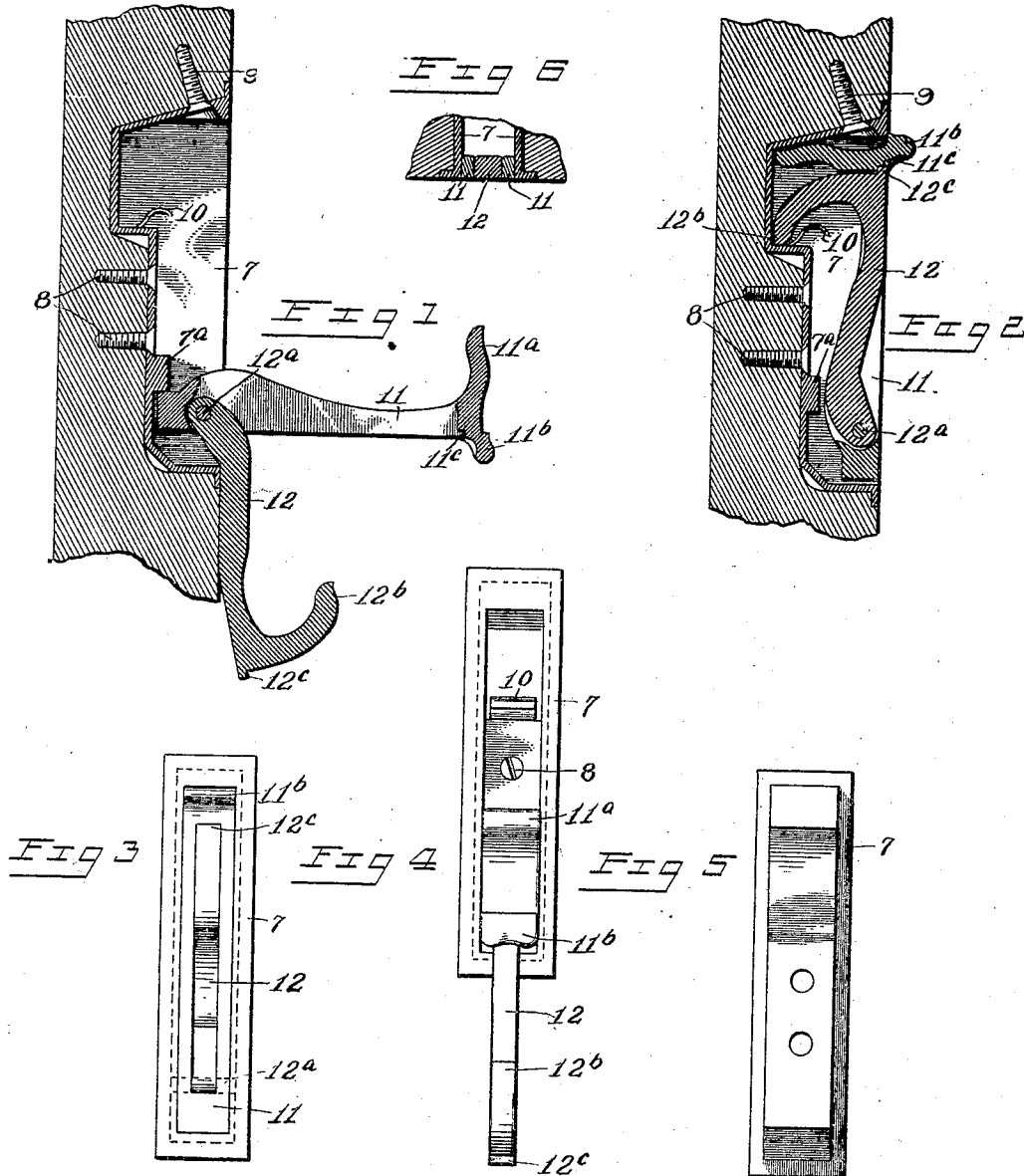


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER CLIFT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment hangers of the foldable class and the especial object of the improvements which form the subject matter of this application is to provide a hanger that can be readily attached to a door panel or rail or the like, and when not in use, may be folded back into a suitable housing or box where it will be held against accidental return to its operative position.

