

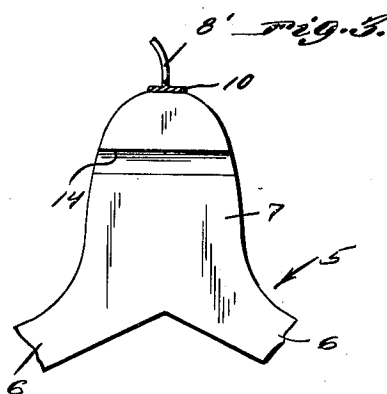
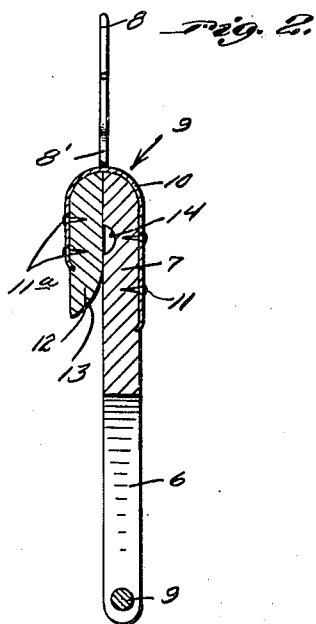
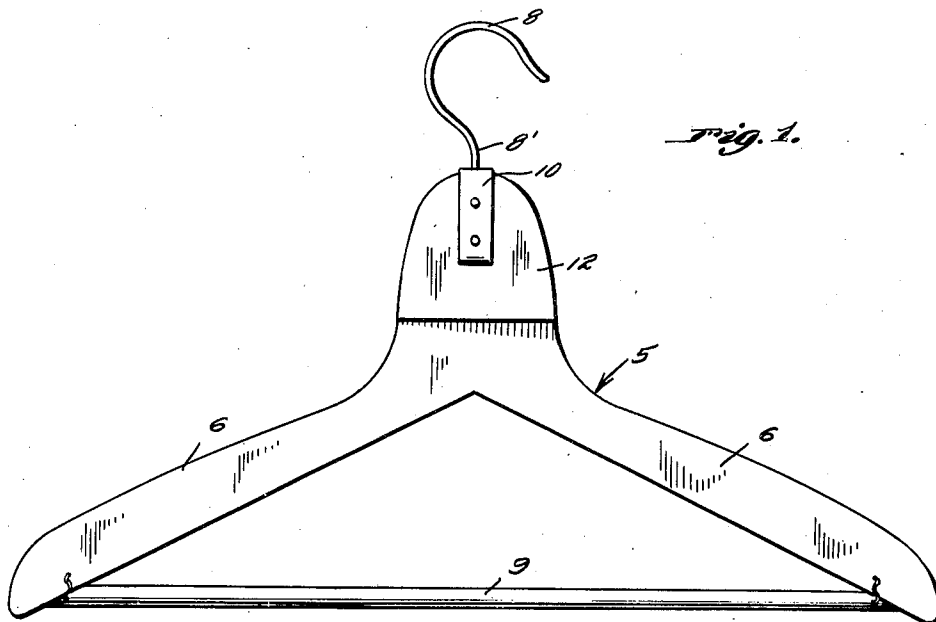
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This invention relates to clothes or garment hangers, and an object of the present invention is to provide such a hanger with clothes line-gripping means so that the hanger will be retained on the clothes line against accidental movement relative to the line, along the length thereof, and also against being wholly or bodily disassociated from the line as might result in a high wind or from analogous causes.

Further an object of the invention is to improve generally upon such types of clothes or garment hangers, now known and used, and provided with means for positive engagement thereof with a clothes line or similar support.

The invention, together with its objects and advantages, will be best understood from a study of the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a side view of a hanger embodying the features of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view therethrough at the hook-equipped portion of the hanger, and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary side view of the hanger at the hook-equipped portion thereof illustrating certain details hereinafter more fully described.

Referring more in detail to the drawing it will be seen that 5 indicates generally a clothes hanger which, in all material respects, approaches, in construction, the usual or known type of wooden or composition hanger, and embodies converging side pieces 6—6 which merge into a relatively straight, broad, flat portion 7 at their upper ends, and to which portion 7 is secured, in any suitable and positive manner, the shank 8' of a suspension hook 8 of wire or other suitable material.

Also, in accordance with the present invention, the hanger may or may not be equipped with the horizontal rod portion 9 and over which pants, a skirt, or similar article of apparel is folded when the hanger is used as such for such articles of apparel.

The salient feature of the present invention is the provision of a substantially U-shaped resilient clamp indicated generally by the reference numeral 9.

The clamp 9 embodies a substantially U-shaped, relatively flat leaf spring 10 that straddles the upper edge of the straight portion 7 of the hanger body, and at its bend, or bight is provided with a suitable aperture to accommodate the shank 8' of the hook 8.

The spring body 10 of the clip has the longer leg thereof secured by tacks or other suitable

fastening elements 11 to the portion 7 of the hanger body, and the shorter leg thereof secured through the medium of short tacks or other suitable fastening elements 11a to a jaw member 12.

The jaw member 12, in edge contour, approaches the edge configuration of the portion 7 of the hanger body to a material extent as shown, and at its free end or transverse edge is rounded as at 13 to facilitate placing a portion of a clothes line between the jaw 12 and the portion 7 of the hanger body to clamp such portion of the clothes line between said jaw 12 and shank portion 7 of the hanger body.

It will be apparent that the inherent tendency of the resilient spring 10 to contract will yieldably urge the jaw 12 into flat, intimate contact with the confronting face of the part 7 of the hanger body and thereby serve to retain the clamped portion of the clothes line between said jaw 12 and the part 7 of the hanger body, and seated within a transverse groove 14 provided for the clothes line in the face of the hanger part 7, with which the jaw 12 has facial contact, and as clearly suggested in Figure 2.

Thus it will be seen that when the clamp 9 is resorted to for securing the hanger on a clothes line, the hanger will be held thereon against longitudinal movement relative to the clothes line, and also against vertical or perpendicular movement relative to the clothes line. Consequently, there is effected a positive engagement of the hanger with the clothes line that will preclude the hanger being easily displaced therefrom. Thus with a hanger embodying the features of the present invention, one may hang clothes out of doors for airing purposes, even when there is a high wind, without material fear of the garment ultimately being blown to the ground.

It is believed that the above, and many other advantages of a clothes hanger embodying the features of the present invention will readily present themselves to the user.

I wish it also to be understood that I do not intend to limit myself to the precise details of construction, combination and arrangement of elements as herein described, as changes may be made therein by a person skilled in the art.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:

In a device of the class described, a pair of garment supporting arms converging upwardly into intersecting relation, a flat-sided upright portion formed integrally with said arms at the intersection thereof and coplanar therewith, said portion forming a jaw member for gripping one

side of a clothes line and being provided in one side face thereof with a transversely extending line receiving groove, a second broad flat jaw member opposed flatwise to said one grooved side of the first-mentioned jaw member to grip the other side of said line, and a U-shaped leaf spring straddling said members in the vertical center of the same and tending to close the same, said spring fitting flat over said members and including an arched intermediate portion forming a

5 hinge at the upper edges of the jaw members for swinging of the second jaw member thereon toward and from the first jaw member, the second-mentioned jaw member having a beveled lower edge for hooking over a clothes line whereby said members may be opened in opposition to said spring by pulling the hanger downwardly on said line and thereby forcing the line upwardly between said jaw members.

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