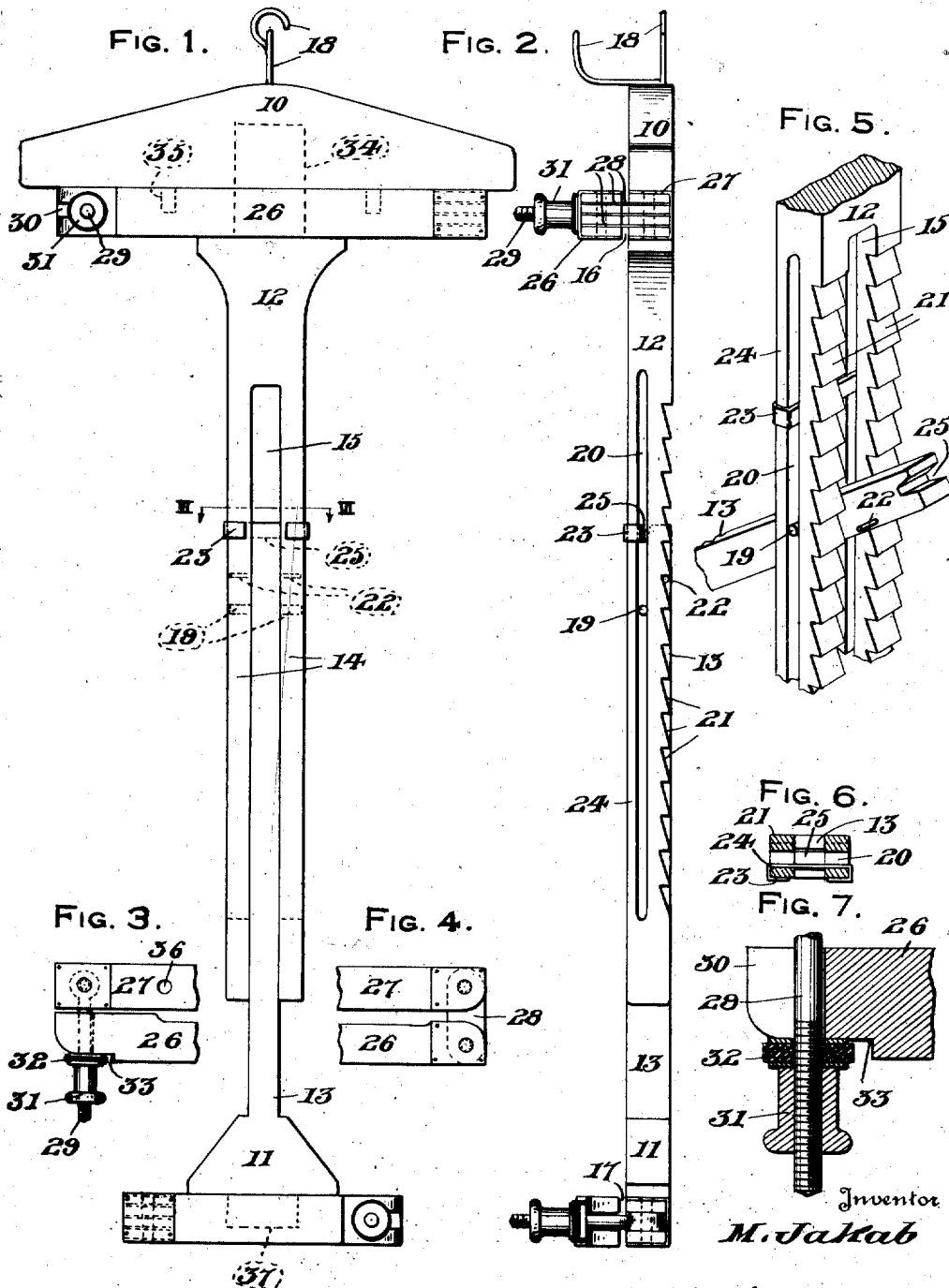


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MIKE JAKAB, a subject of the King of Hungary, residing at Woodland, in the county of Washington and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Garment Stretchers and Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in combined garment stretcher and hanger.

The primary object of the present invention is the provision of a device adapted for stretching clothing such as trousers and also to arrange the same in a suspended position during the stretching operation.

A further object of the device is the provision of a hanger adapted for mounting a garment thereon and for maintaining the garment in a stretched condition whereby the latter is maintained ready for instant release and at which time the same is ready for use.

With these general objects in view and others that will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood; the same consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings forming a part of this application, and in which like designating characters refer to corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device,

Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof,

Fig. 3 is a view of the clamping end of one of the garment attaching means,

Fig. 4 is a similar view of the hinged end thereof,

Fig. 5 is an enlarged perspective view of the central adjustment maintaining portion of the device,

Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view taken upon line VI—VI of Fig. 1 and

Fig. 7 is an enlarged sectional view through a portion of one of the clamping members.

