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FIG. 3

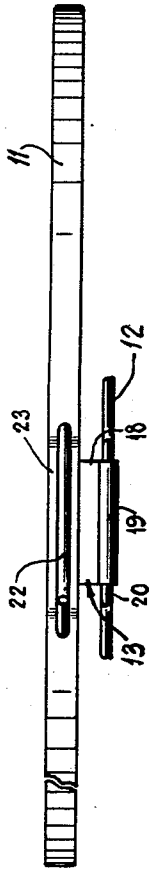


FIG. 4

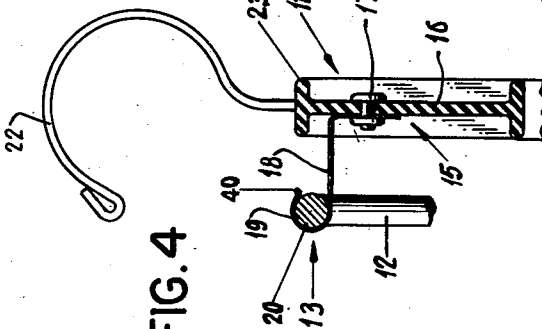


FIG. 2

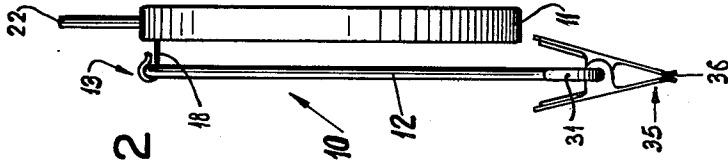
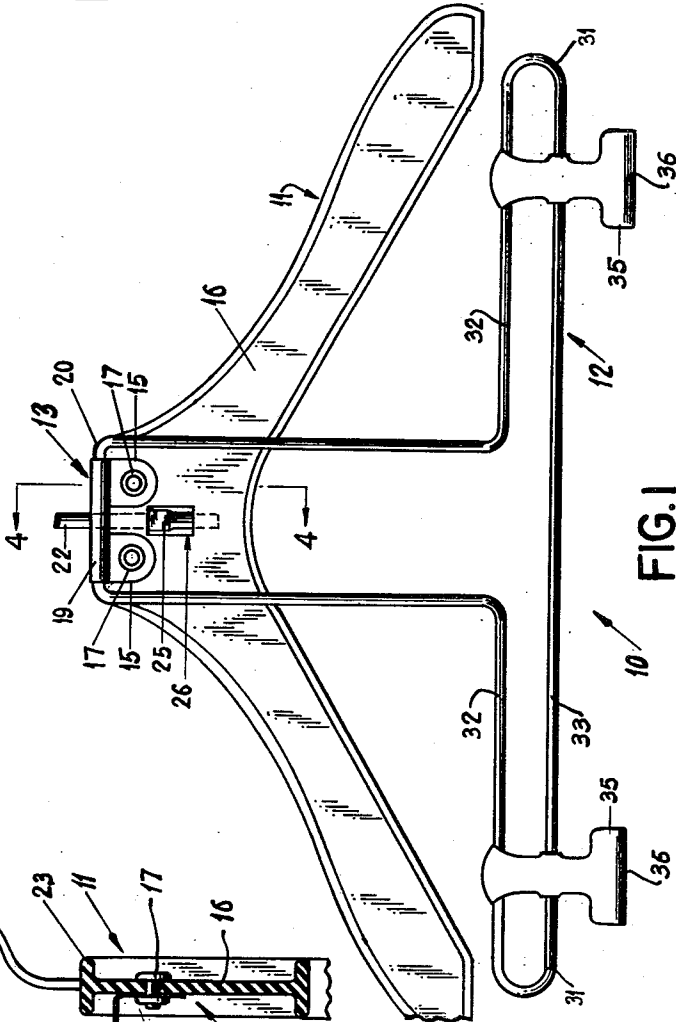


FIG. 1



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1 Claim. (Cl. 223—90)

This invention relates to improvements in connected garment hangers of the duplex type, generally for hanging ladies' garments, one hanger for hanging a coat or blouse and the other hanger for hanging a skirt.

An object of this invention is to provide a duplex hanger comprising a hanger member adapted for supporting a skirt or trousers by means of spring clips having jaws which will grip the skirt or trousers without damage thereto while the body of the hanger can be used to simultaneously support a coat or the like, the duplex hanger having a handle for supporting both hangers from a clothes bar.

Another object of this invention is to provide a duplex hanger wherein the garment hung on the upper portion thereof will not interfere with or tend to crease the garment hung on the lower portion thereof.

