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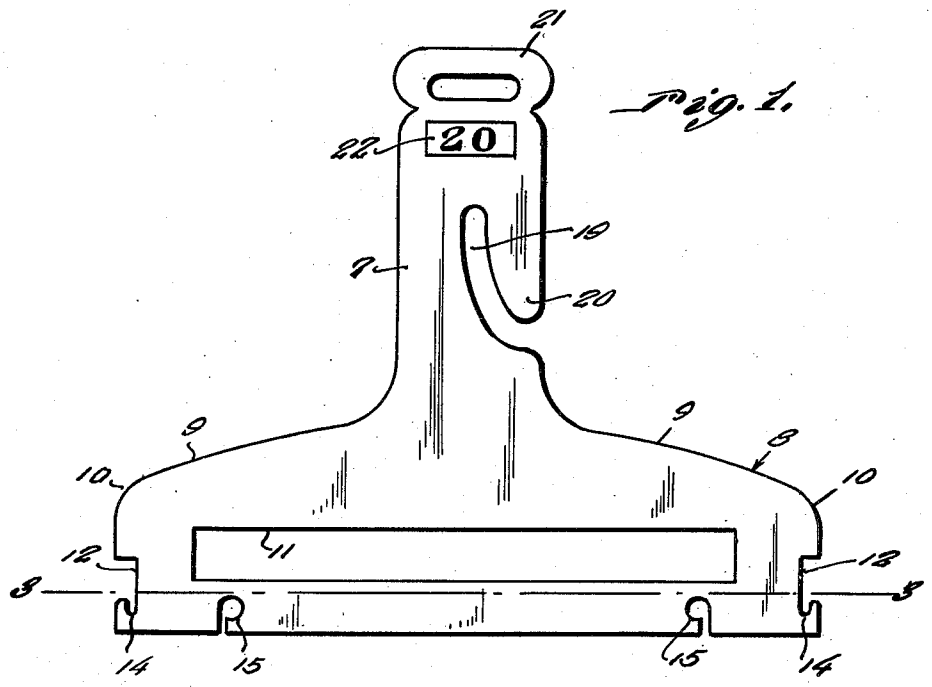


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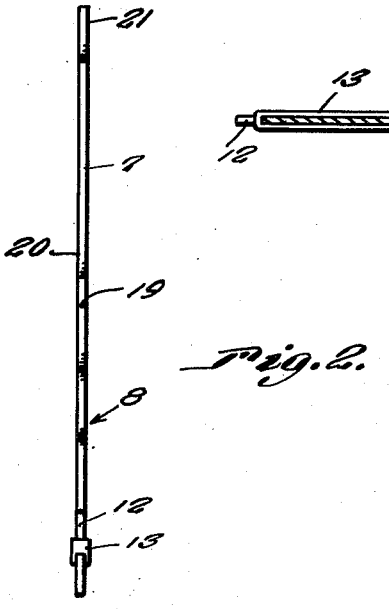


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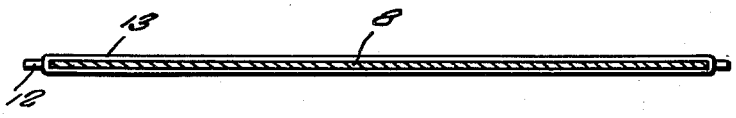


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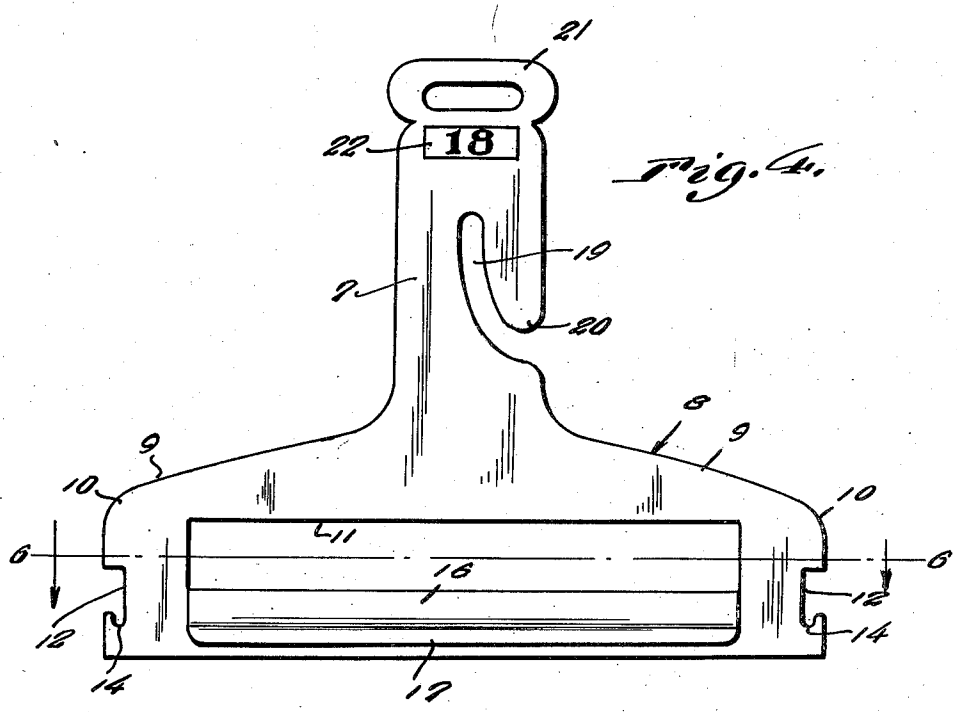


