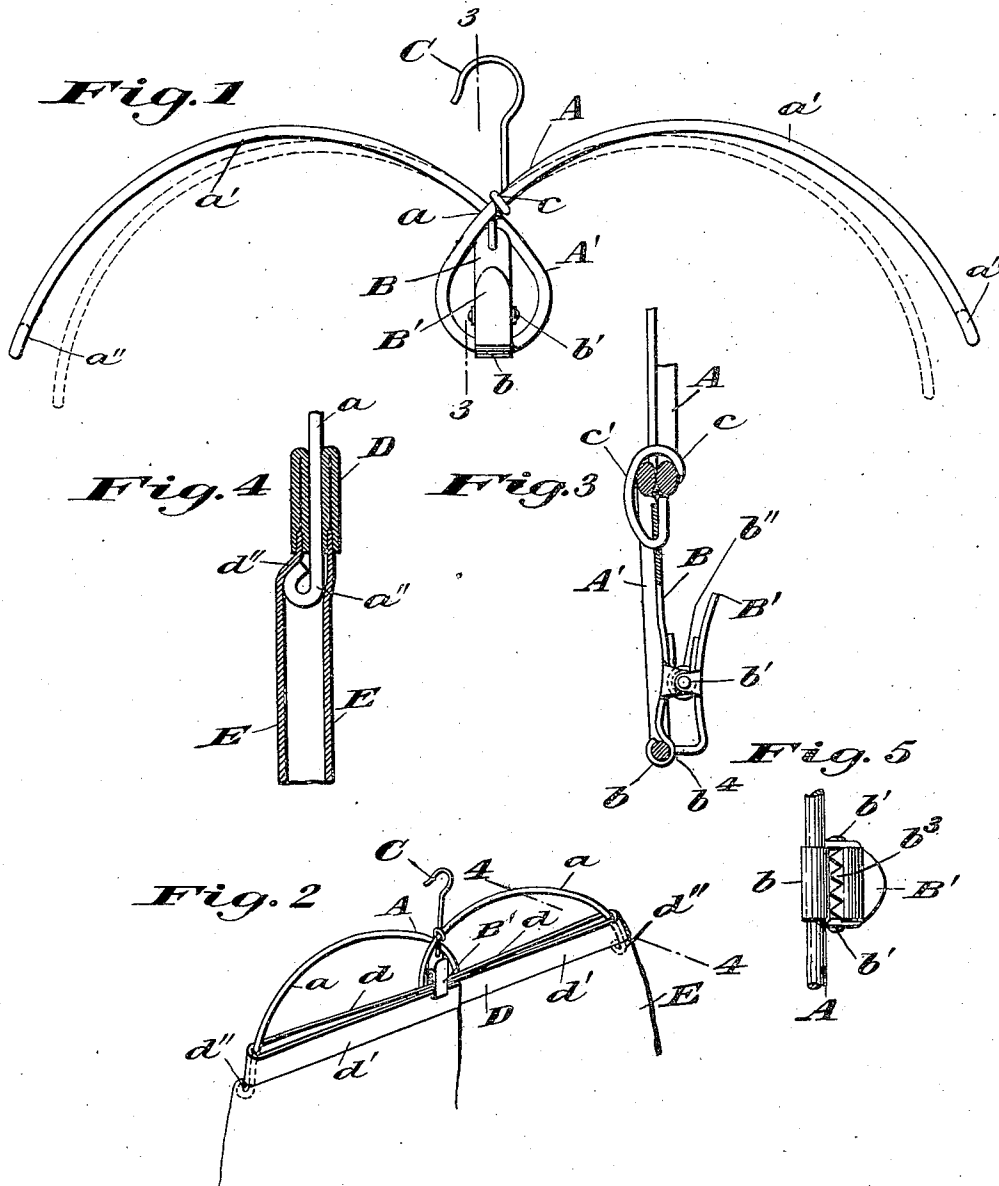


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARION H. CAZIER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices by which articles of clothing may be suspended when not in use.

