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GARMENT HANGER

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FIG. 1

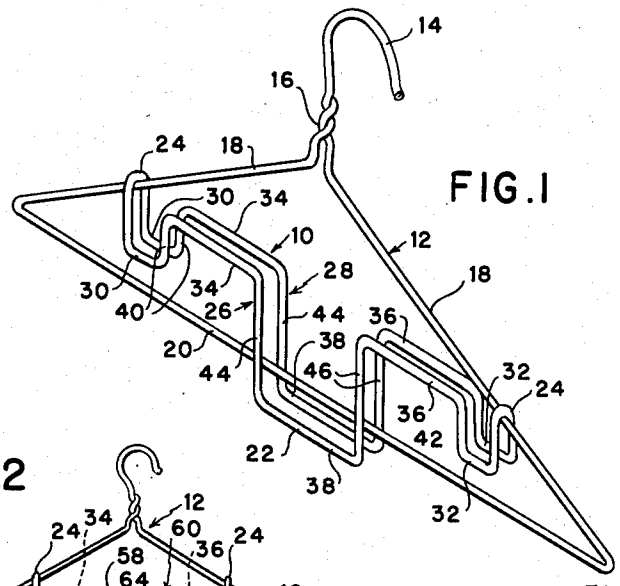


FIG. 2

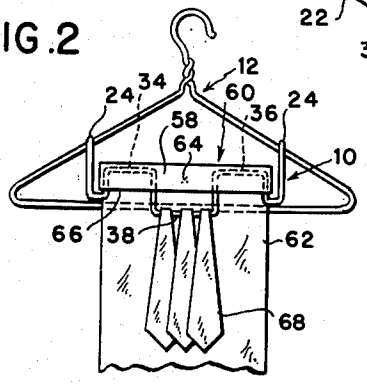


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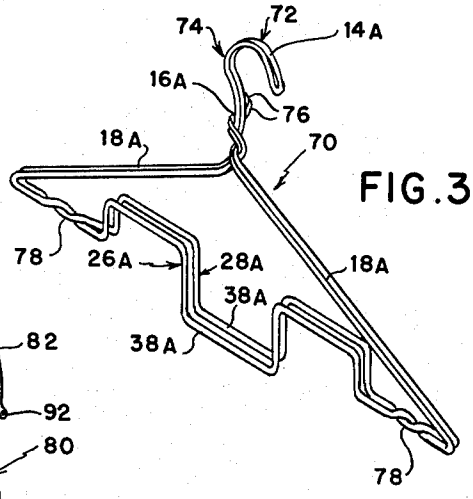
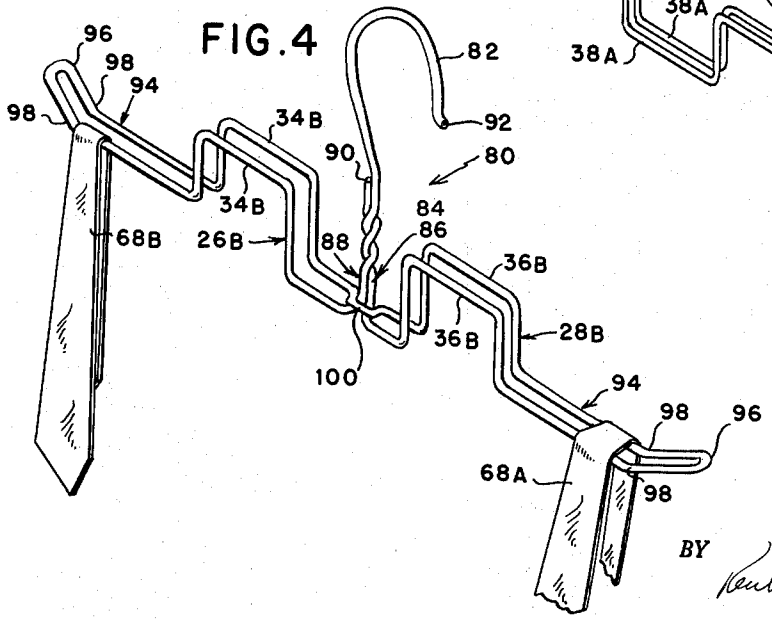


FIG. 4



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The present invention relates, in general, to garment hangers and, in particular, to trouser hangers which also serve as tie and/or belt holders.

The primary object of the present invention is the provision of a trouser hanger which is adapted to hang a pair of trousers by the cuffs thereof and which is additionally provided with means for hanging ties, belts, suspenders and similar articles of apparel.

Another object is the provision of such a hanger which is formed from a single length of wire which is bent into shape to support trousers at the cuffs thereof and to provide bars for suspending or holding ties, belts, suspenders and similar articles.