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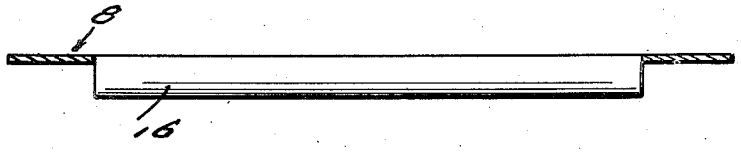


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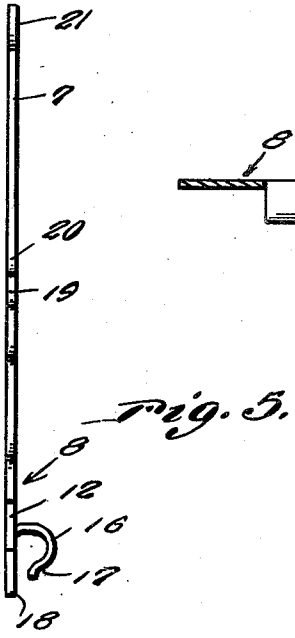


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This invention relates to garment hangers in general and has reference in particular to a novel and improved one-piece sheet material structure possessed of appreciable refinements and distinction rendering it more aptly fitted for the diversified uses and purposes intended.

Needless to say, I am well aware of the fact that the prior art to which the invention relates is carefully and actively developed. Notwithstanding this state of affairs, I feel that I have nevertheless perfected a structure characterized by distinguishable improvements and features which make it more suitable for unlimited use in the home and for special use in clothing and department stores and similar establishments.

As implied by the preceding statements, I have perfected what I believe to a specifically new type garment hanger possessed of merit primarily based on the selection and coordination of features in a substantially flat metal unit, highly desirable for use in the satisfactory accommodation of apparel, especially women's skirts.

Briefly stated, the preferred embodiment of the invention comprises a light-weight substantially T-shaped device wherein the central stem portion constitutes the suspension means and the head portion the garment hanger means, the latter portion of the structure having formed therein or formed therefrom, the special adapter elements or features which promote its endorsed use in the accommodation of properly and well supported women's skirts.

Other features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings, wherein like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same:—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of the improved garment hanger showing one form or style thereof possessed of the features hereinbefore briefly alluded to.

Fig. 2 is an end or so-called edge view of Fig. 1, observing it, for example, in a direction from right to left.

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, showing a rubber band in position to facilitate maintenance of a skirt on the hanger.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing a modification.

Fig. 5 is an end view thereof.

Fig. 6 is a horizontal section on line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

By way of introduction to the detailed description it is to be pointed out that the two distinguishable modifications seen in Figs. 1 and 4 are not such as to make it essential to use individually distinct structure. In other words the combined features found in these views can, if desired, be incorporated in the same hanger. Because of this, it has been found desirable to so describe the invention that the features common to both forms be identified by corresponding numerals. The description will proceed accordingly.

