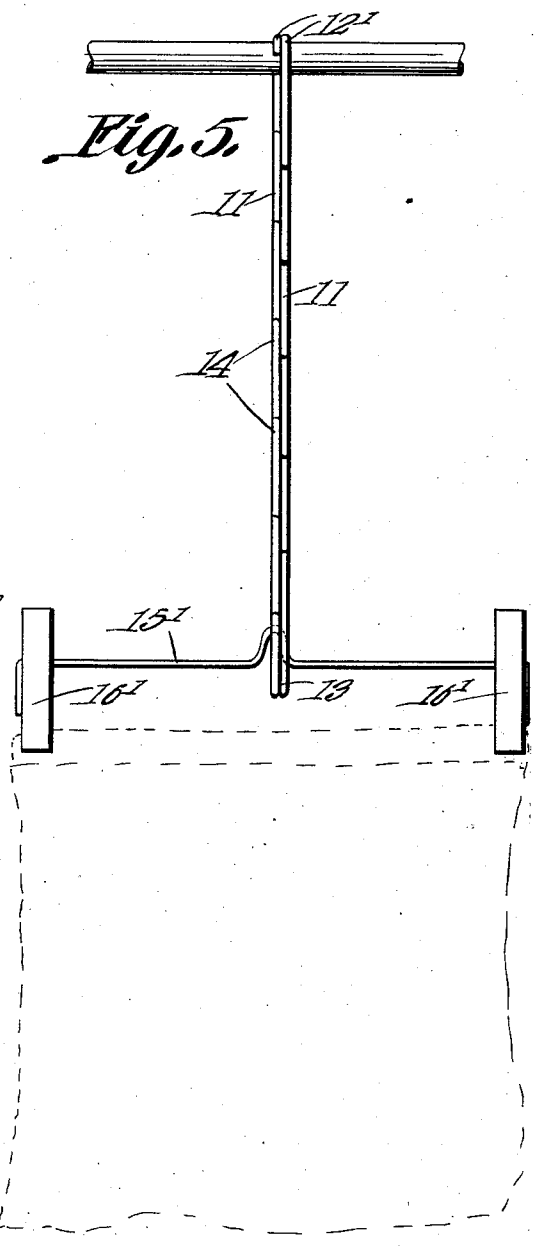

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WESLEY O. SLAVIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Downing, in the county of Schuyler and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Garment-Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment hangers, and for its primary object contemplates the production of a novel hanger adapted to compactly hold a plurality of garments in a cluster and adapted to readily permit one or more of the garments to be removed or attached thereto.

This invention also aims to provide a garment hanger of this character, which shall be simple, substantial and inexpensive in construction, which may be constructed entirely of wire or other similar material, and which in its use may be both convenient and efficient.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a hanger embodying two sections or arms each adapted to hold a plurality of garments, so that the garments of each section or arm are adapted to swing together in order to press the garments and hold the same in a compact cluster.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will be apparent as the invention is better understood, this invention resides in the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter set forth and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that this device is susceptible of alterations or deviations in its details, such as changes in sizes, proportions, materials and the like, within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention has been illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein corresponding reference characters have been employed to denote like parts, and wherein:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the hanger as in use. Fig. 2 is another elevation thereof, the line of view being at right angles to the line of view of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a fragmental detail in perspective of one of the garment holders. Fig. 4 is an elevation of a modified form of hanger. Fig. 5 is an elevation of the form shown in Fig. 4, the line of view being taken at right angles to the line of view of Fig. 4.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the form shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, embodies an upstanding wire hook 7, which is adapted to engage a beam or other supporting member 8, the said hook having the shank 9 and the head 10 at the outer or lower end of the shank. A pair of downwardly diverging arms 11 are connected to the shank 9 of the hook, the said arms each being constructed from a length of wire having the upper end thereof formed into an angular or horizontal eye 12 engaging the shank 9 of the hook above the head 10, and the lower or free ends of the arms being bent into outer loops 13 forming finger-holds. Each of the arms 11 is doubled at points along its length to provide inwardly and upwardly projecting hooks 14, the said hooks being arranged in series. The arms 11 are arranged opposite each other or on opposite sides of the axis of the shank 9 and are adapted to swing upwardly or into a substantially horizontal position, and the said arms may be swung about the shank 9 of hook 7, the eyes 12 engaging the shank forming a swivel joint for the arms and hook. The finger-holds 13 form means for readily swinging the arms upward, and the said finger-holds may be readily engaged by the fingers so as to swing the arms upward when desired.

