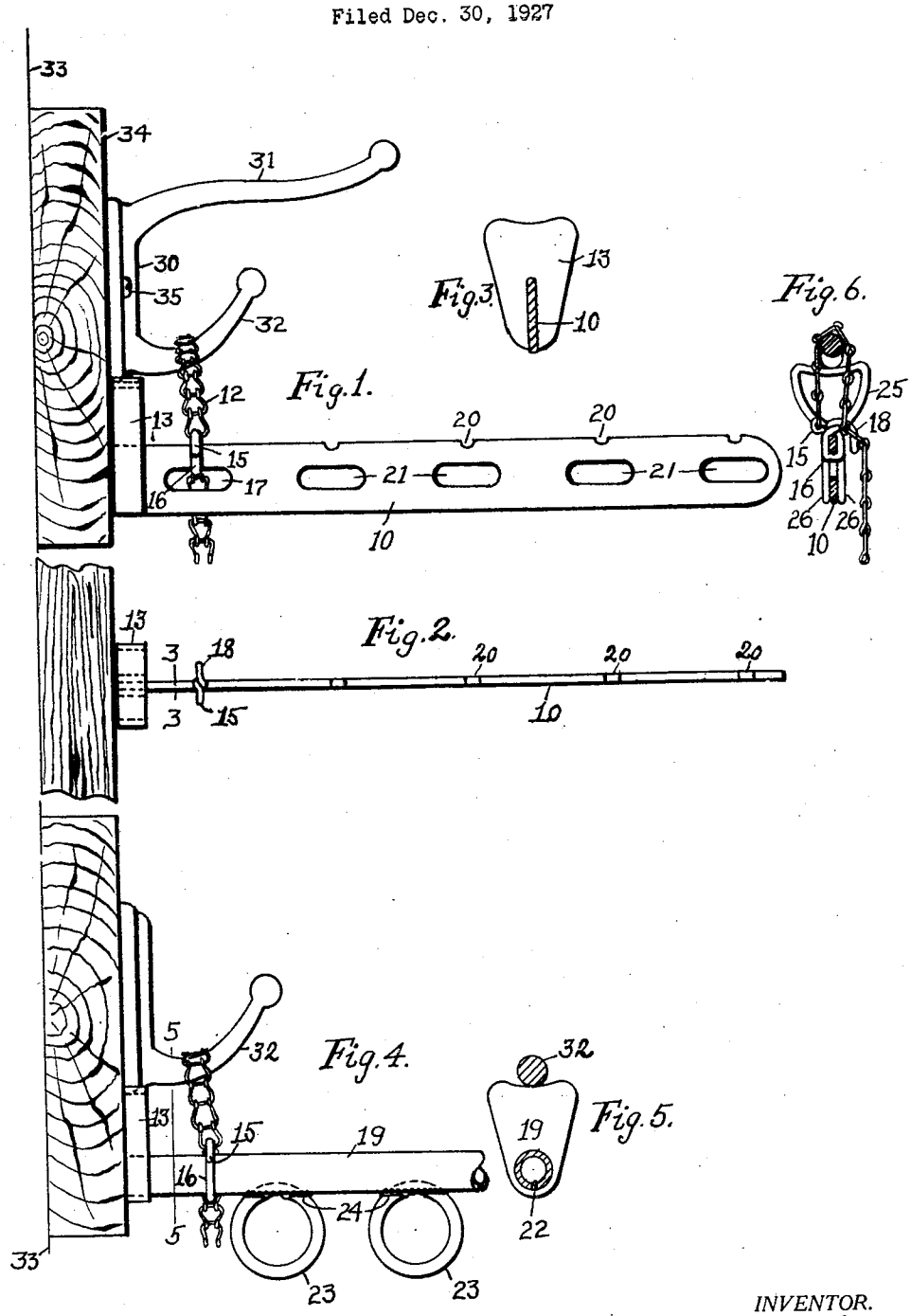
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This invention relates to a garment hanger and has for its object to provide a simple, efficient and inexpensive garment hanger capable of being suspended from clothes-hooks or other supporting devices and of being secured in fixed relation thereto.

The particular features of the invention will be pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

Fig. 1 represents in side elevation a garment hanger embodying this invention and showing the same suspended from a clothes hook;

Fig. 2, a plan of the hanger shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3, a section on the line 3—3, Fig. 2, looking toward the left;

Fig. 4, a side elevation of a modified form of hanger;

Fig. 5, a cross section on the line 5—5, Fig. 4, and

Fig. 6, a cross section of another modified form of hanger.

In Figs. 1 to 3 is illustrated a simple and inexpensive construction of garment hanger embodying this invention, in which 10 represents the garment-supporting member; 12, the suspending member; and 13 the bearing member.