A further object is to provide such a hanger which is simple, light, compact, and inexpensive to manufacture, and which may be made as a part of a coat hanger, or made as an attachment for use with a conventional coat hanger, or made as a separate unit.

These and other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be more fully apparent from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the invention as embodied in an attachment for a coat hanger;

Fig. 2 is a side view of said embodiment, on a reduced scale, a pair of trousers and ties being illustrated in operative association with the attachment;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the invention; and

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of an additional embodiment of the invention.

Referring now to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings in detail, there is illustrated the presently preferred embodiments of the invention in the form of a trouser hanger attachment **10** for a coat hanger **12**. The coat hanger is of conventional type, being preferably formed of wire and being provided with the hook **14** carried by the shank **16** from which downwardly and outwardly sloping side portions **18—18** extend, said portions being interconnected by the cross-bar **20**.

As here shown, the hanger attachment **10** is preferably formed of a single length of suitable gauge wire, or sheet material, having the ends thereof in abutment, as at **22**. Said ends may, if desired, be secured together in a suitable manner, as by soldering, welding, etc. Said wire is bent to provide the looped end portions **24—24** which are adapted to removably fit over the hanger sides **18—18**, respectively, and the companion laterally spaced supports **26** and **28**, which are identical in construction, and which extend between said loops. The inwardly extending portions **30—30** and **32—32** bent from the loops interconnect the loops and the supports. Each support is constituted by the upper horizontally extending spaced bar portions or formations **34** and **36** and by the intermediate lower horizontal bar portion **38**. Said bar portions are preferably of similar longitudinal dimension. The short vertical legs **40** and **42** extend from the portions **30** and **32**, respectively, to the upper bars **34** and **36**, respectively, and the long vertical legs **44** and **46** extend between said upper bars and the lower bar **38**. It will be noted that when the attachment **10** is positioned on the hanger **12**, the cross bar **20** extends tranversely between the long legs of the companion supports **26** and **28** to substantially prevent swinging movement of the attachment **10** on the hanger **12**, the bars **38** being positioned below said cross-bar.

When using the present embodiment of the invention, the attachment **10** is first preferably disposed on the hanger **12**, as illustrated in Fig. 1. Then the outer layer **58** of the cuff **60** of each trouser leg **62** is slipped over one of the supports **26** or **28**, so that the upper spaced bars **34** and **36** are disposed in the pocket formed between the outer layer of the cuff and the portion of the trouser leg underlying this outer layer, as illustrated in Fig. 2. It will be noted that the intermediate bar **38** is disposed below, and clears, the stitching **64** at which the cuff is sewed to the trouser leg. Said intermediate bar is also disposed below the cuff edge **66** and provides an auxiliary hanger for hanging the ties **68**, as illustrated. Other suitable articles (not illustrated) can be hung or suspended from the auxiliary hangers **38**, for example, and not by way of limitation, trouser belts or suspenders for the trousers may be hung therefrom. In this connection it will be noted that both bars **38** of the attachment **10** are available for such use, so that, if desired, ties may be hung on one side of the attachment, and a belt or a pair of suspenders hung on the other side. It will also be noted that the use of the attachment **10** does not interfere with the use of the hanger **12** for hanging a coat. Therefore, the combination of the hanger **12** and the attachment **10** will readily provide for the hanging of the coat and trousers of a suit, as well as providing for the hanging of the tie and belt or suspenders to be worn therewith, said latter articles being prevented from free swinging movement by the underlying trousers.

Referring now to Fig. 3 in detail, there is illustrated another embodiment of the present invention, pursuant to which the improved trouser hanger is integral with a coat hanger. The combination coat and trouser hanger **70** is formed from a single length of wire, or suitable sheet material, which is bent upon itself to form the companion strands **72—74**, which strands are shaped to form a hook **14A**, beyond which the strands and the free ends **76—76** thereof are preferably twisted together to form a shank **16A** from which the downwardly and outwardly sloping double strand shoulder supporting or side portions **18A—18A** extend. The strands are bent inwardly and preferably twisted together, as at **78—78**, and the companion supports **26A** and **28A** extend between said twisted portions. Said supports are similar in construction to the previously described supports **26** and **28** and serve to hang a pair of trousers, by the cuffs thereof, as well as ties, belts, and suspenders on the auxiliary hangers **38A—38A**, in the same manner as said supports **26** and **28**. An additional advantage of the subject embodiment resides in the fact that the twisted portions **78—78** provide a desired resiliency or spring pressure which urges the supports **26A—28A** together when they are moved away from each other. This resiliency tends to clamp the inner cuff portions of the trouser legs together. It will be readily apparent that a pair of trousers, ties, a belt and/or a pair of suspenders, may be hung from the companion supports **26A—28A**, the sides **18A—18A** are available to hang a coat.

