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Fig. 1.

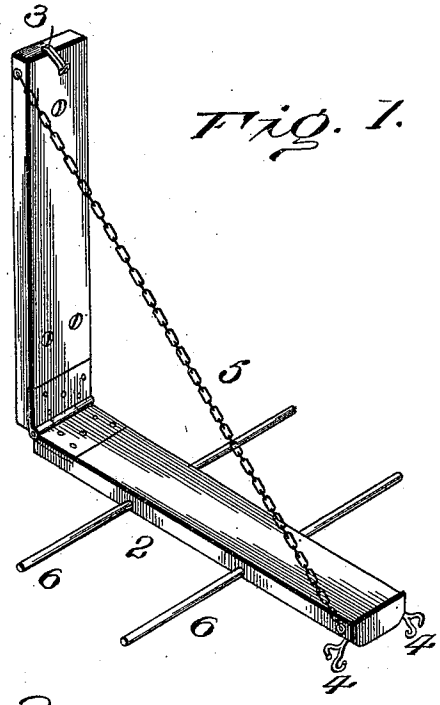
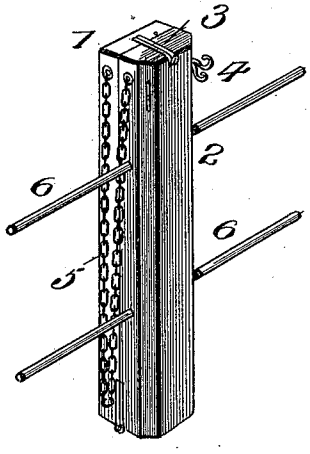


Fig. 2.



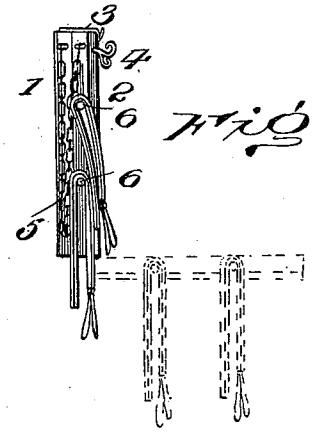


Fig. 3.

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GARMENT-HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDRICK A. STARE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bangor, in the county of Penobscot and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to clothes hangers or racks chiefly designed for men's and youth's pantaloons to obviate baggy knees and preserve a neat and graceful set.

The invention is not restricted in use or capacity, the size and capabilities depending upon the particular purpose and location for which the device is intended.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and drawings hereto attached.

While the essential and characteristic features of the invention are necessarily susceptible of modification, still the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the hanger as it appears when unfolded. Fig. 2 is a like view showing the hanger folded. Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing its application and operation by full and dotted lines.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The hanger comprises companion bars 1 and 2, similar in form and size and hinged together, the bar 1 constituting a base and the bar 2 a folding arm. The fastening means for attaching the hanger to a wall, partition, door, clothes-press, or like support are applied to the part 1 and pass through openings formed therein. The arm or part 2 folds upward and unfolds in an opposite direction. A catch 3 holds the arm folded and may be of any form, and is preferably formed of wire doubled upon itself, the folded end being bent to form a hook to engage over the free end of the arm 2 and rebent and inclined to ride upon the end of the arm when folding the latter and forming a finger-piece to be pressed upon to release the arm when it is required to turn the same into a horizontal position for convenience in placing the pantaloons or other articles in position. This catch is secured to the base by having the bent ends of the wire from which it is formed let into the said base. Hooks 4 are applied to the corners of the arm 2 and are of such formation as to retain articles placed thereon in either position of the arm 2. These corners are beveled or inclined to cause the hooks to project outward in divergent relation. The divergent relation of the hooks enables them to clear the projecting end of the catch when the arm is folded and to hold the articles suspended therefrom clear of the rods 6, so as to avoid interference with the articles suspended from the latter when the arm 2 is folded up. A chain or analogous device 5 supports the arm 2 when unfolded and is attached at its ends to the terminal portions of the bars 1 and 2 and is of such relative length and disposition as to hold the arm 2 in approximately a horizontal position. Rods 6 are fitted in transverse openings formed in the arm 2 and project laterally from opposite sides thereof and receive the articles to be suspended. The projecting end portions of the rods constitute pegs upon which the clothes or other articles are hung.

The articles to be suspended are more conveniently applied to the device by lowering the arm. Pantaloons are folded on the crease-lines and then doubled upon themselves and placed upon the end portions of the rods 6, the latter passing between the fold. When the rods are filled, the arm 2 is folded, thereby bringing the garments close together, which is of material advantage in the case of pantaloons to prevent bagging at the knees.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

As an article of manufacture, a garment-hanger comprising two bars of equal dimensions, one adapted to be secured vertically to

a support, the other having hinged connection with the first bar and being adapted to fold against the first bar or turned down at a right angle thereto, a flexible connection between the bars for limiting the downward movement of said second bar, a spring-catch on the upper end of the first bar to automatically engage and secure the second bar in folded position, and laterally-extending pegs supported by the second bar.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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