Referring more in detail to the drawings, the device consists of opposite ends or cross-heads 10 and 11 provided with centrally projecting plates 12 and 13 respectively, the plate 12 being bifurcated having side portions 14 forming an opening 15 therebetween

in which the plate 13 in the form of a tongue is slidably arranged.

The head 10 is of greater width than the head 11 being provided with a garment clamp 16 of greater length than the clamp 17 with which the head 11 is provided, it being understood that suspending hooks 18 are provided upon the head 10 whereby the device is adapted to be maintained with the longer clamp 16 uppermost with the wider portion of the garment such as the belt portion of a pair of trousers, secured therein.

The tongue 13 is adjustably hinged to the plate 12 by means of a cross-pin 19 extending through the tongue 13 and slidably arranged within the longitudinal slots 20 provided in the bifurcated sides 14 of the said plate and communicating with the central opening 15 thereof. Toothed racks 21 are provided upon one side of the plate 12 substantially throughout the length of the opening 15, the teeth of which are adapted for engagement by a transverse pin 22 carried by the tongue 13 it being understood that the tongue 13 may be adjusted relatively of the plate 12 and the pin 22 engaged with the adjacent rack tooth 21. A ready means for maintaining the plate 12 and tongue 13 in the said plane is provided consisting of a link 23 slidably mounted through the slots 20 upon the portions 24 of the plate sections 14 which are positioned opposite the toothed portions thereof. A notch 25 is arranged in the free end of the tongue 13 adapted for the reception of the link 23 when the plate and tongue are arranged in a single plane and whereby as will be evident, relative inward movement as well as pivotal movement of the rack 21 and tongue 13 will be prevented.

The clamps 16 and 17 are of similar construction, each being formed of a bar 26 hinged to a similar bar 27 at one end by means of a link 28. A clamping member is arranged between the opposite ends of the bars 26 and 27 being in the form of a swinging bolt 29 carried by the bar 27 for movement inwardly and outwardly of an end slot 30 in the bar 26, an adjusting nut 31 being threaded upon the bolt 29 while a cushioning washer 32 is positioned upon the bolt for engaging within a seat 33 in said slotted end of the bar 26. The assembling of the head 10, plate 12 and clamp 16 as herein illustrated consists of providing a reduced extension 34 upon the plate 12 which

centrally projects into and is secured to the head 10 while this extension also projects through the bar 27 of the clamp 16, dowel pins 35 being carried by the head 10 and arranged within the sockets 36 of the said bar 27. The clamp 17 is attached to the head 11 by means of a reduced extension 37 which is secured within the bar 27 of the clamp 17.

The complete operation of the device will be at once apparent from this detailed description thereof it being understood that the wider portion of the garment, such as the waist band portion of a pair of trousers is secured within the wider clamp 16 while the narrower portion thereof such as the bottoms of the trousers legs are firmly secured within the shorter clamp 17. The link 23 being released, the plate 12 and tongue 13 are bent at an angle to each other and thereafter straightened out forcing the members apart by opposite longitudinal movements, thereby ratcheting the pin 22 over the teeth 21 until the garment is desirably tensioned and at which time the link 23 will be moved toward the tongue 13 engaging the link within the notch 25 thereof. The garment in this manner will be maintained in its stretched condition between the clamps 16 and 17 and the device with the garment so mounted thereon may be readily hung up by means of the hooks 18 until the garment is desired for use and at which time the same is readily removed upon releasing the clamps 16 and 17. A serviceable gar-

ment hanger for stretching the garment is provided combining the functions of a stretcher and a hanger in a unitary device and while the present embodiment thereof is believed to be preferable, it will be understood that changes may be made therein if desired which will not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention as now claimed.

What I claim as new is:—

A garment hanger and stretcher comprising a head, a plate carried thereon and projecting therefrom having a bifurcated free end portion forming an opening therein, the bifurcations of said plate being longitudinally slotted in a plane transversely of said opening, ratcheting teeth carried by said bifurcations at opposite sides of the opening, a relatively smaller head, a tongue projecting from said smaller head slidably arranged within the said opening and having a notch in its free end, a transverse pin carried by said tongue slidably arranged through the said slots, a further pin carried by said tongue adapted for engaging the said teeth when the plate and tongue are in their relative adjusting positions, a link slidably arranged through said slots upon said bifurcations adapted for positioning within said notch when the device is operatively positioned and garment positioning clamps carried by the said heads.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature:

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