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GARMENT HANGER

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Fig. 1.

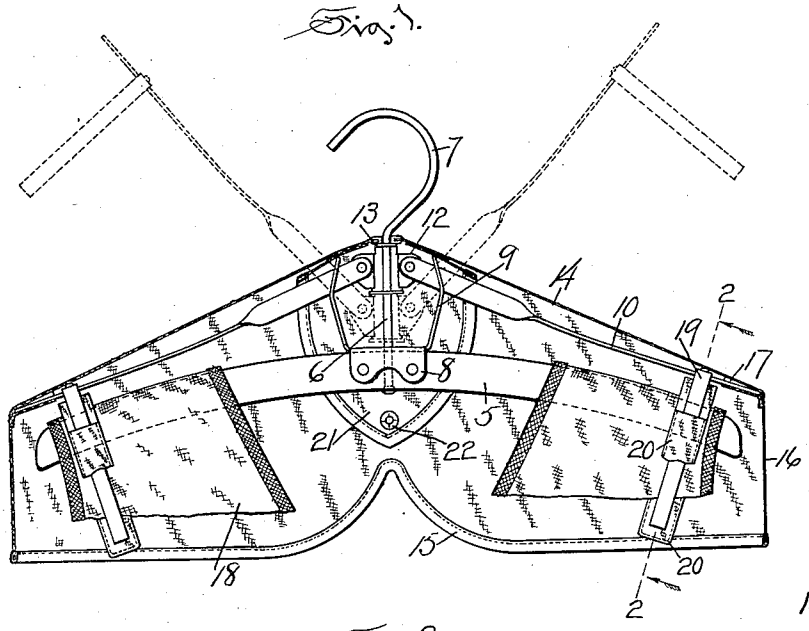


Fig. 3.

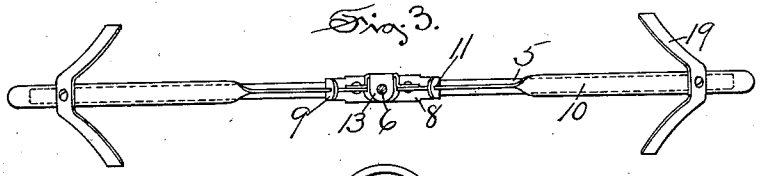


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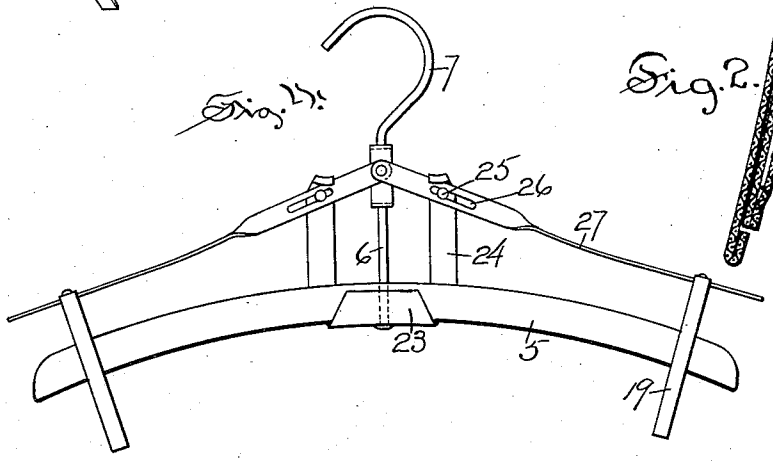
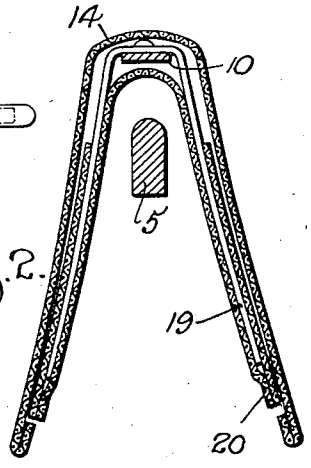


Fig. 2.



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My invention relates to that class of devices which is employed for hanging garments, more particularly those composed of the lighter weight fabrics, and an object of my invention, among others, is to provide a hanger of this type having means to protect the garments from dust and dirt while preserving their form and shape.

One form of a hanger embodying my invention and in the construction and use of which the objects herein set out, as well as others, may be attained is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved garment hanger with the cover cut in central lengthwise section.

Figure 2 is a view in crosswise section through the same on a plane denoted by the dotted line 2—2 of Fig. 1, the scale, however, being enlarged for clearness of illustration.

Figure 3 is a top view of the hanger with the cover removed and the hook broken off.

Figure 4 is a view illustrating a slightly modified form of the hanger.

