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CHILDREN'S DRESS DISPLAY FORM

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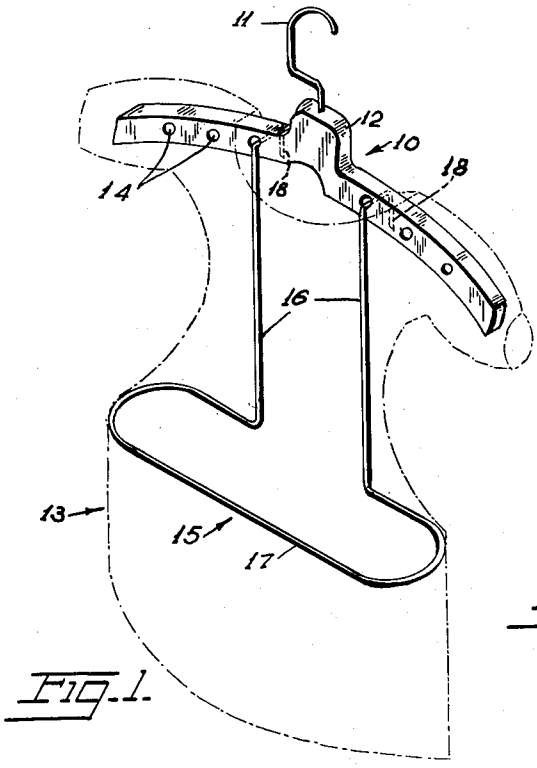


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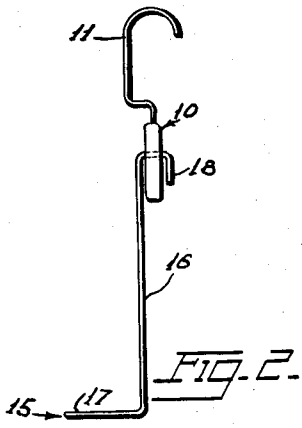


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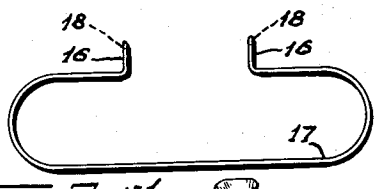


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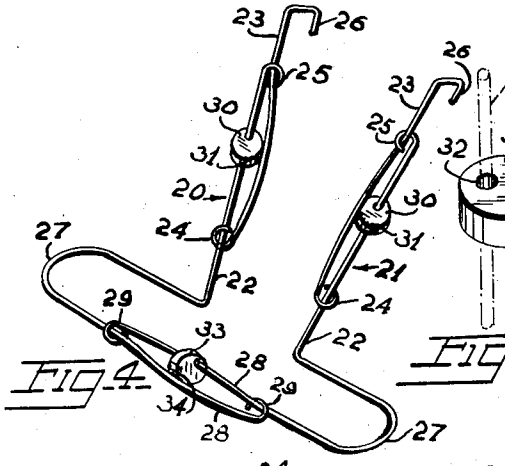


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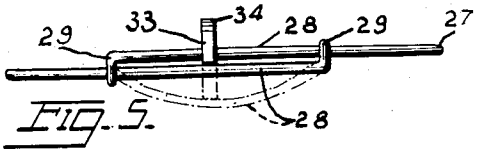


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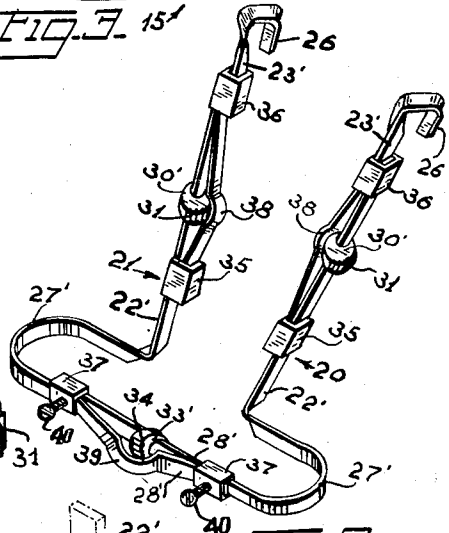


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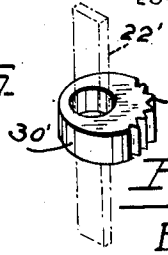


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CHILDREN'S DRESS DISPLAY FORM

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This invention relates generally to garment supports and, more particularly, to new and useful improvements in a hanger and shaper for supporting and displaying children's dresses.