Another object of this invention is to provide a duplex garment hanger separable into a plastic coat or blouse hanger and into a skirt hanger made of a circular wire, comprising a coat hanger having a plate-like upright body, a right-angular bracket made of resilient metal, the bracket having one leg fastened to the body and having a laterally extending leg, the free end portion of the lateral leg being curved to provide a loop for receiving the wire in frictional engagement, the loop being of partial circular form to partially engage the wire and permit detachment of the wire hanger from the plastic hanger by spreading the loop in a lateral direction for momentarily enlarging the loop.

Another object of this invention is to provide means for detachably hanging a clothes hanger on an upright surface such as the back of a chair or the like, comprising a substantially right-angular bracket element made of resilient material, the bracket element having one perforated leg fastened to the surface and having a laterally extending leg, the free end portion of the lateral leg being curved to provide a loop for receiving the clothes hanger in frictional engagement, the loop being of partial circular form to partially engage the hanger and permit detachment of the hanger from the bracket element by spreading the loop and momentarily enlarging the loop. Where the bracket is used to detachably hold the hanger on an upright surface it must of necessity extend laterally for a considerable distance so that the hanger may clear the cross-sectional thickness of the surface.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more particularly described, and the combination and arrangement of parts will be shown in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claim which form part of this specification.

Reference will now be had to the drawings, wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the duplex garment hanger.

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Figure 2 is an end elevation of the duplex hanger shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the duplex hanger shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 4 is a view showing a fragmentary portion of the duplex hanger, on an enlarged scale.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the numeral 10 indicates a duplex garment hanger comprising a coat or blouse hanger 11 and a skirt hanger 12.

The hanger 11 is formed with downward sloping sides and is preferably made of plastic material of relatively narrow cross-section, while the hanger 12 is preferably made of a single wire of circular cross-section. The hanger 12 assumes the form of an inverted T.

The means for connecting the hangers in unitary relation comprises a sheet metal bracket 13 of generally right-angular form.

The bracket 13 has an upright leg consisting of two perforated members 15, 15 which are suitably secured to a web plate or upright surface or wall 16 of the hanger 11 by eyelets 17.

The bracket 13 is preferably made of resilient material and has a horizontal leg 18 which terminates at its free end in a loop 19 of partial circular form and of a size to frictionally engage the horizontal circular upper portion 20 of the hanger 12. It is to be noted that the free end portion of the loop 19 terminates past the center line of the horizontal circular portion 20 of the hanger 12, so as to positively grip the said portion 20 with a resilient grasp, preventing accidental disengagement of the hanger 12 from the hanger 11. The hanger 12 is secured to the bracket 13 at the apex of the inverted T.

The duplex hanger has a clothes bar engaging handle 22 extending from the horizontal upper portion 23 of the hanger 11 in which it is rotatably mounted.

As shown in Figure 1, the wire of the hanger 12 is bent to provide curved portions 31, 31, an upper bar 32 and a lower bar 33, the bars being in parallel relation.

We provide two spring clips 35 slidably mounted on the lower bar 33 and having jaws 36 which contact each other in suitable spring-pressed relation, the gripping jaws serving to grip a skirt or trousers without damage thereto, while the body part of the hanger can be used to simultaneously support a coat or the like.

The vertical portion of the handle 22 is preferably flattened to provide an enlargement 25 positioned in an opening 26 in the web plate 16 of the hanger 11 to retain the handle 22 in assembled relation with the said hanger.

As shown in Figure 4, the free end portion 40 of the loop 19 terminates in considerably spaced-apart relation from the horizontal leg 18 of the bracket 13. This free end portion 40 is made to terminate a considerable distance horizontally beyond the center line of the circular upper portion 20 of the hanger 12.

Inasmuch as the bracket 13 is made of resilient material, it is possible to bend the free end portion 40 sufficiently away from the horizontal leg 18 to momentarily enlarge the loop 19 to permit the circular upper portion 20 of the hanger 12 to move out freely from the curved portion of the loop 19, when the hangers 11 and 12 become separated from each other and may be hung in any suitable manner for receiving clothes thereon while hung independently.

In accordance with the patent statutes we have described and illustrated the preferred embodiment of our invention, but it will be understood that various changes and modifications can be made therein without depart-

ing from the spirit of the invention as defined by the appended claim.

We claim:

In a duplex garment hanger having separable upper and lower hanger members, a right-angled bracket of resilient material permitting said separation, said bracket having one leg extending alongside said upper hanger member and fastened to the central portion thereof, the other leg of said bracket extending laterally from said upper hanger member for a considerable distance and

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having its terminal end curved to provide a loop for removably securing said lower hanger member.

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