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Fig. 1.

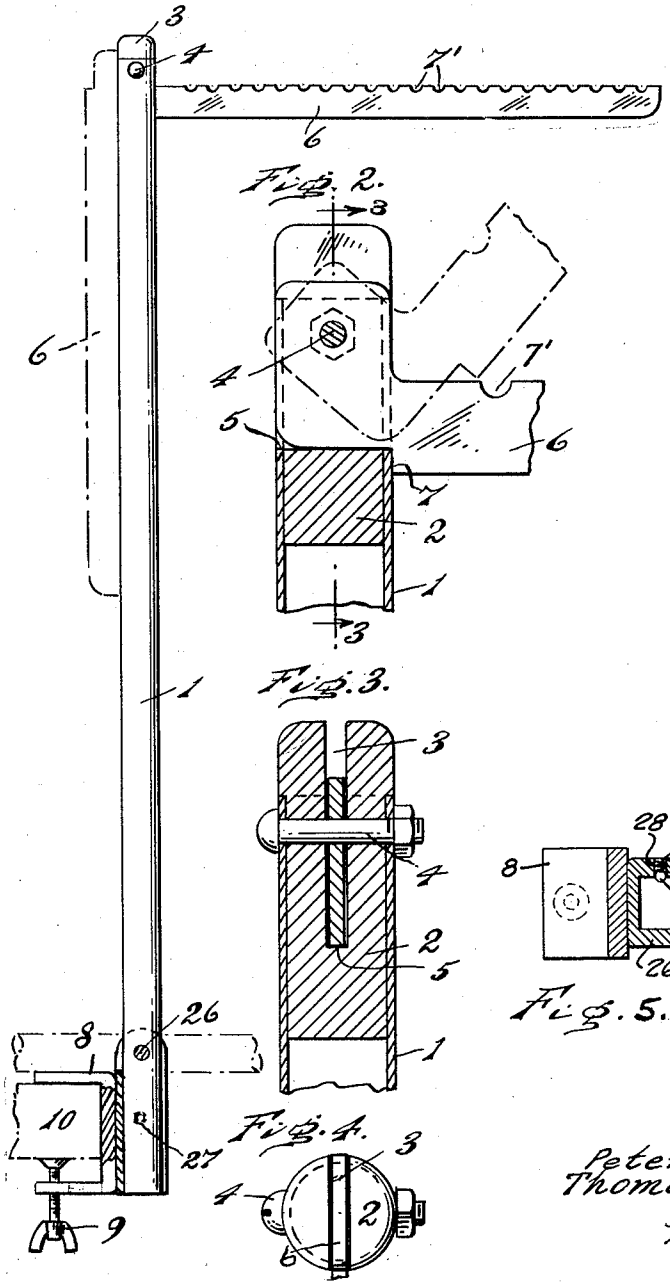


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The object of this invention is to devise a novel clothes support or holder which will retain a large number of garments in an unwrinkled condition in a minimum of space, the supporting arm or arms being mounted in a novel manner so that the arm or arms can be swung into a collapsed condition alongside of a supporting standard for shipment or storage.

A further object of the invention is to devise a novel clothes holder which can be readily clamped to an ironing board, table, chair or shelf in a position to receive the garments as they are ironed or finished.

With the foregoing and other objects in view as will hereinafter clearly appear, our invention comprehends novel hinge joint support for clothes holders.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention, we have shown in the accompanying drawings preferred embodiments of it which we have found, in practice, to give satisfactory and reliable results. It is, however, to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which the invention consists can be variously arranged and organized, and the invention is not limited, except by the scope of the appended claims, to the exact arrangement and organization of these instrumentalities as herein set forth.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a clothes holder embodying our invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation partly in section of the upper portion of the clothes holder.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a top plan view with the clamping means omitted.

Figure 5 is a transverse section through the U-shaped body portion and channel of the clamping mechanism.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings:

Referring first to the embodiment seen in Figures 1 to 4, a tubular standard **1** has its upper end closed by a closure **2** extending into the upper end of the standard and having a shoulder resting on the standard, the closure and the standard being slotted as at **3** and apertured to receive a clamping bolt and a nut **4**. The bottom wall **5** of the slot **3** limits the downward movement in one direction of a clothes supporting arm **6** having a right angle offset at its inner end and a right angle cutout at **7** forming a shoulder to limit downward movement of the inner end of the arm **6** by its contact with the wall of the standard **1**. The arm **6** has a number of spaced recesses or slots **7'** adapted to receive and space the hangers on which the clothes are mounted.

The standard **1** can be supported in any desired manner and as illustrated a bracket **8** of channel formation is fixed to its lower end and provided with a clamping screw **9** to clamp it to an object **10**, such as for example an ironing board, chair, table or shelf.

When the clothes holder is not to be used, it can be reduced in size by swinging the clothes holding arm to the opposite side of its standard to be disposed along the standard. When the arm **6** is in its operative position it is firmly supported on the bottom wall **5** of the slot and maintained in a horizontal position.

In case it is not desired to remove the clothes holder from its support such as for example an ironing board, the standard **1** is pivoted at **26** in a channel **28** fixed to the part **8** or integral therewith, and a spring pressed ball **27** mounted in a side flange **29** of the channel **28** in an opening **28** in a side of the body portion and the channel side contains a spring **29** which causes the ball to engage an indentation in the standard to normally retain the standard in its upright position. When the arm **6** is not to be used the standard can be folded over the ironing board and stored away with it.

The body portion for the hinge support for the standard has an upper and a lower flange extending laterally from one side thereof in spaced relationship, and a channel is fixed to the opposite side of the body portion, and at a point above the upper flange the standard is pivoted to the upper end of the channel. The clothes supporting rack arm when extended laterally in clothes supporting position tends to retain the standard in the channel. The spring pressed ball simply acts as a friction holding means.

In the embodiment seen in Figures 1 to 4, the clothes supporting arm has its downward movement at one side of the standard limited to a horizontal position by engagement with the bottom of the slot of the standard, and when the arm is swung upwardly and downwardly at the opposite side of the standard it assumes the position seen in dotted lines in Figure 1.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A hinge joint support for clothes holders, comprising an U body portion having an upper and a lower flange extending laterally from one side thereof in spaced relationship, a clamping screw carried by one of said flanges, a vertically disposed channel having a side fixed to said body portion at the side opposite to that of the flanges, and a standard seated in said channel when in raised position and pivoted to it at a point above the upper flange, whereby, when the hinge support is clamped to a support such as an ironing board, it can be folded downwardly to a position substantially parallel with the upper flange.

2. The construction defined in claim 1, wherein a spring pressed ball is mounted in the side of said body portion and said channel side and the standard has an indentation to receive said ball.

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