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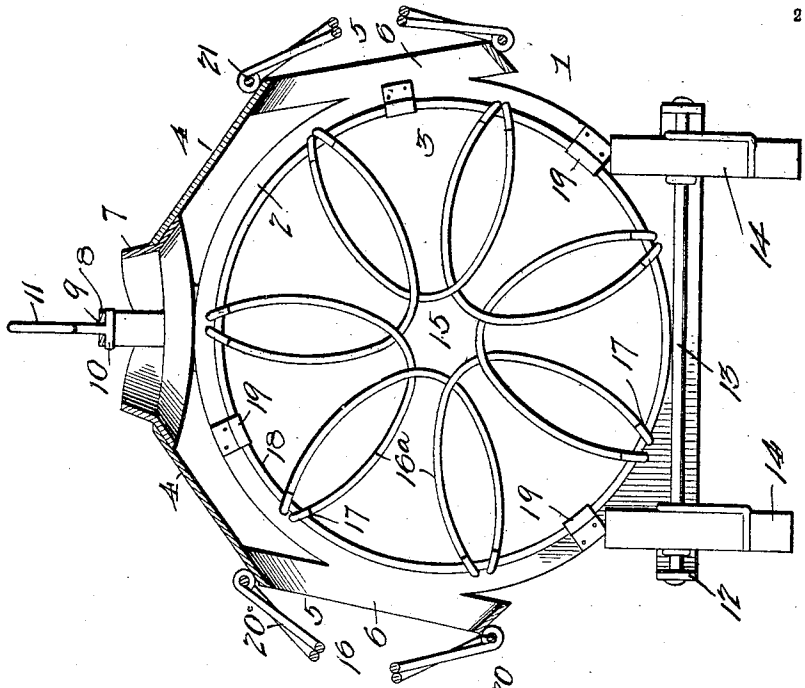


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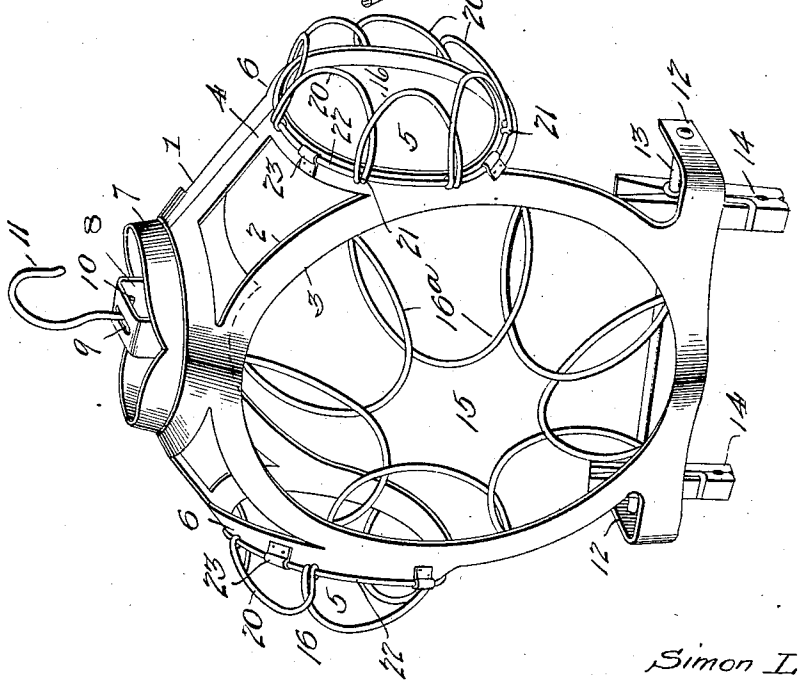


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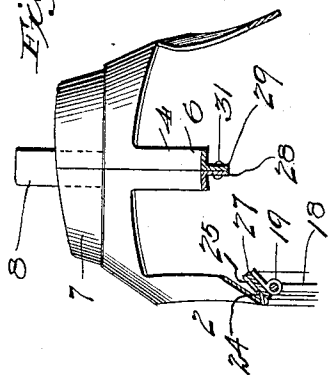