The supporting member 10 may and preferably will be made of a substantially flat and relatively thin bar of metal, preferably steel, which has its rear end inserted into a vertically arranged slot in a substantially triangular shaped piece, preferably of metal, whose upper surface may be flat or as is preferred may be curved as represented in Fig. 3. The substantially triangular piece constitutes the bearing member 13 of the hanger shown in Fig. 1.

The metal bar 10 has attached to it near its rear end, the suspending member 12, preferably made as a chain having substantially flat links, one end of the link chain being engaged with a hook 15 which is preferably formed by bending one end of a piece of wire 16 passed through a slot 17 in the metal bar 10, said wire having its other end bent to form a hook 18 on the opposite side of the bar 10 with which another link in the chain may be engaged after the manner represented in Fig. 6. The wire 16 may be spot welded or otherwise secured to the bar 10 and the latter may be secured in a similar manner to the bearing member 13.

The bar 10 may be provided at its upper edge with notches or recesses 20 for the reception of the wire hooks of the ordinary coat hanger, not shown, but which is well known.

The bar 10 may also be provided with one or more elongated slots 21 for the reception of the substantially wide hooks of clamps or holders for trousers, which holders are also commonly used and well known and not hereinshown.

In Figs. 4 and 5, is shown a garment hanger similar to Fig. 1 in so far as the suspending and bearing members are concerned, but having a different construction of supporting member, to wit: a tubular member 19 having on its underside a longitudinally extended slit or slot 22 into which a series of rings 23 may be slipped from the outer end of the tubular member, said rings having guideways 24 into which the side walls of the slit or slot 22 are extended to attach the rings to the tubular member.

In Fig. 6 is shown a modified construction of bearing member, which consists of a strip 25 of metal bent to form the substantially triangular bearing member and having arms 26 extended down on opposite sides of the supporting bar 10 and spot welded or otherwise secured thereto.

The garment hanger above described is capable of being used with a supporting device projecting laterally from an upright member.

In the present instance the supporting device is represented in Fig. 1 as a clothes hook 30 having a relatively long upper arm 31 and a shorter lower arm 32, and such as is commonly used in closets for supporting garments.

The upright member hereinshown is the rear wall of a closet and is represented by the line 33 and said rear wall has secured to it the usual piece of wood 34 to which the hook 30 is secured by screws 35 or other suitable fastening devices.

In operation, the garment hanger may be suspended from an arm of the hook or supporting device, and in Fig. 1, the garment hanger is shown as suspended from the shorter lower arm 32 by the link chain 12, which

has one end engaged with one of the hooks as 15 and has its free portion passed over the shorter arm 32 and engaged with the other hook 18 after the supporting bar or member 10 of the garment hanger has been elevated so as to bring the bearing member 13 into engagement with the hook 30.

By reference to Fig. 1, it will be seen that the garment supporting member 10 is practically pivotally supported between its ends by the link chain, and when the ordinary garment hangers with the garments thereon are engaged with the supporting member 10, the weight of the garments serves to turn the portion of the supporting member 10 in front of the chain 12 downward and the shorter rear portion upwardly until the bearing member 13 is engaged with the hook, whereupon the supporting member 10 becomes to all intents and purposes rigid with respect to the upright member, and located below and separated from the hook or supporting device 30.

If desired, the garment hanger can be suspended from the upper long arm 31 of the hook shown in Fig. 1.

It will be observed that by means of the link chain or other flexible member passed over the supporting device, the garment hanger can be used in those situations in which the supporting device is located below and in close proximity to an overhead structure, such as a shelf, not shown, which extends outwardly to or beyond the garment hanger.

The garment hanger may be used with other forms of upright members than the wall 33 of a closet, as, for instance, with hat trees or stands commonly used in offices and like places and not hereinshown, and which are commonly provided with double arm hooks shown in Fig. 1 and also with single arm hooks shown in Fig. 4.

Furthermore, the garment hanger can be used with other forms of supporting devices, as, for instance, with straight wooden or other pegs and even with nails.

It is preferred to employ the link chain as the suspending member, as different links may be engaged with the hook 18 on the supporting member 10 to enable the garment hanger to be adjusted with relation to the supporting device over which the chain is passed.

While it is preferred to use a link chain as the suspending member, it is not desired to limit the invention in this respect.

So also it is not desired to limit the bearing member to the particular construction shown.

What is claimed is:

1. A garment hanger comprising a substantially flat bar provided between its ends with a hook, a link chain having one end attached to said bar and having its free end capable of being passed over a supporting device and engaged with the hook on said bar, to suspend said bar below said supporting device, and a bearing member attached to the rear end of said bar and arranged to project upwardly above said flat bar and engage said supporting device.

2. A garment hanger comprising a garment-supporting member, a bearing member attached to said supporting member near its rear end and extended upwardly above said supporting member, and a device operatively connected with said garment-supporting member to form a loop for engaging a hook from which said garment hanger is supported and against whose under surface the bearing member is forced upwardly by the weight of the garments hung upon said supporting member.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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