Children's dresses with outwardly flaring crinoline skirts are in vogue and difficulty has been encountered in properly supporting such dresses for display and storage purposes.

It is therefore the prime object of the present invention to provide a hanger and shaper for a child's dress of this type which will display the dress in the same appearance as when worn.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hanger and shaper of this type which will support the dress both from the shoulder and from the waist or belt portion.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hanger and shaper for a child's dress with means for bulging out the skirt portion to give the hip portions of the skirt a shaping corresponding to the pair of hips of the child when the dress is worn.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a hanger and shaper for a child's dress which is readily adjustable to fit various sizes of dresses.

Still another object is to provide a hanger and shaper of this type which safely supports the dress without the necessity of extraneous fastening members.

Yet another object of the invention is to provide a hanger and shaper of this kind on which the dress may be mounted with a simple movement of the hands of the user and without any tendency to either damage the dress or so wrinkle the same as to require it being repressed before it can be worn.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a dress hanger and shaper embodying one form of the invention, a dress being shown supported thereon in dot-dash lines.

Fig. 2 is an end elevational view of the hanger and shaper.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the skirt supporting and shaping portion removed from the hanger and shaper.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of sectional skirt supporting and shaping portion, showing the sections in moved and held position.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view of the form of Fig. 4 showing the sections in freely slidable position.

Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the section holding disk of Fig. 4.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of still another modified form of sectional skirt supporting and shaping portion.

Fig. 8 is a detail perspective view of the section holding disk of Fig. 7.

Referring to the drawings in detail and more particularly to the form of invention shown in Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, there is illustrated a coat hanger **10**, which may conform to conventional practices, and may be made in approved forms to properly shape the shoulders of a sleeved garment, and may include a wire suspending hook **11** adapted to support the hanger and engaged-garment upon a rack, hook, stand or other suitable support. The hanger in the present instance is illustrated as being formed of plastic, in bar or rod form, enlarged at its midlength as indicated at **12** to engage through the neck of a garment and hold it open a desirable degree, the opposite end portions of the bar being suitably shaped to fit the shoulder portions of a garment **13** as illustrated in Fig. 1. The bar **10** is formed with a series of spaced openings **14** therealong.

Suspended from the hanger **10**, there is a one-piece dress form or shaper **15** composed of light but durable spring wire, round in cross section. The dress form consists of two vertically disposed legs **16**, **16** which terminate at one end in a looped portion **17** offset forwardly from the plane of the legs and bar **10** with its ends extending laterally of said legs. The legs diverge slightly away from each other at their top ends and are formed with hooks **18** on said diverging top ends for hooking into the spaced openings **14** in the bar **10**. The diverging relationship of the legs permits ready application of the form to the bar **10** in the desired openings therein without unduly deforming the looped portion **17**. When the form is suspended, the looped portion **17** will lie in a horizontal plane.

From Fig. 1, it appears clearly how the dress **13** which is hung on hanger **10** now has the front of its skirt portion bulged out by the forwardly extending looped portion **17** to give the front the general contour of the dress when worn by a child and viewed from a distance in front, while the laterally extending ends of the looped portion **17** give the dress the general contour of the hips of the child and the form in which the dress will appear in elevation from the front when worn. The legs **16**, **16** are disposed inwardly of the ends of the looped portion **17** so that the dress assumes a suitable waist contour above the looped portion, substantially as illustrated.

In Figs. 4, 5 and 6, a modified form of sectional and adjustable skirt supporting and shaping form is shown, which is adapted to be used with the hanger **10** shown in Fig. 1. This form is composed of two wire sections **20** and **21**. The sections each comprise a shank or fixed leg portion **22** and a leg portion **23** slidably connected thereto and forming an extension thereof. The slidable connection consists of a curved hook **24** on the inner end of the leg portion **23** encircling the leg portion **22** intermediate its ends, and a similar curved hook **25** on the outer end of fixed leg portion **22** encircling the leg portion **23**, intermediate its ends. Hooks **26** are formed on the outer ends of the slidable leg portions **23** for engagement in the openings **14** of the hanger **10**. The fixed leg portion **22** of each section is bent laterally outwardly at its bottom end, and then curved forwardly and laterally inwardly to form a loop portion **27**. The ends of the looped portions **27** are each extended as indicated at **28** and the extensions **28** are disposed side by side in overlapping relation and are slidably interconnected by means of curved hooks **29** on the extreme ends thereof. The looped portions **27** lie in a horizontal plane when the form is suspended from the hanger **10**.