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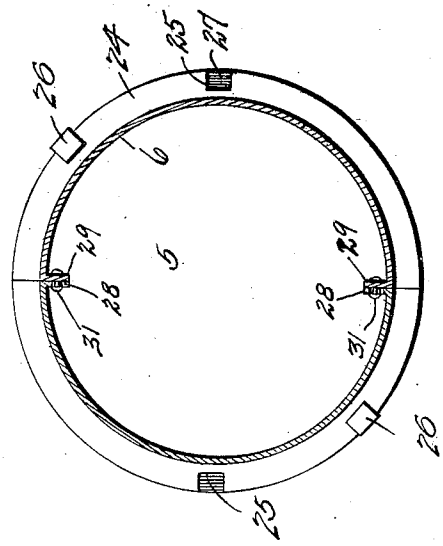
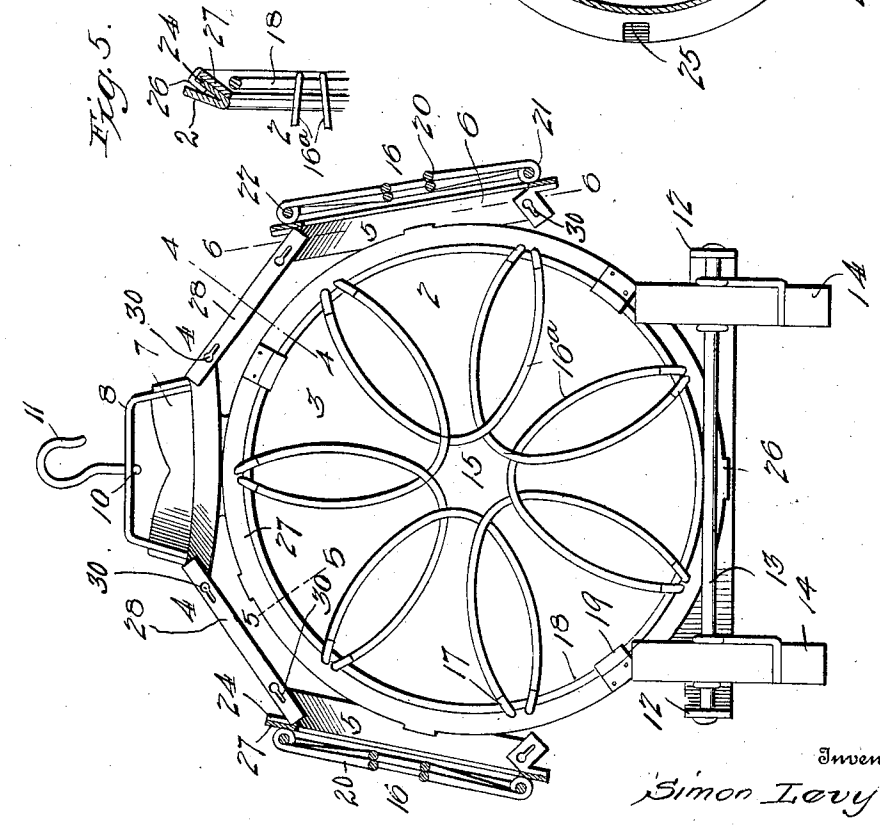


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMON LEVY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment holders of the type designed as a combined form and hanger for a complete suit of clothes.

To this end the invention contemplates a garment holder of this character possessing general utility as a form and hanger for mens and womens suits, and providing simple and practical means for neatly holding an entire suit in compact and tidy condition, and also in its proper shape to maintain the set thereof.

In its special application the invention has in view a garment holder possessing utility as a form and hanger for a suit of womens clothes, and in this connection provides adjustable forms, for the bust and shoulders, capable of expansion or contraction to suit the size and shape or form of the garment placed thereon. Also, in this special use of the invention, the same provides means not only for holding the waist or bodice, but also the skirt or skirts.