In many instances, it will be found desirable to stamp out the device from a suitable weight and strength cardboard or equivalent material. In most instances, it may be more desirable, for sake of permanency, to utilize an inexpensive light-weight, yet durable, sheet metal. In reducing to practice these conceptions, and as before generally indicated, the device as a unit is of general T-shaped form. It therefore includes a centralized substantially rectangular portion 7 which may be identified as the stem. This is formed integral with the head 8. The features 9 of the head are properly shaped and rounded to form what may be conveniently called a regular coat hanger. Aside from these curved surfaces 9, and the rounded shoulders 10, the so-called head 8 is approximately rectangular in general configuration. One characteristic feature of the head is the noticeable elongated slot 11. In the form of the invention shown in Fig. 1, this is primarily an adapter opening to accommodate a pair of trousers. The trousers are passed through and hung in a well known draped manner over the lower edge of the slot. At opposite ends of the head are notches 12 so made as to accommodate an ordinary rubber band 13. In some instances it has been found satisfactory to simply strap the rubber band around the head and to hold it in the keeper notches 12 so that the band may be utilized to satisfactorily hold the waist band portion of a woman's skirt (not shown) in place. Advantage is taken of the presence of the notches 12 by forming smaller counter-notches 14 at the points indicated. These counter-notches may be utilized to accommodate existing cloth or corresponding loops or straps such as are provided on many different makes of skirts now marketed. Thus it is optional how the notches 12 and 14 are employed, that is the rubber band may be utilized in one instance, or the notches 14 may be utilized in the other instances.

The numeral 15 in the lower edge are in effect what might be called key-hole slots. The offset portions thereof provide seats and these may be

utilized instead of the notches 14 to accommodate hanger loops or equivalent hanger elements (not shown) such as are used on waist band portions of skirts. It follows therefore that the features 14 and 15 may be selectively used depending on the size of the skirt. As a matter of fact, additional slots 15 could be provided if found practical for general commercial purposes.

The form of the invention shown in Fig. 4 may be provided with the slot 15 available from one side of the structure. In the drawings, however, in Figs. 4 and 6, these features 15 are indicated as omitted. The principal distinction, therefore, in Fig. 4, is that the metal or sheet material which is struck out from the slot 11 is bent down and upon itself as indicated at the points 16 and 17 to form a longitudinal grip or clamp. Ordinarily, when light-weight sheet metal is utilized, this clamp has the requisite resiliency to provide a satisfactory grip between itself, that is the lip 17 and the surface 18 as shown in Fig. 5 to permit the waist band of the skirt to be slipped in between these surfaces and held firmly in a suspended state.

The existence of the notch 19 in the stem 7 forms a hook 20 which may be hung on a nail or other stationary support. The upper end of the stem is formed into a loop-like head 21 which is in effect a lifting and accommodating handle. The numeral 22 merely designates an area which may have printed therein the name of the owner of the garment for home use or the number for size use when the device is strictly used in stores and the like.

It is thought that persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates will be able to obtain a clear understanding of the invention after considering the description in connection with the drawings. Therefore, a more lengthy description is regarded as unnecessary.

Minor changes in shape, size, and rearrangement of details coming within the field of invention claimed, may be resorted to in actual practice, if desired.

What I claim as new is:—

1. A garment hanger of the class described comprising a single body of flat material uniform in thickness throughout its dimensions, said body being of general T-shaped form, the head thereof constituting a coat, trousers and skirt hanger, the stem thereof constituting suspension means, said stem portion being provided in one longitudinal edge intermediate its ends with a suspension hook and being provided at its top with a handle, said handle being of loop-like form whereby to provide for satisfactory accommodation of the hand.

2. A garment hanger comprising a one-piece stamped body of flat general T-shaped form, the head thereof being provided at opposite ends with duplicate readily accessible and constantly exposed keeper notches adapted to accommodate a rubber band or the like to facilitate attaching the waist band portion of a skirt thereto, the lower end of said keeper notches being provided with auxiliary keeper notches defining retention hooks to accommodate hanger loops such as are provided on present-day skirts.

3. A garment hanger of the class described including a head having keeper notches at opposite ends, being provided with key-hole slots in its lower edge, being formed in its major portion with a slot forming a trousers hanger, and being further provided adjacent said keeper notches with a down bent curved portion terminating in a retention lip, said lip being disposed in parallelism to an adjacent portion of the head to provide a waist band clamp.

4. A garment hanger of the class described including a suspension stem and an associated flat head, said head having keeper notches at opposite ends, the body portion of said head being provided with a longitudinally elongated slot in substantial alignment with said end keeper notches, and being further formed adjacent said slot with a flexible downbent transversely curved portion terminating in a straight-edge retention lip, said lip being disposed in parallelism to an adjacent part of the body portion of the head to provide a waist band clamp.

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