A plurality of garment holders are provided for engaging the garments and for attachment at intermediate points with the various hooks 14 of the two sections or arms 11 to stand transversely of the arms. Each of these garment holders comprises a sinuous wire 15 having the depending hooks 16 and 17 at one end with an arch 18 connecting the hooks. These holders are adapted particularly for holding trousers, overalls and the like, the trousers, overalls or the like being adapted to be received in under the arch 18 so that the buttons may be engaged with the hooks 16 and 17 and so that other buttons may be engaged with the sinuous portions of the holder. The sinuous portion of the holder provides means whereby the holder may be employed for retaining various sized garments, and also provides means for engaging the holder to one of the hooks 14 of the arms 11.

In the form shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the arms 11 are provided with hooks 12′ at their upper ends for engaging the beam or supporting member 8, thus eliminating the hook 7 and the swiveled connection between the hook and the arms. In this form, as in the other form, the arms 11 are ar-

ranged to swing apart and upwardly and are designed to each hold a plurality of garment holders, the arms however not being designed to rotate about a vertical axis as in the former form. The garment holder as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, comprises a wire or rod 15′ having the clips 16′ at its ends or extremities, so that the clips may engage the garments. This form of holder is adapted for retaining various garments, such as skirts, coats, trousers, and the like.

In using either form of the garment hanger, the garments to be suspended or held are engaged by the holders, and the arms 11 are then swung outward and upward to permit the holders to be engaged with the hooks 14. When the garments are engaged to the arms 11, the arms may be released, in which event, the garments held by the two sections or arms will be swung together and will be compactly held in a cluster and will also press against each other so as to press the garments. One or more garments may be readily detached or removed, by swinging the corresponding arm or arms upward which will cause the various garments to be swung apart or separated, so that the garment or garments to be removed may be readily detached by disengaging the corresponding holder or holders from the hooks. Thus, by swinging one or both of the arms 11 upward, the garments may be readily attached or detached without disturbing the others, and when the arms are released the garments held by the two arms will swing together so that the garments will be compressed and will be held in a compact cluster. When the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is employed, it will be noted that the garments may be rotated about a vertical axis so that a person at one side may rotate the garments to bring either arm 11 in position to be raised, as will be apparent. Any desired form of garment holder may be employed for engagement with the hooks 14 of the arms, the holder shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 being particularly designed for holding trousers, overalls, and the like, and being of special advantage for this purpose.

A garment hanger of this character will be found useful for domestic purposes, or for use in tailoring establishments, or the like, and may be constructed in various sizes and styles according to the particular whim of the user or to the circumstances. The present device may be also constructed entirely of wire of suitable gage and quality, and which may be plated, oxidized or otherwise finished for purpose of appearance, wear, and to prevent corrosion.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A device of the character described embodying a pair of single arms pivoted at their upper ends so as to swing together and each having a series of inner hooks along its length, and a garment holder hung at an intermediate point from each hook and arranged transversely of the arms, in order that the garments swung from each arm may swing flatly against each other and in order that the garments hung from the respective arms may swing flatly together when the arms are free, each arm being adapted to be raised so as to space the garments hung therefrom for detaching one or more of the holders.

2. A device of the character described embodying a hook engageable to a support and having a headed shank, a pair of single arms constructed of wire, each arm having a series of inner hooks along its length and having an eye at one end engaging on the shank of the hook to permit the arms to swing vertically and horizontally, and a garment holder hung at an intermediate point from each hook and arranged transversely of the arms.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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