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GARMENT HANGER.

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Fig. 1.

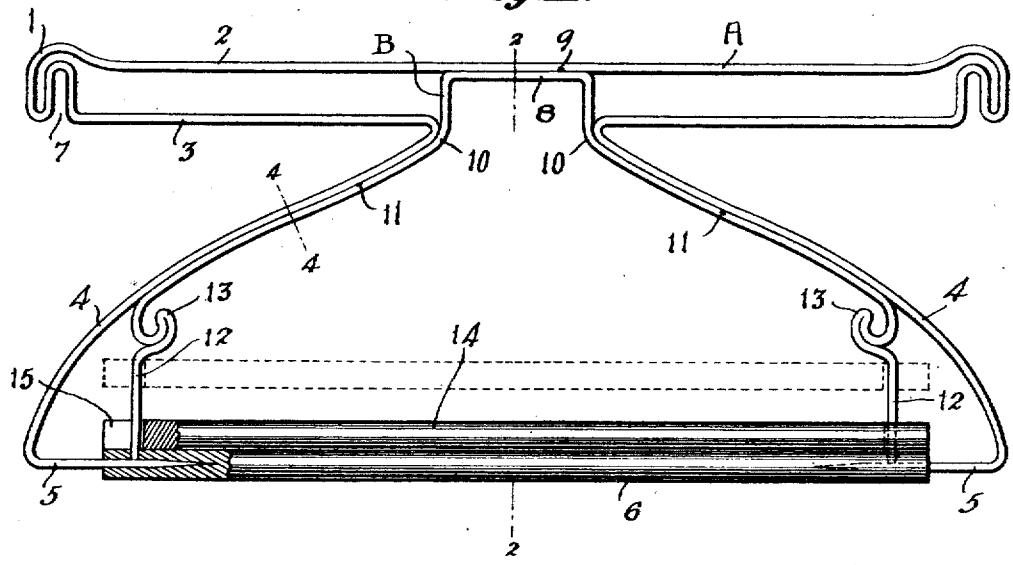


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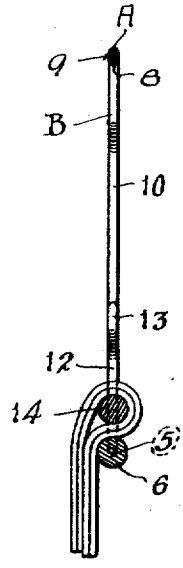


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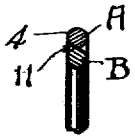
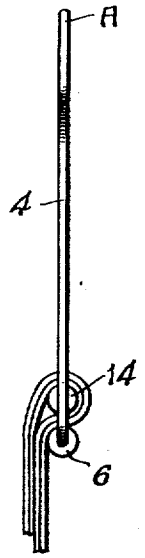


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID GOLDSMITH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment hangers of that type constructed to receive and support both a coat and trousers or skirts in a smooth unfolded condition.

The objects of the invention are to provide a garment hanger of the character described embodying novel features of construction whereby trousers or skirts may be clamped upon the hanger to prevent their slipping therefrom and to hold them in smooth and unwrinkled condition; to provide such a hanger constructed with a pair of parallel clamping bars adapted to receive a garment between them whereby the weight of the garment serves to clamp the said bars against the garment; to secure a garment hanger in which one of the garment clamping bars is freely movable its whole length toward and away from the other of said bars and parallel thereto; to obtain a garment hanger the main frame of which can be constructed of wire and the garment clamping bars mounted upon said frame; to utilize in such a hanger two pieces of wire one of which serves as a guide for the movable one of the said garment clamping bars and reinforces the main frame of the hanger; and to obtain other objects and results as may be brought out by the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a garment hanger embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view through the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an end view of the garment hanger, and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

In the specific embodiment of the invention illustrated, the reference character A designates a single piece of suitable heavy wire, which is bent at two intermediate points in its length substantially equidistant from its center, as at 1, to form a body portion 2, the ends of said piece of wire being then returned parallel to the main portion thereof as at 3 and extending to within a short distance of the center of the main portion, said ends being then bent in opposite directions away from the body portion and suitably curved to form supporting arms 4 for a coat or the like, the extremities 5 of the wire, being then again bent substantially parallel to the body portion of the wire. A trousers or skirt supporting bar 6 is mounted between said extremities 4 of the wire, the said extremities being inserted into the ends of the said bar to securely support said bar upon the hanger. The bar 6 may be of any desirable construction but in the present instance is shown as formed of wood and cylindrical in configuration. The construction thus far described constitutes the main frame of the hanger, and the body portion 2 with the returned portions 3 serve as the head or support for the hanger, said returned portions 3 being crimped adjacent their outer ends, as at 7, to fit over supporting hooks or tracks such as are ordinarily used in clothing compartments to support the hanger in a vertical plane.