In the accompanying drawing the numeral 5 denotes a support, shown herein as in the form of a bow, this support having the shank 6 of a suporting hook 7 secured thereto and projecting upwardly therefrom. A bracket 8 is secured to the support 5 in any suitable manner, said bracket having upstanding arms 9 serving as guides for cover supporting blades 10.

Said blades project through slots 11 in the arms 9 adjacent, the ends of the blades being pivotally attached to ears projecting from a slide 12, said slide having lips 13 with holes through which the shank 6 of the hook 7 projects, whereby the slide may be moved along said shank from the closed position of the blades to the open position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

A cover 14 composed of any suitable fabric rests upon the blades 10 said cover comprising flaps 15 which are joined at their ends 16. In the structure shown pockets 17 are formed on the inner side of the top fold of the cover to receive the ends of the blades 10, and as shown in Fig. 1.

In order to prevent the flaps 15 from catching upon the hanger and particularly upon the garment, as a dress 18, and thereby mussing the latter, as well as interfering with the application of the cover to the hanger, spreaders 19 project downwardly from the blades 10 near the outer ends of the blades. In the structure shown these spreaders are composed of strips of metal or other suitable material of U-shape with the branches diverging toward the outer ends, and as shown in Fig. 2. Pockets 20 are made on the inner surfaces of the flaps 15 within which pockets the spreaders 10 project to secure the flaps to said spreaders.

A shield is secured inside of the cover 14 at the apex thereof to enclose the bracket and the parts supported thereby. This shield comprises shield flaps 21 of a width to cover the bracket and attached parts, a hole being formed through the top of the shield and through the top of the cover for the passage of the shank of the hook 7, said hole being provided with a grommet if desired that secures the shield and cover together at the apex as above mentioned. The flaps 21 of the shield are free from the flaps 15 of the cover and the two shield flaps are temporarily fastened together at the bottom as by means of a snap fastener 22 as shown in Fig. 1.

In that form of the device shown in Fig. 3 the bracket 23 has upstanding arms 24 with pins 25 projecting through slots 26 in the blades 27. Otherwise this structure is the same as that illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing.

In both of the structures it will be noted that the cover supporting blades have a movement lengthwise relatively to the supporting bracket thereby transposing some of the weight of the blades from the outside of the upstanding arms to the inside thereof which tends to maintain the blades in their raised positions so that garments may be readily placed upon the hanger.

In accordance with the provisions of the patent statutes I have described the principles of operation of my invention, together with the device which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof; but I desire to have it understood that the device shown is only illustrative and that the invention may be carried out by other means and applied to uses other than those above set out.

I claim:

1. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket secured to the support and having upstanding arms, a hook attached to said support, a slide mounted on the shank of said hook, cover supporting blades pivotally attached to said slide, a connection between said blades and said arms to permit sliding movement of the blades relatively to the arms, and a cover supported by said blades and having flaps to cover and enclose said support.

2. A garment hanger including a support, cover supporting blades mounted on said support, means to effect raising movement of said blades, spreaders secured to said blades and projecting

downwardly therefrom, and a cover folded over said blades and having flaps spread by said spreaders.

3. A garment hanger including a support, cover supporting blades mounted on said support, means to effect raising movement of the outer ends of said blades, spreaders secured at the outer portions of said blades and projecting downwardly therefrom, and a cover folded over said blades and having flaps spread by said spreaders.

4. A garment hanger including a support, cover supporting blades mounted on said support, means to effect raising movement of said blades, spreaders secured to said blades and comprising branches extending downwardly therefrom in divergent relation, and a cover folded over said blades and having flaps spread by said spreaders.

5. A garment hanger including a support, cover supporting blades mounted on said support, means to effect raising movement of said blades, spreaders secured to said blades and comprising branches projecting downwardly therefrom, a cover folded over said blades and having flaps spread by said spreaders, and pockets formed on the inner surfaces of said flaps to receive the branches of said spreaders.

6. A garment hanger including a support, cover supporting blades mounted on said support, means to effect raising movement of said blades, a cover folded over said blades and having flaps to enclose said support, a shield secured to the inner side of said cover and comprising flaps extending downwardly on opposite sides of said support, and means for securing the flaps of the shield underneath said support.

7. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket secured to the support, cover supporting blades attached to said bracket, a cover folded over said blades and having flaps enclosing said support, and a shield secured to the inner surface of said cover and comprising flaps enclosing said bracket.

8. A garment hanger including a support, a bracket secured to said support, cover supporting blades attached to said bracket and overlying said support, spreaders secured at the outer portions of said blades, a cover folded over said blades and having flaps enclosing said support, and a shield secured inside of said cover and having flaps to enclose said bracket.

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