The object thereof is to provide a simple, cheap, and effective hanger upon which ladies' skirts and the like may be secured against accidental disengagement and which will allow them to hang in their natural folds and draping while the bearing parts of the device will not crease or disfigure them.

The principles of my invention are illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of one embodiment of my device. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of a skirt held in suspended position thereby. Fig. 3 is a section of Fig. 1 on the line 3 3. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of Fig. 2 on the line 4 4, and Fig. 5 is a bottom view of the garment-supporting clip.

Further describing my invention with reference to the drawings, in which like letters and characters of reference denote like parts throughout, A is a wire or small rod which may form the spreader or garment-distending and end-supporting portion of my device. It should be bent to form the central loop A', and the several parts thereof cross at *a* and are further bent in the same plane into elongated downwardly curved or depending arms *a'*. The extremities of said arms should be so turned or broadened as to provide projections or lugs which shall extend in planes transverse to the vertical one or that in which the arms are bent. When made of wire, as shown, such projections may be formed by bending the ends, as shown at *a''*, to form the sidewardly-projecting loops or lugs which shall be in planes nearly parallel to the vertical axis of the device.

A securing-clip may be mounted centrally of the spreader above described and may comprise a fixed or attaching member B and a hinged member B'. A hook C or other means of suspending the entire device may be of wire which affords a convenient and simple means of attaching the garment-se-

curing clip as well as of firmly binding together the wires of the yoke at their point of intersection. To this end the lower part of the wire is carried around one of the arms *a'*, over and around the other arm, and then secured to the upper part of the fixed member B of the securing-clip. The lower end of the fixed member may be attached by bending the lower portion *b* around the lower part of the dependent loop A'. The member B' of said clip is hinged to the fixed member by the pivot *b'*. A coiled spring *b''*, carried on the pivot *b'*, acts against compression of the upper part of the hinged member and tends at all times to keep the lower part of said member carrying the toothed projections *b³* in contact with a stationary bearing-point *b⁴* at the lower part of the fixed member B.

In the preferred form of my device shown in the drawings the spreader A is formed of spring-wire of such a quality as to permit it to be bent as desired and to be given a permanent set. It may thus be readily adjusted by changing the arch of the arms to accommodate garments of different sizes. When so adjusted, the spread of the arms should be somewhat greater than that of the closed waistband of the article to be suspended, and the latter when placed in position upon the spreader will be strongly extended thereby to form a loop whose sides *d* and *d'* are under considerable tension created by the extended spring-arms. The arms will be bent downwardly and inwardly toward the vertical axis of the device, and the transverse lugs *a''* will assume a position practically parallel to such vertical axis. The waistband being made of rigid material and the skirt attached thereto having more or less fullness, the projections are drawn and guided by the skirt into contact and secure engagement with the lower edges of the waistband at the points *d''*. The lugs are thus made to bear against the lower edge of the waistband and to form a positive support therefor.

As a further security against disengagement of the skirt from the device the movable member B' of the clip is raised by pressure upon the upper arm thereof and the center of the waistband inserted between the toothed projections thereon *b³* and the stationary bearing-point *b⁴*, in which position, upon release of the movable member of the clip, the waistband is securely held under the pressure of the spring *b''*.

I have illustrated and described my inven-

tion by reference to a practical embodiment thereof.

I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, the following:

- 5 1. In a skirt-hanger, a spreader comprising a central depending loop, arms springing from said loop, and a wire suspending-hook attached to said arms at their point of crossing so as to secure them rigidly together.
- 10 2. In a skirt-hanger, a spreader comprising a central depending loop, arms springing

from said loop, a garment-supporting clip and a suspending-hook of wire adapted to secure the arms rigidly together and to secure the clip to said loop.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, at Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, this 3d day of December, A .D. 1903.

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