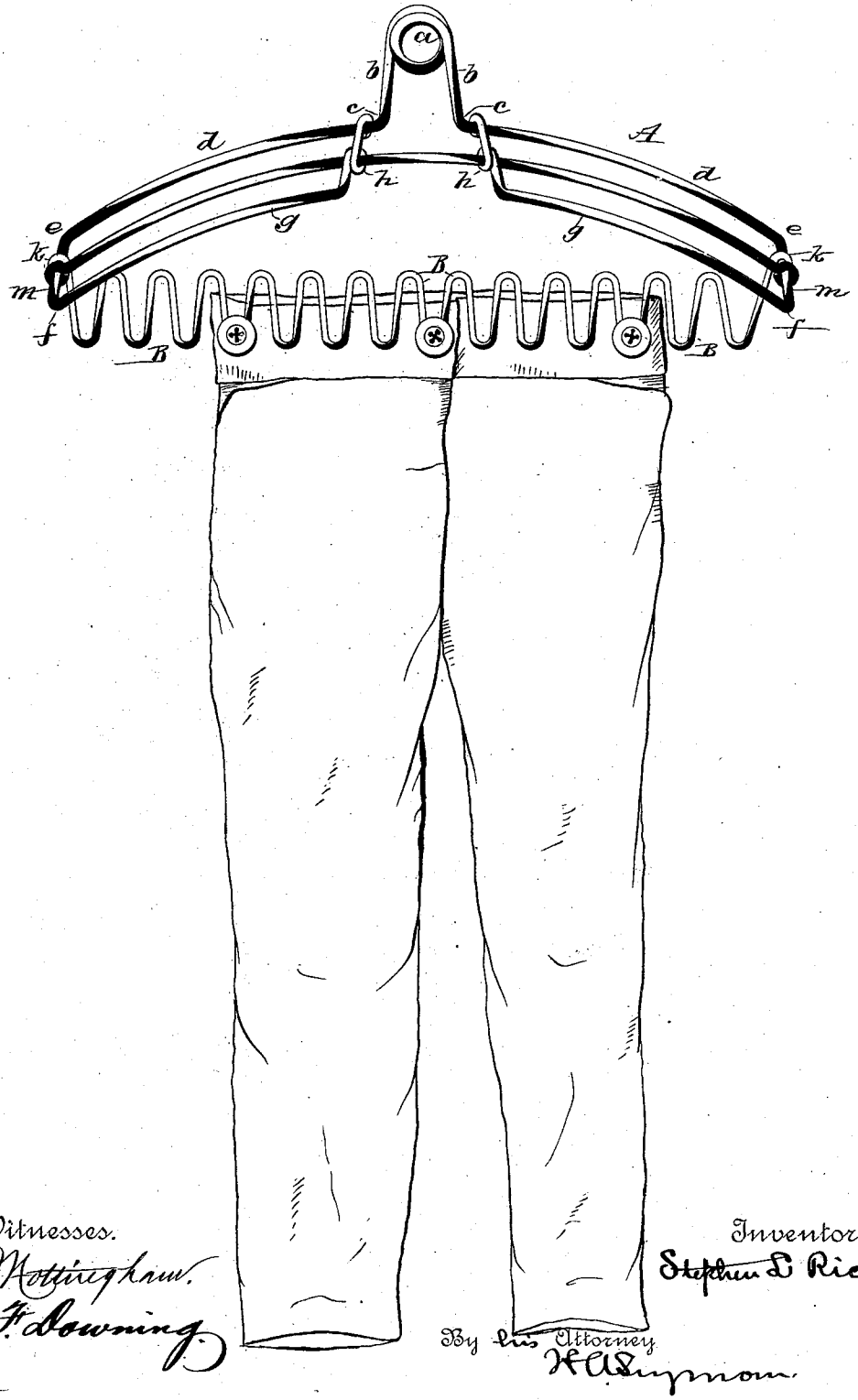
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN L. RICE, of Scranton, in the county of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Coat and Pantaloons Supporters; 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.

