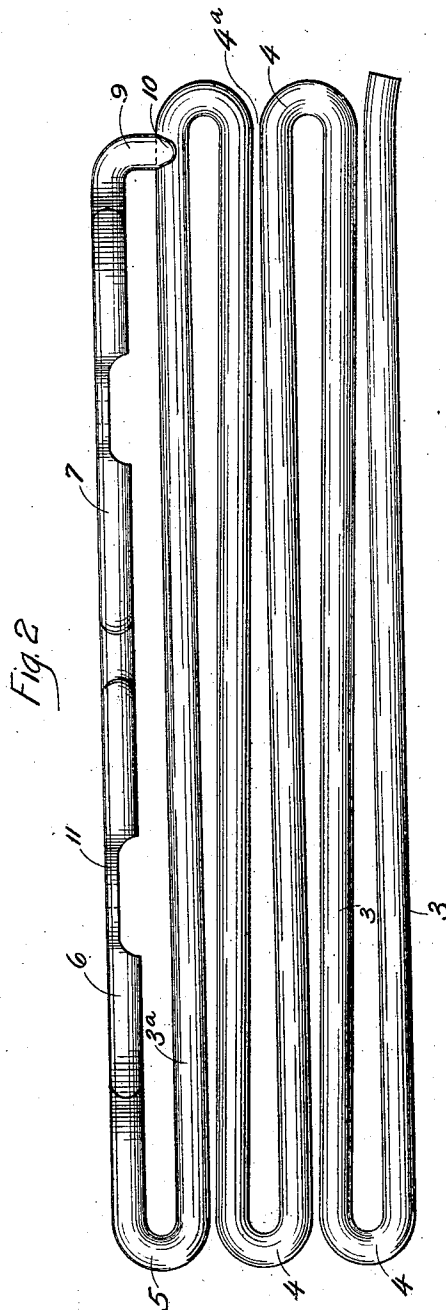
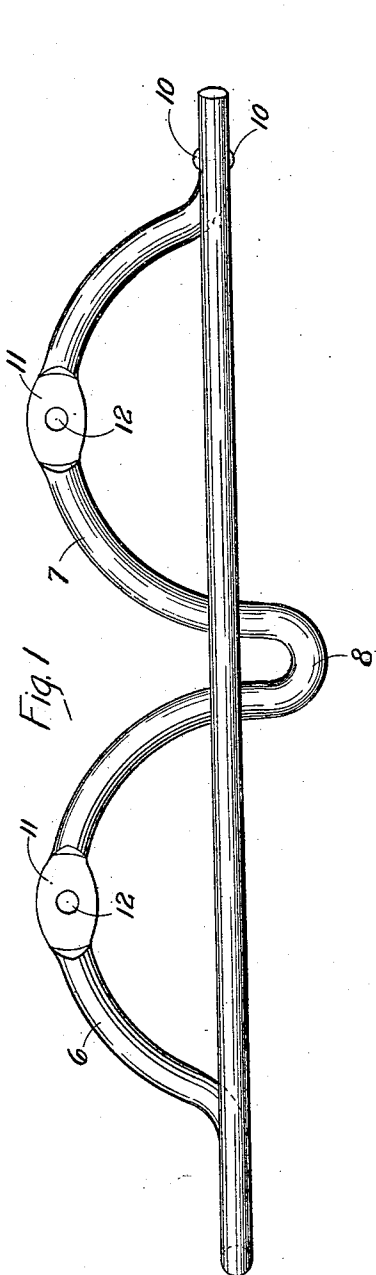


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To all whom it may concern:

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

My invention relates to garment-hangers and particularly to that class of hangers in which several pairs of trousers or other garments are clamped and held side by side in a suspended condition.

The object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described which is simple and inexpensive and has a compact form.

A further object has been to produce a garment hanger of this class which may be attached to a wall or other support by means of screws, nails or the like or which may be merely hung upon a hook or other similar support without the use of screws or nails.

A further object has been to make the device of a single piece of rod or wire and so constructed that the garment holding portion is well braced and held by the supporting portion of the device.

The above objects are attained by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings and other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification and claims, taken in connection with the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the garment hanger, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

The device may be conveniently divided into two parts for the purpose of convenience in description, one of said parts consisting of the garment holding portion and the other part being called the supporting portion. The garment holding portion comprises a series of substantially parallel bars 3, preferably lying in a horizontal plane when in use. These parallel bars 3 are joined at the ends by bends 4, the said bends being alternately arranged at the opposite ends of said bars 3 in such manner that a series of loops is formed which open in opposite directions in an alternate manner.

In order to permit a certain flexibility and clamping effect in the use of the device, I have made the hanger of steel rod of uniform diameter and of such size as will give the desired degree of flexibility. The

loops are so formed that the bars composing their sides depart slightly from the parallel condition and lie closer to each other at the open ends 4^a than they do at the joined ends 4. The garment is inserted at the open end 4^a and when the said garment is in place it will press the bars apart to a position substantially parallel. This will bring about the desired clamping or holding pressure. One of the bars 3^a is joined to the supporting portions of the device at the bend 5. The supporting portion is also made of wire or rod and is preferably made of a continuation of the same wire or rod as was used for the holding portion. The supporting portion comprises a series of oppositely disposed curved parts 6, 7 and 8 which lie in a plane preferably at right angles to the plane of the holding portion. The oppositely disposed curved portions 6, 7 and 8 are so arranged that the larger curved parts 6 and 7 lie at one side of the holding portion and the smaller curved part 8 lies on the opposite side of the holding portion. The purpose of this arrangement of the curved parts of the supporting portion is to permit the mounting of the holding device upon a wall or other support to which it may be attached in two different ways. One of these ways consists in using nails or screws which are inserted through apertures 12 in the large curved parts 6 and 7. The other way consists in placing the smaller curved part 8 over a hook or other similar support without the use of screws or nails. If screws or nails are used the garment hanger is so mounted on the wall or other support that the large upwardly curved portions 6 and 7 have a position above the level of the holding portion. If, however, no screws or nails are used and it is desired to hang the holder upon any convenient hook or other support, the hanger is turned other side up and the small curved part 8 is placed over said hook or similar support. In order to provide a convenient place for the insertion of screws or nails, I have provided a flattened portion 11 in each of the upwardly curved portions 6 and 7. In these flattened portions 11 I provide the apertures 12 in which may be inserted screws or nails.

The end of the supporting portion opposite to the bend 5 is given a right-angular bend and brought into engagement with the innermost bar 3^a of the series of bars which

compose the holding portion of the device. At the end of this right-angularly disposed portion 9 where it engages the bar 3^a are provided two flared or forked ends 10 which
5 lap over the bar 3^a at the upper and lower sides. By this means the holding portion of the device is well supported at this end.

While I have described more or less precisely the details of construction, I do not
10 wish to be understood as limiting myself thereto, as I contemplate changes in form and the proportion of parts and the substitution of equivalents as circumstances may suggest or render expedient without
15 departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. A garment hanger comprising a single
piece of rod or wire formed into a plurality
of adjacent bars alternately joined at the
20 ends, one of said bars joining a series of oppositely projecting bends adapted to serve

as a supporting portion, said bends projecting on either side of the plane of said bars, the bends on one side being provided with
apertures to receive a fastening device and
25 the bend on the opposite side being adapted to be placed over and to hang from the supporting means.

2. A garment hanger comprising a single
piece of rod or wire formed into a garment
30 engaging portion, a supporting portion made of bends projecting on either side of the garment engaging portion, the bends on either side being adapted to engage and depend from supporting means.
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In testimony whereof, I have subscribed my name.

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