No. 688,916. Patented Dec. 17, 1901.

H. A. WRIGHT.

GARMENT HANGER.

(Application filed May 31, 1901.)

(No Model.)

Fig. 1.

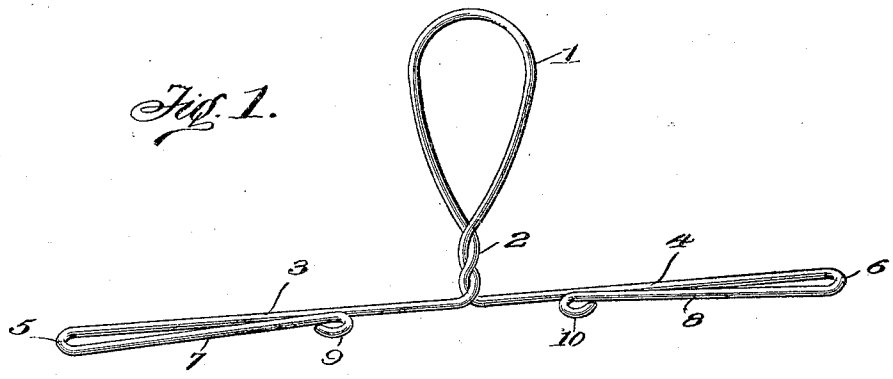


Fig. 2.

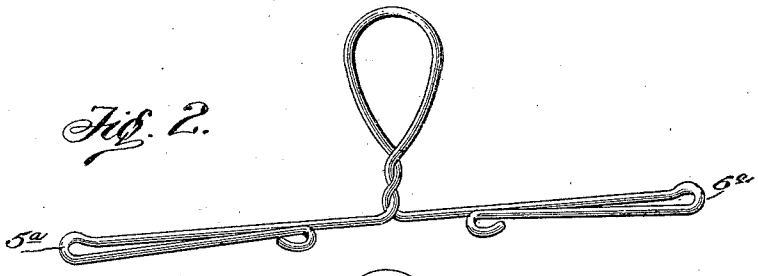


Fig. 3.

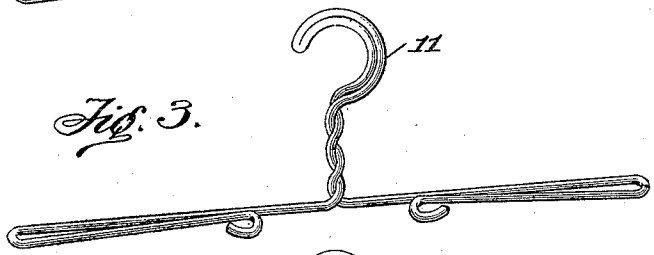
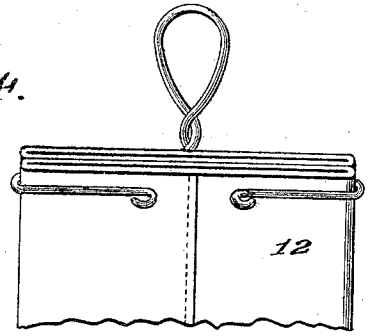


Fig. 4.



Witnesses
Fenton S. Belt
C. W. Clement.

Inventor
Harold A. Wright
By Watson & Watson
Attorneys

THE NORRIS PETERS CO., PHOTO-LITHO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

HAROLD A. WRIGHT, OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

GARMENT-HANGER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 688,916, dated December 17, 1901.

Application filed May 31, 1901. Serial No. 62,601. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD A. WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a new and simple form of clothes-hanger, the details of construction of which will be pointed out in the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of a hanger made in accordance with the invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are similar views, on a smaller scale, showing hangers which differ slightly in construction. Fig. 4 is a similar view illustrating the manner in which clothing is supported by the hanger.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawings, it will be seen that the hanger consists of a single piece of wire, the central portion of which is doubled around to form a supporting-loop 1, and the branches of the wire at the ends of the loop are twisted together, as indicated by the reference-numeral 2. From this twisted portion the wire extends laterally outward in opposite directions to equal distances, forming the arms 3 and 4, which comprise the main or body portion of the hanger. The wire at the ends of these arms is doubled over, as indicated by the numerals 5 and 6, in a plane which is substantially horizontal when the hanger is supported by the loop, and the end or clamping portions 7 and 8 of the wire extend inwardly toward each other in the same plane. The extremities, as shown, are bent around at 9 and 10, so as to form rounded ends which will not catch in the clothing.

In Fig. 2 the hanger is in all respects the same as that shown in Fig. 1, except that the wire is turned slightly backward at the bends 5^a and 6^a to give the latter a more rounding form than the corresponding bends in Fig. 1 without any greater separation between the parts 7 and 8 and the body of the hanger. This form of bend gives greater elasticity between the end portions and the body, and the wire is less apt to be strained or broken in bending it into shape.

The hanger shown in Fig. 3 is the same as that shown in Fig. 1, except the center portion instead of being bent into the form of a loop is bent into the form of a hook 11.

It will be noted that the extremities of the clamping portions do not meet, but are separated from one another by a considerable distance. When a pair of trousers is to be placed in the hanger, the two legs of the trousers are placed together, with the seams in the center and creased portions at the sides, as shown in Fig. 4. One side of the trousers-legs thus laid together is then inserted under the end of the clamping-arms and moved outward, and the opposite side is then similarly inserted under the other arm and slid outward in the opposite direction. As the clamping-arms do not come together in the center, it will be seen that they do not clamp the seams, but support the trousers by the front and rear portions of the legs, wherein the wrinkles occur, and the latter will be removed by the weight of the trousers.

As the hanger of this description for supporting trousers need only be slightly longer than the width of a trousers-leg, it will be seen that the device is quite small and may readily be carried in the pocket or a valise.

The hanger is equally suitable for supporting other articles of clothing, such as skirts. It may be made of any suitable wire having a sufficient degree of elasticity to insure the gripping of the article between the arms or body portion and the clamping parts or end portions, and it may be bent in any suitable way in the center to form a supporting hook or loop.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A clothes-hanger comprising a wire bent in the center to form a hook portion, the body of the wire extending laterally in opposite directions from the hook portion, and having end portions doubled inwardly toward each other on the same side of the body of the wire and in the same horizontal plane as the body portions, the extremities of said portions being apart from one another.

2. A clothes-hanger comprising a wire bent in the center to form a hook portion, the body of the wire extending laterally in opposite directions from the hook portion, and having end portions doubled inwardly toward each

other on the same side of the body of the wire and in the same horizontal plane as the body portions, the extremities of said portions being rounded and separated from one another.

3. A clothes-hanger consisting of a wire bent upwardly in the center to form a hook portion and having its opposite end portions doubled inwardly toward each other on the same side of the body of the wire and in a substantially horizontal plane, the extremities of said wire being apart from one another.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

HAROLD A. WRIGHT.

Witnesses:
W. R. BURCH,
ANNA C. BETTS.