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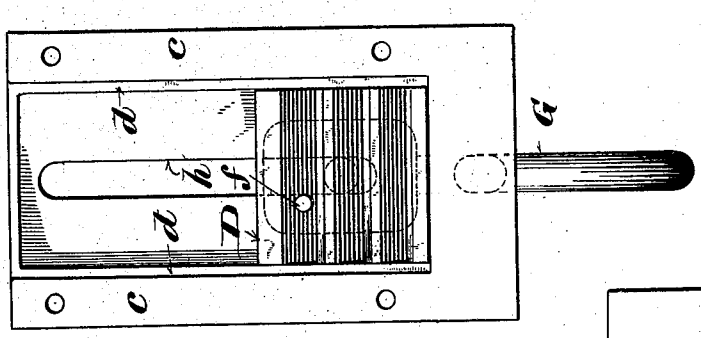


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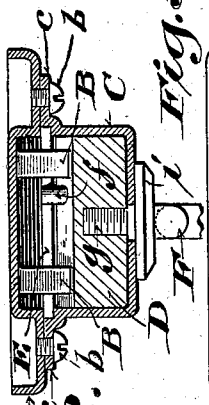
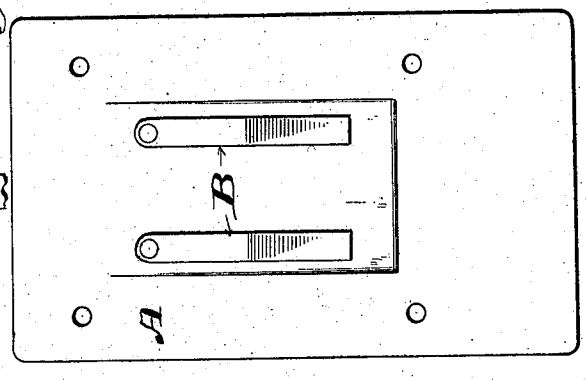


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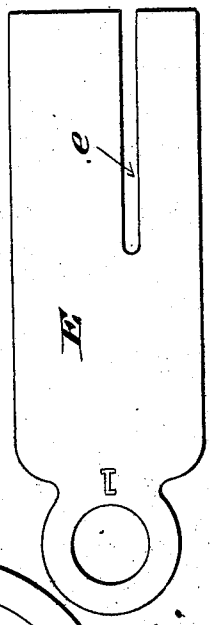
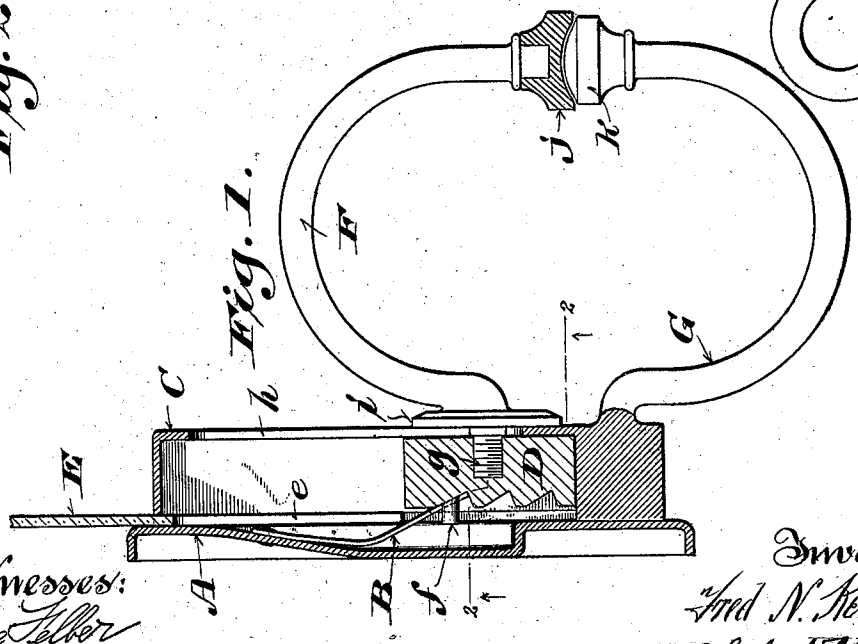


Fig. 5.

Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED N. KERSHAW, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparel-Hangers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts herein particularly set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims, its object being to provide simple, economical and efficient lock hangers for apparel such as coats and hats.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a partly sectional side elevation of a hat and coat lock hanger in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a horizontal section of the same on the planes indicated by lines 2—2 in Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a front elevation of the indented back-plate of the hanger provided with spring-detents; Fig. 4, a rear elevation of the front casing of said hanger having a slide rack-block therein, and Fig. 5, a side view of a key for retracting said detents and holding the same out of position to engage a tooth of said block.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A indicates a back-plate of any suitable contour provided with a central angular depression having an upper inclined portion to which ends of suitably bent spring-detents B are fastened by rivets or other suitable means. Fastened by screws *b* or other suitable means to the back-plate are flanges *c* of a box-like front casing C, and guided in the casing is a slide rack-block D engageable with said detents. The top of the casing is recessed for the introduction of a key E, and a key-way *d* is provided in said casing. The key is a plate provided with a longitudinal slot *e* by which it clears a lug *f* extending from the rack-side of the block D, in order to retract the detents B that normally engage a tooth of said block.

A screw shank *g* of an upper jaw F extends through a vertical center slot *h* in the front of the casing C and engages the rack-block D to slide therewith, a shoulder-plate *i* of said jaw adjacent to its shank being astraddle of said slot and guided on the front of said casing. The jaw F has the form of an inverted hook, and another jaw G in the form of a hook is in rigid connection with the front of the casing C adjacent to the lower end of same. The opposing ends of the jaws are provided with matching concave and convex buttons *j*, *k*, these buttons being preferably leather or other suitable elastic material.

The key E is normally full down in the casing-portion C of the above described hanger to hold the detents B out of working position and thus permit ready vertical adjustment of the jaw F and rack-block D to which said jaw is connected. This jaw F being lifted, a coat or hat or both may be hung on the jaw G, after which the former jaw is lowered into contact with the suspended apparel and the key withdrawn. The withdrawal of the key permits engagement of the detents B with the rack-block and thus the jaw F is locked to prevent a lift of same far enough to permit removal of the apparel hung on the opposite jaw.

The set of the rack-block lug *f* differs in each hanger so as to prevent the key of one hanger being utilized to retract the detents of another, said lug being a stop for a key or keys not correspondingly slotted. However a master-key common to a series of hangers may be utilized to open any one of same, in case its key has been lost or mislaid.

The hanger herein shown may be attached by any suitable means to a wall or other support, and the support itself may be the back for one or a series of casings such as the one herein specified, clearance space being provided in every instance for the detent or detents engageable with the rack-block guided in each casing.

I claim:

1. An apparel hanger comprising a rack-block and guide for same, a lug extending from the rack-side of the block, a jaw in connection with said block to move with same, a detent automatically engageable with the rack-block but retractable by a slide-key having a lug-clearing slot, and a stationary jaw in opposition to the jaw aforesaid.

2. An apparel hanger comprising a back

having clearance space therein, a front slotted casing on the back, a rack-block guided in the casing, a lug extending from the rack-side of the block, a jaw engaging the casing-slot and attached to said block, a detent automatically engageable with said block but retractable into said space by a slide key having a lug-clearing slot, and a stationary jaw in opposition to the one aforesaid.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Racine in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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