My invention relates to an improvement in garment-hangers, the object being to furnish a simple, substantial, and cheaply-constructed device, that will be available for the support of coats, vests, and pantaloons, and permit these several pieces of men's clothing to be supported without wrinkling folds from a single hook or nail.

A further object is to combine a pantaloons stretching and suspending device with a coat and vest supporter and hanger, so that the pantaloons may be readily attached to or removed from the coat-hanger without interference with garments placed on the latter.

A further object is to so attach a pantaloons stretching and supporting device to a coat-hanger which is made of bent wire that the coat-hanger will be braced to sustain the weight of garments placed upon it by the connection thereto of the pantaloons-supporter.

With these objects in view my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, that will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawing making a part of this specification, the figure represents a front perspective view of the coat and pantaloons hanger.

The hanger is preferably made of wire of suitable gage to insure stability. The coat and vest support A consists of two pieces of wire. The longest piece is bent or coiled at or near its center of length to form a ring, *a*. From this ring the portions *b b* are downwardly extended, and at *c c* are outwardly projected. The limbs *d d* thus formed are bent or curved slightly to drop their outer ends.

The limbs *d d* are bent at right angles to extend forwardly at the points *e e*, and at *f f* are given return-bends, which will produce two wire bars, *g g*, which are curved to correspond with the rear bars or limbs, *d d*, to which they are parallel.

Nearly opposite the right-angle bends *c c*, that are the inner terminal points of the rear bars, *d d*, the wire bodies of the bars *g g* are bent at right angles to return the free ends of the same toward the rear bars, *d d*. At a point about midway between the parallel bars *d d* and *g g* the wire bodies are bent or coiled to produce the eyes *h h*, the remaining portions of the wire being further extended and bent to produce looped ends, which loops are hooked over and closed fast upon the rear bars, *d d*.

In order to stiffen the skeleton arch formed by the bending of a single wire in the manner stated, a shorter wire is inserted through the eyes *h h* and then bent at each end to produce loops *k k*, which are hooked over the wire bars *m m*, that constitute the outer end portions of the coat-hanger A, the looped ends *k k* being closed down to affix them to the bars *m m*.

The pantaloons stretcher and supporter B consists of a single piece of wire, which is bent, as shown, in wave or serpentine form, the equally-spaced V-shaped undulations lying in the same plane, the ends of the zigzag-bent wire being provided with loops, which are hooked over the bars *m m* and securely affixed thereto. In use the pantaloons-supporter B will act as a brace to prevent the improper bending of the arched coat-hanger A by reason of its stiffness, considered endwise; and to attach pantaloons to it it is simply necessary to grasp them at the side seams and stretch them across the width of the body, having first buttoned the upper button of the flies. The front suspender-buttons that are nearest the side seams are now made to engage the V-shaped bends in the wire body of the supporter B that are opposite these buttons. This will keep the pantaloons stretched, and the legs will hang pendent without wrinkles.

Pantaloons of different widths may be placed upon this device, and a coat, vest, and pair of pantaloons be suspended thereon without impediment to the removal of either garment, and the whole may be hung upon a single hook or nail in a closet or wardrobe unwrinkled and in good order.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a bent wire yoke or coat-hanger, of a wire brace affixed to the ends of the wire yoke below it and adapted to engage the waist-buttons of a pair of pantaloons to stretch them between their side seams and support them when the coat-hanger is suspended from a hook or nail, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a wire yoke bent to support a coat or vest, of a pantaloons-supporter that is bent into zigzag undulations and connected by its ends to the ends of the wire yoke or coat-hanger, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with a pantaloons stretcher and supporter that is bent from a single piece of wire into wave or zigzag undulations to adapt it to engage the waist-buttons of pantaloons of different widths, of a wire yoke that is attached by its ends to the pantaloons-supporter, so as to be braced to sustain the weight of garments hung upon it, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with a yoke bent from a single piece of wire and stiffened by an arched wire that is inserted into eyes bent in the inner cross-bars of the yoke and hooked onto the outer cross-bars of this yoke, of a pantaloons-supporter which is bent into zigzag notches or waves and is secured to the outer cross-bars of the coat-hanger or yoke, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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