With these and many other objects in view, which will more readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

The essential features of the invention are necessarily susceptible to structural change without departing from the scope of the invention, but a preferred embodiment thereof is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment holder constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof, the line of vision being in the direction of the front of the body frame. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing a modification of the invention wherein the body frame of the holder is made in separate halves or sections, and also illustrating the shoulder forms collapsed. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a similar view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a similar view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 3.

Like references designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

All parts of the improved holder or hanger are associated with a common body element which may be properly referred to as a skeleton body frame designated in its entirety by the numeral 1. This skeleton body frame 1 is preferably of a hollow stamped metal construction and also, for purposes of lightness and appearance, is of an open work formation. This body frame 1 is of a bust-like formation inasmuch as the same conforms in general outline to the bust and shoulders of the human form and is provided at the front thereof with what may be termed a swelled front 2 having therein a circular front opening 3 of an area approximately equaling the entire area of the said front part of the frame. In addition to the swelled front side 2 the said bust-like body frame 1 is provided at the upper end thereof with the opposite sloping shoulder portions 4 terminating at their outer ends in the arm hole openings 5 surrounded by the arm hole rings 6, the functions of which will presently appear.

From this construction, it will be observed that the body frame 1 presents a form having the general outline of the bust part of the human form, with the arm hole rings 6 disposed at substantially right angles to the plane of the swelled front 2 of the body frame, and in addition to these elements, the body frame 1 has fitted in the upper end thereof, centrally between the oppositely located shoulder portions 4, the central upstanding collar flange 7 about which the collar or neck of the garment is placed when being hung on the holder. Also, the central upstanding collar flange 7 may be utilized for the attachment thereto of a cross piece 8 arranged centrally across the collar flange and permanently secured thereto. This cross piece is provided therein with a longitudinally disposed slot 9 which loosely receives the T-head 10 of a supporting hook 11 which provides for the convenient support of the holder in a closet or on any convenient point of support.

At its lower end or bottom portion the bust-like body frame 1 is provided with a pair of opposite supporting arms 12 projecting inwardly from the front side of the frame at the bottom edge of such side, and affording a support for the ends of a horizontal hanger rod 13 on which is pivotally hung a plurality of hanger clasps or clips 14 of any

suitable or approved construction. These hanger clasps or clips 14 provide simple and ready means for hanging the folded skirts, or trousers as the case may be, from the body frame of the holder.

A distinctive feature of the present invention resides in the employment of what may be characterized as an adjustable bust form 15, and adjustable shoulder forms 16, the former being carried by the swelled front portion of the body frame, and the latter by the arm hole rings 6 of the shoulder portions 4.

As shown in the drawings, the adjustable bust form 15 consists of an expansible and contractible device preferably comprising a circular series of overlapping U-shaped wire loops 16^a whose leg portions are hinged or pivoted, as at 17, to a base ring 18 fastened by means of clips or otherwise, as at 19, to the inner side of the circular or ring member of the swelled front 2 of the body frame. By reason of hinging the extremities of the side members or egs of the loops 16^a to a base 18, and having these loops of a width so as to overlap each other at the sides and closed ends, it will be observed that the said loops provide a continuous folding frame device which can be folded outward or inward as an entirety. In other words, the bust form 15 of the holder may be expanded out through, or contracted back into the circular front opening 3 according to the bust size of the garment placed on the holder. In this connection it will be further observed that the hinged wire loops 16 are loosely interlaced with each other, that is each loop alternately passing over and under adjacent loops so that by grasping one of the loops the entire bust form may be expanded or collapsed to the desired extent.

The individual adjustable shoulder forms 16 are similar in construction and action to the bust form 15, though necessarily of a smaller size. Hence, each adjustable shoulder form likewise consists of a circular series of overlapping U or equivalent shaped loops 20 whose side leg portions are hinged or pivoted at their terminals, as at 21, to a base ring 22 secured by means of the fastening clips or equivalent devices 23 onto the arm hole rings 6 of the shoulder portions 4 of the body frame. The interlaced relation of the loops 20 of each shoulder form is the same as the relation of the several loops comprising the bust form 15, and also it will be understood that in each shoulder form the latter as an entirety may be folded inwardly or outwardly to any desired degree so as to maintain the proper set of the shoulders of the garment at the point where the arms join the arm holes in the shoulders of the garment.