The length of the modified skirt supporting and shaping form from top to bottom is substantially less than the length of the dress which is to be displayed thereon so that by reason of this arrangement of slidable sections **20** and **21**, the form may be adjusted upwardly and down-

wardly within the dress to give a high or low waistline effect or at intermediate positions required. The looped portions **27** may be moved laterally toward and away from each other in order to accommodate dresses of various widths.

Provision is also made for holding the adjustable parts in moved position. For this purpose, a disk **30**, of any suitable material, is eccentrically and turnably mounted on each fixed leg portion **22**, intermediate its ends. The disk is formed with teeth **31** on the portion of its periphery remote from the opening **32** formed therein so that when the disk is manually turned the slidable leg portion **23** will be cammed outwardly away from the fixed leg portion **22** thereby binding the curved hooked ends against the leg portions and thus preventing relative axial movement of the leg portions in a separating direction. The teeth **31** on the disk releasably hold the leg portion **23** in its binding position.

A similar disk **33**, with teeth **34**, is eccentrically and turnably mounted on the overlapping extension **28** of the looped portion **27** of section **21** in position to cam the adjacent extension of the looped portion **27** of section **20** outwardly for binding the overlapping extensions of the looped portions against relative axial separating movement.

The modification of the invention shown in Figs. 7 and 8 differs from the form of invention shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 6 in that the material is composed of flat bar stock instead of round wire stock, necessitating sleeves **35** and **36**, rectangular in cross section, on the ends of the leg portions **23'** and **22'**, respectively, in place of the respective curved hooks **24** and **25**. Sleeves **37** are also formed on the extensions **28'** of the looped portions **27'** instead of the curved hooks **28**. Furthermore, in this modification, each slidable leg portion **23'** is formed with a bulged out portion **38** intermediate its ends for coacting with the disk **30'** on the adjacent fixed leg portion **22'**. Similarly, the extension **28'** of the looped portion **27'** of section **21'** is formed with a bulged out portion **39** for cooperation with the disk **33'** on the free end of looped portion **27'** of section **21'**.

It is to be understood that a set screw **40** may also be used in the sleeve member **35**, **36**, and **37** to lock the latter at any desired set position, without the lock disks **30** and **34**.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A hanger and shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, said bar having a series of spaced openings therealong, and a skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar including a pair of spaced depending leg portions, hooks on the upper ends of said leg portions for detachable engagement with a pair of spaced openings in the curved bar, the bottom ends of said leg portions being formed into a horizontally disposed looped portion offset forwardly of the plane of the leg portions and the curved bar.

2. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, said curved bar having a series of spaced openings therealong, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar, each section of the device including a depending extensible leg portion and a horizontally disposed loped portion at the bottom of said leg portions, each leg portion including a slidable member having a hooked end for detachable connection with one of the openings in the curved bar.

3. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, said curved bar having a series of spaced openings therealong, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar, each section of the device including a depending extensible leg portion and a horizontally disposed looped portion at the bottom of said leg portions, each leg portion including a slidable member having a hooked end for detachable connection with one of the openings in the curved bar, and means on each leg portion for holding its slidable member in moved adjusted position.

4. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, said curved bar having a series of spaced openings therealong, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar, each section of the device including a depending extensible leg portion and a horizontally disposed looped portion at the bottom of said leg portions, each leg portion including a slidable member having a hooked end for detachable connection with one of the openings in the curved bar, and a toothed disk turnably and eccentrically mounted on the leg portion for engagement with the slidable member intermediate its ends for camming said slidable member away from the leg portion and binding the slidable member against movement along the leg portion.

5. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar including a pair of spaced depending extensible leg portions, and an extensible horizontally disposed looped member at the bottom of said leg portions, said looped member including a looped portion at the bottom end of each leg portion, said looped portions being slidably connected to each other, and means on one of said looped portions for holding the looped portions in moved adjusted position.

6. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar including a pair of spaced depending extensible leg portions, and an extensible horizontally disposed looped member at the bottom of said leg portions, said looped member including a looped portion at the bottom end of each leg portion, an extension on the end of each looped portion, said extensions being in side by side relation and slidably connected to each other, and a toothed disk turnably and eccentrically mounted on one of said extensions for engagement with the other extension for holding the extensions against relative axial separating movement.

7. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper perforated curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar including a pair of spaced depending extensible leg portions, each leg portion including a slidable member having a hooked end for detachable connection with one of the openings in the curved bar, and an extensible horizontally disposed looped member at the bottom of said leg portions, said looped member including a looped portion at the bottom end of each leg portion, an extension on the end of each looped portion, said extensions being in side by side relation and slidably connected to each other, and means on each leg portion for holding its slidable member in moved adjusted position.

8. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper perforated curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar including a pair of spaced depending extensible leg portions, each leg portion including a slidable member having a hooked end for detachable connection with one of the openings in the curved bar, and an extensible hori-

zontally disposed looped member at the bottom of said leg portions, said looped member including a looped portion at the bottom end of each leg portion, an extension on the end of each looped portion, said extensions being in side by side relation and slidably connected to each other, and means on each leg portion for holding its slidable member in moved adjusted position, said means for holding the slidable member including a toothed disk turnably and eccentrically mounted on the leg portion for engagement with the slidable member intermediate its ends for camming said slidable member away from the leg portion and binding the slidable member against movement along the leg portion.

9. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper perforated curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar including a pair of spaced depending extensible leg portions, each leg portion including a slidable member having a hooked end for detachable connection with one of the openings in the curved bar, and an extensible horizontally disposed looped member at the bottom of said leg portions, said looped member including a looped portion at the bottom end of each leg portion, an extension on the end of each looped portion, said extensions being in side by side relation and slidably connected to each other, means on each leg portion for holding its slidable member in moved adjusted position, and means on one of said extensions for holding the extensions in moved position.

10. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper perforated curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device suspended from said curved bar including a pair of spaced depending extensible leg portions, each leg portion including a slidable member having a hooked end for detachable connection with one of the openings in the curved bar, and an extensible horizontally disposed looped member at the bottom of said leg portions, said looped member including a looped portion at the bottom end of each leg portion, an extension on the end of each looped portion, said extensions being in side by side relation and slidably connected to each other, means on each leg portion for holding its slidable member in moved adjusted position, and means on one of said extensions for holding the extensions in moved position, said extension holding means including a toothed disk turnably and eccentrically mounted on one of said extensions in position for engagement with the other extension for camming said latter extension away from the

disk mounting extension and binding the extensions against axial separating movement.

11. A hanger and a shaper for a dress type garment comprising an upper curved bar for supporting the shoulder portion of a dress, said bar having a series of spaced openings therealong, and a sectional skirt supporting and shaping device of flat bar metal suspended from said curved bar including a pair of spaced depending extensible leg members, each leg member including a fixed leg portion and a leg portion slidable on the fixed leg portion, each slidable leg portion having a hooked end for detachable connection with one of the openings in the curved bar and having a sleeve on its other end for slidable connection with the fixed leg portion, a sleeve on the upper end of the fixed leg portion for slidable connection with the slidable leg portion, each slidable leg portion having a bulged out portion intermediate its ends, and an extensible horizontally disposed looped member at the bottom end of said leg members, said looped member including a looped portion at the bottom end of each leg portion, an extension on the end of each looped portion, one of said extensions having a bulged out portion intermediate its ends, said extensions being disposed in side by side relation, each extension carrying a sleeve at its extreme end for slidable connection with the other extension, means for holding the slidable leg portion of each leg member against movement including a toothed disk turnably and eccentrically mounted on the adjacent fixed leg portion for camming said slidable leg portion away from the fixed leg portion in binding relation therewith, the teeth on said camming disk being adapted to engage the bulged out portion of the slidable leg portion for holding said slidable leg portion in moved condition, and means for holding the extensions on the looped portions against relative movement, said means including a toothed disk on one of said extensions in position to cam the other extension away from the disk mounting extension whereby the moved extension becomes jammed on the other extension, the teeth on the last-named disk being adapted to engage the bulged out portion on the moved extension for holding the extensions against relative movement.

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