A further object is to provide in such a hanger, a hook especially adapted to support a hat, and another hook convenient for garments, the two having such relative arrangement as not to interfere with each other.

A still further object is to produce a device having the advantages set forth, and, at the same time, be economical in construction and ornamental in appearance.

In the accompanying drawing I have illustrated my invention in a preferred form in the following views:—

Figure 1 is a vertical section through the stile of a door and my improved hanger, the latter being shown in its operative position; Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the parts shown in Fig. 1, but with the hanger in inoperative position; Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the hanger alone, showing it folded or closed; Fig. 4 is a front elevation showing the hanger open for use; Fig. 5 is a face elevation of the hanger box or housing, and Fig. 6 is a fragmentary cross-section through the housing and hooks.

Referring to the details of the drawing, 7 represents a cast metal box which is adapted to be let into a suitable wood support mortised to receive same. The marginal edges or outer face of the box may be plain as shown, or if desired may be ornamental as desired. The inner wall of the box is formed with a lug 7^a, and is provided with counter-sunk holes to receive the attaching screws 8 and 9, by which it is secured in the mortise. Projecting from a shoulder in the upper part of the box is a flat spring bent upwardly and

outwardly and with its free end extending downwardly.

On a pivot 12^a extending transversely of the lower part of the box is the hat hanger 11, which is formed with a hook on its free end, consisting of a point 11^a, a heel 11^b and a notched portion 11^c. Between the hook and the pivot the hanger is cut away to receive between its sides the coat hanger 12, which is also mounted on the pivot 12^a and is formed at its free end with a hook 12^b, and a shoulder 12^c, the latter adapted, when the hooks are in their closed position, to fit against the notch 11^c, as shown in Fig. 2. The thickness and length of the hanger 12 is such as to permit it to swing freely between the sides of the hanger 11, and the shape of its rear edge, is such that when in operative position, it will rest against the lower portion of the edge of the box and the adjacent portion of the door-stile, as shown in Fig. 1.

The inner end of the hanger 11 projects beyond the pivot to form a shoulder which abuts against the lug 7^a when the hanger is in operative position, thus serving to limit the downward movement of the latter. The inner edge of the foot 12^b is curved to permit it to easily pass over the spring 10 and yet be engaged by the latter and held against accidental displacement. The hanger 12 being held vertically serves also to hold the member 11, through the engagement of the lug 12^c with the notch 11^c, the one spring thus forming the holding means for both hooks. When the hooks are in their closed position the rounded shoulder 11^b serves as a convenient means for engaging with the fingers, the member 11 and thus bringing both members into operative position.

The pivoted ends of the members 11 and 12 are so formed that any lifting movement of the former will be communicated to the latter, thus facilitating the folding or housing of both hooks in one movement.

When the hooks are folded, the attaching screws 8 and 9 are concealed from view, and the device as a whole, will present a neat appearance. If desired the hooks may be formed in ornamental designs, similar to the bronze non-foldable hooks of commerce, these and other details being left to the skill of the mechanic or designer, it being appar-

ent that the general shape and the operation of my improved hanger provide a basis for ornamentation.

Having thus described my invention what I claim, is:—

1. A hanger comprising a box adapted to be secured to a suitable support, hanger members pivotally mounted in said box said members having intergaging portions when in inoperative positions, means engaging one of said members to hold it in inoperative position, and means for limiting the downward movement of the other member.

2. A hanger comprising a box adapted to be secured to a suitable support, hanger members pivotally mounted in said box, one of said members adapted to move between the sides of the other member, means for holding said members in their inoperative positions, and respective means for limiting said members in their operative positions.

3. A hanger comprising a box, hanger members mounted on the same pivot in said

box, one of said members adapted to hang horizontally when in operative position, and the other member to hang vertically, and said last named member adapted to move between the sides of the other member, means on said members whereby the movements of one will be communicated to the other, substantially as set forth.

4. A hanger comprising a housing, a spring secured within said housing, a hook pivotally mounted in said housing and adapted to be engaged by said spring, a second hook pivotally mounted in said box and adapted to be engaged and held in inoperative position by said first named hook, and means in said housing for limiting the outward movement of said last named hook.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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