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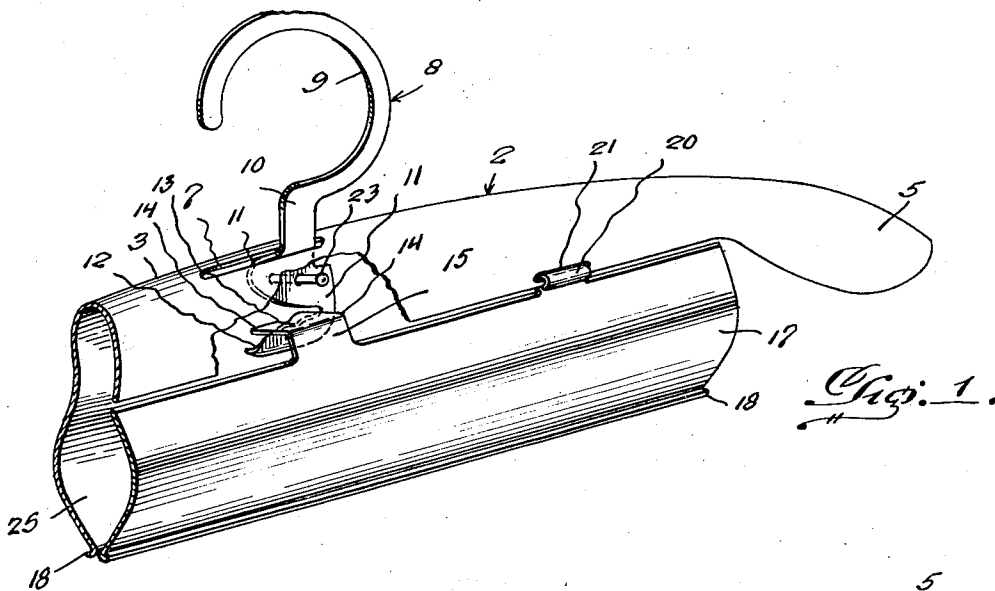


Fig. 1.

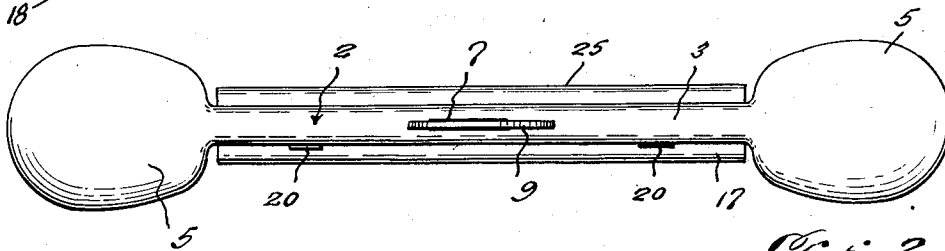


Fig. 2.

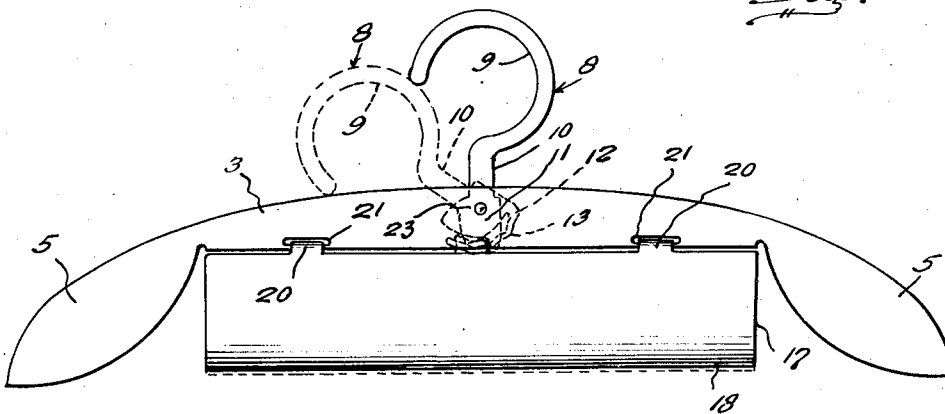


Fig. 3.

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The instant invention relates to garment supports, particularly for women's clothes and its primary object is the provision of a support for a coat and including clip means adapted for supporting a skirt being only folded at the side seams.

Another object of the invention is a garment support of the class characterized the clip of which may be opened after a suspending means has been swung to a predetermined position.

Another object is the provision of a garment support of simple, durable and economical construction.

With these and other objects and advantages in view, the invention resides in the novelty of construction, combination and arrangement of parts specifically described and distinctly claimed in the subjoined claim.