In the form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, a permanent fastening of the bust and shoulder forms to the body frame is suggested, but a modification which may be resorted to in this connection is to make the bust and shoulder forms detachable from the body frame. This may be conveniently provided for by striking up from the body frame around the front opening 3 and the arm holes 5, holding flanges 24 provided at proper points therein with clearance notches 25 adapted to receive the fastening lugs 26 carried by the base flanges 27 to which the base rings of the forms are attached, said fastening lugs being adapted to be interlocked with the flanges 24 by a partial rotation of the flanges 27 after passing the lugs 26 through the notches 25. The reverse operation permits of the ready detachment of the adjustable forms from the holding flanges therefor.

In connection with the proposed detachable mounting of the adjustable forms 15 and 16, a further modification that may be resorted to is to construct the body frame 1 in sections or halves, that is, for instance, dividing the frame vertically on a line to make matching front and rear halves *a* and *b* respectively. These frame sections or halves are provided at their registering meeting edges with inturned joint flanges 28 and 29 respectively, the flange or flange sections 28 on one frame half being provided therein with key hole or equivalent slots 30 adapted to be engaged by the headed or equivalent locking studs 31 which may be readily engaged and disengaged with the slots 30.

The taking apart of the frame halves and the detaching of the adjustable forms permits the holder to be packed in a small compass for convenience in shipping and handling.

I claim:

1. In a garment holder, a bust-like body frame having supporting means at the top and garment hanging means at the bottom, and adjustable forms for the front and shoulder portions of the frame.

2. In a garment holder, a bust-like body frame provided with a swelled front, sloping shoulder portions, and a centrally arranged collar flange, a supporting device connected with the collar flange of the frame, hanger clasps supported from the lower end of the frame, and adjustable forms carried by the front and shoulder portions of the frame.

3. In a garment holder, a skeleton bust-like body frame provided with a swelled front, sloping shoulder portions, and a centrally arranged upstanding collar flange, said frame being further provided at the bottom with a hanger rod, a plurality of hanger clasps supported by said hanger rod, a supporting device connected with the collar flange, and adjustable forms carried by the front and shoulder portions of the frame.

4. In a garment holder, a body frame provided with a front section and circular shoulder portions, and similar expansible and con-

tractible circular forms fitted respectively to said front section and shoulder portions of the frame.

5. In a garment holder, a body frame having front and shoulder portions, and expansible and contractible bust and shoulder forms respectively fitted to the front and shoulder portions of the frame, each of said forms comprising a plurality of hinged members.

6. In a garment holder, a body frame having front and shoulder portions, and expansible and contractible bust and shoulder forms respectively fitted to the front and shoulder portions of the frame, each of said forms comprising a plurality of loosely interlaced hinged members.

7. In a garment holder, a body frame having front and shoulder portions, and expansible and contractible bust and shoulder forms respectively fitted to the front and shoulder portions of the frame, each of said forms comprising a circular series of loosely interlaced hinged elements.

8. In a garment holder, a body frame having front and shoulder portions, and expansible and contractible bust and shoulder forms respectively fitted to the front and shoulder portions of the frame, each of said forms comprising a circular series of loosely interlaced loops having a hinged support at their extremities.

9. In a garment holder, a body frame having front and shoulder portions, and expansible and contractible bust and shoulder forms fitted respectively to the front and shoulder portions of the frame, each of said forms comprising a base ring supported from the body frame, and a circular series of loosely interlaced U-shaped loops having hinged connections at the extremities of their legs with the base rings thereof.

10. In a garment holder, a sectional bust-like body frame comprising separate detachably connected sections, and adjustable bust and shoulder forms detachably supported respectively upon the front and shoulder portions of the body frame.

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

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