Referring now to Fig. 4 in detail, there is illustrated an additional embodiment of the present invention, adapted solely for the support of a pair of trousers, ties, belts and suspenders, without provision for a coat. The hanger **80** is formed of a single length of wire, or sheet material, and is bent to provide the hook **82** carried by

the shank 84 formed by the twisted strands 86 and 88. The free ends of the wire are indicated at 90 and 92. From the shank 84, the strands are bent and shaped to form the companion supports 26B and 28B which are provided with the upper bar portions 34B—34B and 36B—36B for insertion in the pockets formed between the outer cuff portions and the underlying portions of the trouser legs, as previously described in connection with Fig. 2. However, in the present embodiment, the auxiliary hangers are disposed outwardly of the upper bar portions, rather than therebetween, as in the previously described embodiments. In the present embodiment, the auxiliary hangers 94—94 are in the form of loops 96 which interconnect the companion supports 26B and 28B, as illustrated. Ties, belts, suspenders, or similar articles may be hung over both strand portions which form each loop, as in the case of the tie 68A, or may hang from only one of the strand portions of the loop, as in the case of the tie 68B. This arrangement of the auxiliary hangers greatly increases the capacity thereof. It will be noted that each loop is bent up, at 98—98, to prevent articles hung in the manner of the tie 68A from slipping off the loop. In addition, said bent up portions constitute hooks adapted to receive belt buckles (not illustrated) for hanging belts therefrom. In order to limit movement of the supports 26B and 28B away from each other, and also to provide a clamping action for the inner cuff portions due to the inherent resiliency of the wire, the support 28B is provided with the U-shaped, bight portion 100, through which the companion strands 86 and 88 extend from the support 26B to the shank 84, as illustrated.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that I have invented a novel, simple, compact and inexpensive type of trousers hanger which may be made as an accessory attachable to a common coat hanger, or which may be made in a structure adapted for use as a coat hanger, or which may be made as a device solely for use as a trousers hanger, and further that each embodiment of my novel trousers hanger includes an auxiliary hanger adapted to hang other articles, for example and not by way of limitation, such as ties, belts and suspenders, whereby various wardrobe accessories may be hung with a complete suit of clothing, or with the trousers thereof, so that said other articles are readily available for use with the trousers.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it will be understood that various changes may be made in the present invention without departing from the underlying idea or principles of the invention within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. An apparel hanger comprising a single length of wire bent to form a hook, two identical pairs of downwardly diverging shoulder supporting portions extending from said hook and a cross portion extending between the outer ends of each pair of said shoulder portions, each cross portion comprising a pair of laterally spaced companion substantially rectangular formations adapted to be inserted in a trouser cuff and an auxiliary substantially rectangular horizontal hanger portion which extends between the companion formations, each pair of said formations extending upwardly of the horizontal axis which extends between the outer ends of the associated pair of shoulder supporting portions, and the horizontal hanger portion being spaced a substantial distance below said axis to clear a trouser cuff suspended on the associated pair of companion formations, said formations and said hanger portion being substantially equal in horizontal extent whereby other articles of apparel may be hung on said horizontal hanger portions while a pair of trousers is suspended by its cuffs on said pair of companion formations, and said cross portions being twisted together between the outer ends of the shoulder portions and the adjacent formations thereof for clamping the trouser cuffs together and for clamping articles on said horizontal hanger portions against the adjacent trouser legs, respectively.

2. An apparel hanger comprising a single length of wire bent upon itself substantially centrally thereof to form a pair of strands joined at one end thereof, said strands being bent at said one end to form a hook and being bent outwardly below said hook to form a shoulder supporting portion for said hanger, said shoulder supporting portion extending downwardly from said hook and laterally outwardly at one side of said hook, said strands being bent inwardly from the outer end of said shoulder supporting portion to form a pair of parallel cross members integral therewith, respectively, said strands being bent toward said hook at the ends of said cross members remote from said first shoulder supporting portion with the other ends of said strands twisted about said hook to form a second shoulder supporting portion which diverges downwardly from said hook and laterally outwardly at the other side of said hook, said cross members being twisted together adjacent the outer end of each of said shoulder supporting portions to provide coaxial resilient means at the opposite ends, respectively, of said cross members, and adjacent each of said resilient means said cross members being bent vertically upwardly from the axis of said resilient means, then bent inwardly and parallel to said axis, and then bent vertically downwardly below said axis to define in each of said cross members a pair of laterally spaced associated substantially rectangular cuff inserting portions, and said cuff inserting portions of each cross member being joined by a substantially rectangular horizontal hanger portion which is spaced a substantial distance below said axis to clear a trouser cuff suspended on the associated pair of cuff inserting portions, said cuff inserting portions and said hanger portion being substantially equal in horizontal extent, and said resilient means being operable to clamp together trouser suffs suspended on the cuff inserting portions of said cross members and to clamp articles on said horizontal hanger portions against the adjacent trouser legs, respectively.

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