A second piece of wire B similar to the main frame wire A is arranged within the main frame to reinforce the same, the central portion 8 of said wire B being secured substantially centrally of the body portion 2 of the wire at 9, as by soldering, brazing or the like. The ends 10 of the wire B then extend inwardly of the hanger and bear against the coat supporting arms 4 along the inner sides thereof for the greater part of their lengths, the contacting portions thereof being secured together at 11 in a manner similar to that above described and as shown by Fig. 4. The extremities 12 of the wire B are then bent away from the coat supporting arms 4 and inserted into the bar 6 adjacent the respective ends thereof, and at substantially right angles thereto, said extremities being preferably bent to form hooks 13 to support other articles of apparel.

A clamping bar 14 similar to the trousers supporting bar 6 is superposed upon said bar 6 to hold trousers or the like upon the bar 6. This clamping bar is provided at its ends with slots 15 which receive the extremities 12 of the wire B, whereby the bar 14 is slidably mounted to move toward and

away from the bar 6, the said extremities 12 of the wire B maintaining the bar 14 in substantially parallel relation to the bar 6 at all times.

In the use of the garment hanger, a coat or the like is fitted over the coat supporting arms 4 in the usual manner, and the crimped portions 7 of the head of the hanger fitted over hooks or tracks from which it is desired to suspend the hanger. Trousers, skirts, or the like may then be inserted between the bars 6 and 14 by sliding the clamping bar 14 upwardly, as shown by dotted lines on Fig. 1, and draping the garment over the bar 6, one end of the garment being then swung upwardly and backwardly over the clamping bar, as shown by Fig. 2. The weight of the garment thus draws the clamping bar downwardly and tightly clamps the garment between the two bars 6 and 14 to prevent slipping of the garment from the hanger. The wire B effectively reinforces the arms 4 to support the coat or the like, and the extremities 12 thereof, in addition to forming guides for the bar 14, provide braces between the arms 4 and the bar 6 to further reinforce the same and prevent collapsing thereof. The connection of the wire B between the arms 4 and the body portion 2 of the wire A prevents the weight of the garments from bending the returned portions 3 of the head of the hanger downwardly, so that the whole hanger is substantially rigid in construction.

While I have illustrated and described only one possible embodiment of my invention, it will be obvious that many detail modifications and changes can be made in the construction of the garment hanger by those skilled in the art, without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention, and I do not desire to limit myself except as required by the following claims when construed in the light of the prior art.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. A garment hanger including a main frame formed with oppositely extending garment supporting arms, a garment supporting bar connected directly between the ends of and supported by said garment supporting arms, a garment clamping bar superposed upon said supporting bar, and guide rods for said clamping bar connected between said supporting bar adjacent the ends thereof and the respective garment supporting arms to guide the clamping bar in its movement toward and from said supporting bar and parallel thereto.

2. A garment hanger including a main frame formed with a head and oppositely extending garment supporting arms having their ends directed inwardly toward each other and substantially parallel to said head, a garment supporting bar connected directly between the said ends of the supporting arms and supported thereby, a garment clamping bar superposed upon said supporting bar, and guide rods for said clamping bar connected between said supporting bar intermediate the ends thereof and the respective garment supporting arm to guide the clamping bar in its movement toward and from said supporting bar and substantially parallel thereto.

3. A garment hanger including a frame constructed of a single piece of wire, said wire being bent at a pair of intermediate points in its length to form a body portion, portions thereof being returned upon said body portion to form a supporting head, and said returned portions being bent to form oppositely extending garment supporting arms, and a second piece of wire connected between said body portion and said returned portions, said second wire being also connected to said garment supporting arms to reinforce the same.

4. A garment hanger including a frame constructed of a single piece of wire bent to form a head and oppositely extending garment supporting arms, a garment supporting bar mounted between the ends of said garment supporting arms, and a second piece of wire connected between said head and each of said garment supporting arms, the extremities of said second wire being connected to said garment supporting bar adjacent the respective ends thereof.

5. A garment hanger including a frame constructed of a piece of wire bent to form a head and oppositely extending garment supporting arms, a garment supporting bar mounted between the ends of said garment supporting arms, a second piece of wire connected between said head and each of said garment supporting arms, the extremities of said second wire being connected to said garment supporting bar adjacent the respective ends thereof, and a garment clamping bar slidable upon said extremities of the second wire toward and from said garment supporting bar to clamp a garment thereon.

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