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Fig. 1.

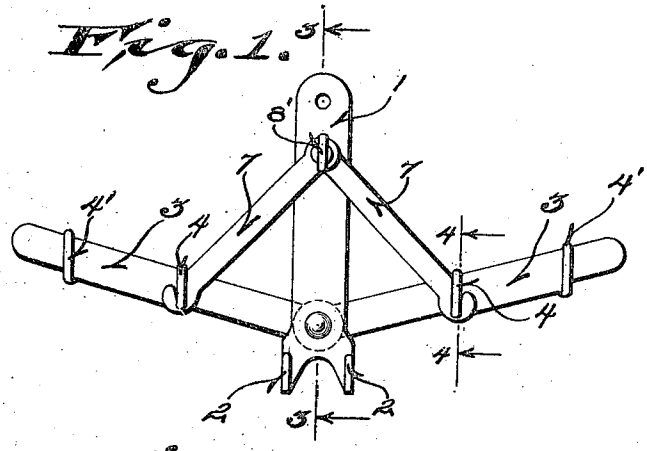


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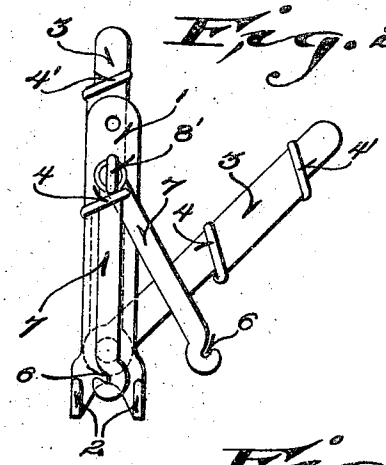


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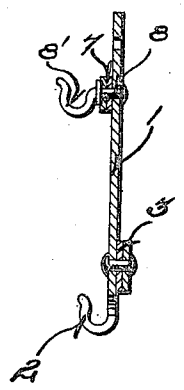
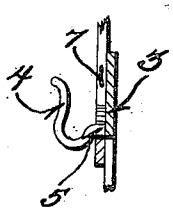


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEX VANDEVENTER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Odanah, in the county of Ashland and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Foldable Clothes Hangers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention has for its object to provide a metallic, collapsible garment rack, which may be simple in construction and cheaply manufactured from a set of pressed steel units.

Another object of my invention is to provide certain of the pressed steel units with integral prongs or hooks for the reception of hanging garments.

A further object of my invention is to provide certain of the units in duplicate and hingedly connect the same to a backbone unit, whereby all of the parts can be folded compactly.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain peculiarities in construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter set forth with reference to the drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 represents a face view of a hanger for garments, such as coats, hats, and the like, the same being shown in extended position for use.

Figure 2 is a similar view illustrating the hanger partly folded.

Figure 3 is a sectional view of the same, the section being indicated by line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a detail section, the same being indicated by line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring by characters to the drawings, 1 represents a backbone hanger unit, formed preferably from pressed steel, having an opening at its upper end for suspension or attachment to a support, and having its lower end branched and folded over to form hanger hooks 2. Pivotally connected to the lower portion of the backbone unit is a pair of foldable legs 3—3, which legs are formed with integral hanger hooks 4—4, 4′—4′. The companion hanger hooks 4, as shown, are formed with shanks 5 folded upon themselves, so as to develop a shoulder between the shank and the body of the leg. The shoulder of this companion hook is for the purpose of receiving the slotted ends 6 of the companion supporting arms 7, which arms are, by a common pivot 8, secured to the upper portion of the backbone 1.

The pivot 8, as shown, is formed with a head having a hanger hook terminal 8′. Hence it will be seen that when the parts are distended for use, the legs, which would carry the greatest weight of the clothes, are supported by obliquely disposed arms or struts 7, whereby strain upon the leg is suspended. The metal forming the leg, therefore, can be of light material. It will be noted that the completed article contains a series of seven hooks, but obviously this series may be increased, as for example, hook elements may be formed and extended from the arm 7, if desired, to increase the number, or the legs 3 can be lengthened, whereby other hooks can be off-set from the body of the leg.

While I have shown and described a simple exemplification of my invention with particular reference to all of its details, it is understood that I may vary the structural features as come within the appended claim.

I claim:—

A sheet metal, foldable garment supporting leg, comprising a backbone having its lower end branched and upturned to form a pair of hanger hooks, a pair of companion legs in pivotal union with the lower portion of the backbone having portions upturned to form a plurality of hanger hooks, certain of the hooks being provided with supporting shanks, and a pair of arms in pivotal union with the upper portion of the backbone having their lower end hook adapted to engage the shanks of the aforesaid arm hanger hooks, the units of the structure being capable of folding compactly about the backbone.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Odanah, in the county of Ashland and State of Wisconsin.

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