The description should be read in connection with the accompanying drawing forming part of the application, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of the preferred embodiment of my invention.

Figure 2 is a reduced top plan view.

Figure 3 is a front view.

In the drawing, in which like characters of reference designate like or similar parts, numeral 2 denotes generally a body member preferably made of sheet metal or plastic and including an intermediate section 3 forming a channel opening downwardly and having a bight part, the exterior surface of which is convex longitudinally and transversely.

The outer sections 5 are likewise convex on their exterior surfaces and in both directions named, and are of a greater width approximating that of the average pads in garments to be supported thereby.

The intermediate section has in its bight portion an intermediate longitudinal slot 7 for a hook 8 including a fragmentary annular part 9 and a straight stem 10 extending from the lower end of the former and a substantially sectoral part 11 joined to the lower part of the stem.

From the right-hand end of the sectoral part extends a circular finger 12 spaced at its upper edge from the lower circular edge of the sector and defining therewith a slot. The upper edge of the finger has an intermediate notch.

The same is adapted to receive a teat or projection 13 formed upon the lower face and near the inner edge of tongue 14 extending substantially at right angles from a part 15 joined to the upper edge and to the intermediate point of a movable clip member 17 which has a length

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about equal to that of the intermediate section and bulges outwardly at its intermediate portion and is provided with a lower rolled or beaded edge 18. The same may be covered with felt or soft rubber to prevent marking the garment to be held.

The upper edge of member 17 has two spaced hinge barrel portions or loops 20 each interlinking through a slot 21 with the channel wall of the intermediate section. Intermediate of the loops 20 and nearer to the bight part of the intermediate section the channel walls are provided with registering apertures for a rivet 23 serving as a fulcrum for the hook and passing through a hole therein.

The rear channel wall or the wall parallel to the wall carrying the movable clip member, has a lower portion 25 forming the fixed clip member of a shape similar to the shape of the movable clip member, and having a lower beaded or rolled edge 13 like that of the movable clip member.

The support described and shown comprises only four parts. The intermediate and outer sections can support a coat in its natural shape, since the shoulder contour of the sections named conform to the structure of the body. Thus distortion of the hanging garment is prevented. The rounded outer sections prevent unsightly bulges formed by conventional hangers. Sweaters and woolen garments may be held by the hanger without the danger of the formation of so-called "wings" on the shoulders.

The full width of the outer sections is a necessity for any dress or sport coat with built-in shoulder pads. The conventional hanger fails to support the pads, causing them to assume a fold leading to an eventual breakdown of the padding. Pads supported by conventional hangers are liable to slip off and create bulges.

My garment support overcomes these defects. The full-length skirt clip will grip a skirt that is only folded at the side seams and has a thirty-inch waist measurement, when the hook is in the full line position of Figure 3 and the inner concave edge of the finger bears against the underside of the tongue. When the hook is swung to the dotted line position of Figure 3, the outer edge of the sectoral portion bears against the upper side of the tongue and moves the rolled edge of the movable clip member away from the corresponding edge of the fixed clip part so that the garment clamped therein is released. When the hook is in the full-line position of Figure 3, it is held against wobbling in the support by the engagement of the projection 13 in the notch

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formed in the upper edge of the finger 12, even if the weight of the garment is not uniformly supported over the support.

The garment support primarily designed for women's clothes is also adaptable to the needs for correct hanging of men's garments.

The finger, sector and tongue are enclosed and thus pinching of the material or of the fingers of the operator is prevented.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What I claim is:

In a garment hanger having the usual centrally disposed hook with outwardly extending and downwardly sloping arms, the combination, which comprises a bar with downwardly curved ends of comparatively thin material in the shape of an inverted U in cross-section having downwardly extending arms and with the edges of the ends extended outward providing cushion-shaped shoulder-retaining elements for garments, one of said arms carrying an extending outwardly bowed jaw section of a gripping clip suspended below the bar, said outwardly bowed jaw section integral with the arm from which it is suspended, a complementary outwardly bowed jaw section

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extending downward from the other of said arms, means hinging said complementary jaw section to the lower edge of the arm from which it extends, said complementary jaw section carrying a horizontally disposed tongue extending from a point intermediate the ends thereof across the central portion of said inverted U-shaped bar, the lower end of said hook carrying a depending jaw below a transverse horizontally positioned slot, and a pin extending through the arms of said inverted U-shaped bar and through the hook pivotally mounting the hook in the bar wherein actuation of the hook to the upright position forces said depending jaw under the tongue holding the tongue with the complementary jaw in gripping relation with the jaw integral with the arm of the inverted U-shaped bar.

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