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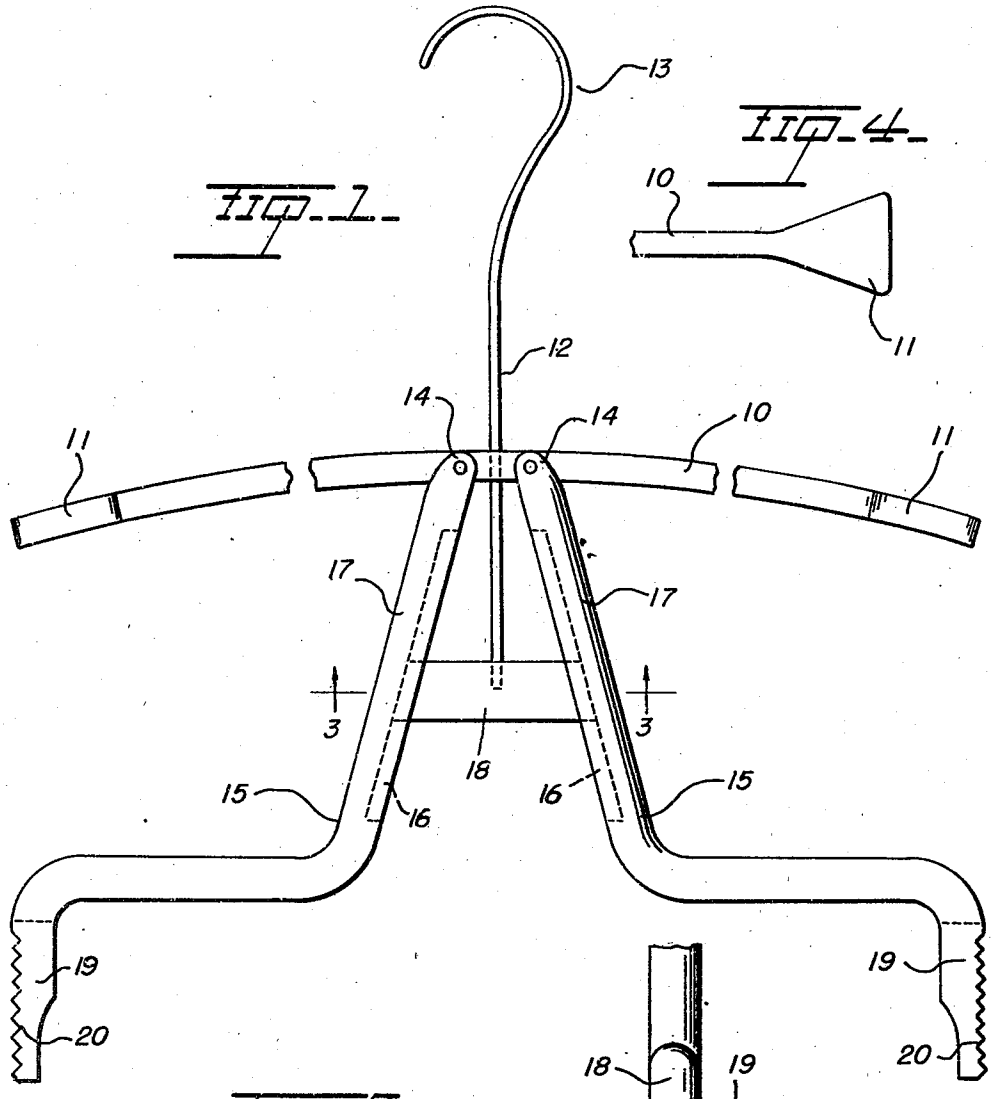


FIG. 1.

FIG. 4.

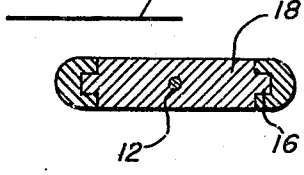


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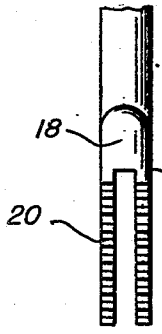


FIG. 2.

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The invention relates to a garment hanger, and more especially to a coat and pants hanger.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a hanger of this character, wherein a coat garment can be readily and easily hung thereon, and likewise trousers can be supported thereby, so that these garments will be kept in neat and orderly condition when upon the hanger, the trousers when hung being supported at the leg portions thereof in a suspended position.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a hanger of this character, wherein the leg clamps for trousers are self-adjustable and will firmly and securely hold such trousers, without liability of the same falling from the hanger while in use, the trousers being readily and easily removed from the latter, independently of the removal of the coat garment when hung upon the hanger.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a hanger of this character, which is simple in construction, thoroughly reliable and efficient in operation, strong, durable, preferably made from plastic material, readily and easily handled, enabling garments to be placed thereon and removed with ease and dispatch, and will not damage such garments, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which discloses the preferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevation of the garment hanger constructed in accordance with the invention;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary end view thereof;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken approximately on the line 3—3 of Figure 1 looking in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary plan view of one end of the coat garment bar of the hanger.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the garment hanger constituting the present invention, comprises a coat garment bar 10, which is preferably upwardly arched to a determined degree for conforming to the neck and shoulder areas of a coat garment when supported thereby, and this bar at its opposite outer ends has inwardly tapered

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wide tips or terminals 11, so as to avoid damage to the garment coat when hung upon the bar and also to eliminate creasing the shoulders of such coat.

Slidably fitted through a suitable clearance centrally in the bar 10 is the shank 12 of a suspension hook 13, while swingingly pendent from this bar by pivots 14 at opposite sides of the shank 12 are reversely outwardly elbowed trouser leg clamping arms 15, which are provided with tracking grooves or channels 16 in the inner edges of the innermost portions 17 thereof for receiving the terminal tapered ends of a spreader runner 18 which is fixed to the shank 12. Movement of the spreader runner 18 toward or away from the bar 10 will cause the arms 15 to be moved toward and away from each other.

The arms 15 at the outer portions 18 thereof are formed with bifurcated or double jaw terminals 19, which at their outer faces are serrated as at 20, and these terminals are fitted in the leg portions of trousers, not shown. The leg portions of the trousers are slipped onto the terminals 19 and the faces 20 grip the same when the arms 15 are spread apart from each other through the action of the runner 18, in that the latter works between the upwardly convergent portions 17 of such arms for this purpose, and the weight of the trousers maintains a gripping action of the terminals on the leg portions for the suspension of the trousers from the hanger. When the trousers are to be freed or released, the runner 18 is shifted to permit the unclamping of the terminals 19 from the leg portions of such trousers.

The bar 10 supports a coat garment, not shown, suspended therefrom when hung on the hanger in the usual well-known manner.

The coat and trouser garments can be readily and easily hung or removed with ease and dispatch and without interference one with the other, the hanger being preferably made from plastic material.

What is claimed is:

A hanger of the kind described consisting of an arched bar terminating in outwardly tapered portions adapted to support a coat-like garment and having an opening intermediate said portions, a suspension hook, a shank depending therefrom and slidable through said opening, a spreader runner secured to said shank, said runner consisting of a member extending transversely of said shank and having terminal portions tapered toward said shank, a pair of de-

pendent arms pivoted to said bar at opposite sides of said shank and spaced apart from each other a predetermined distance substantially less than the overall length of said spreader runner, opposed guideways in said dependent arms receiving said tapered terminal portions of said spreader runner whereby relative movement between said runner and said bar will cause said dependent arms to be swung relative to each other, grip portions terminating said dependent arms and adapted to support a trouser-like garment whereby weight of said garment will cause self-adjustment of said dependent arms.

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