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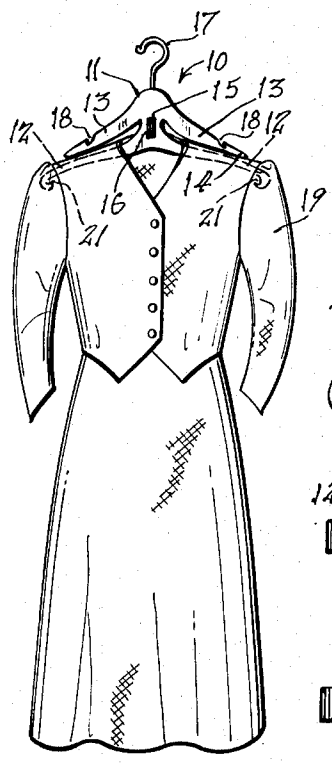


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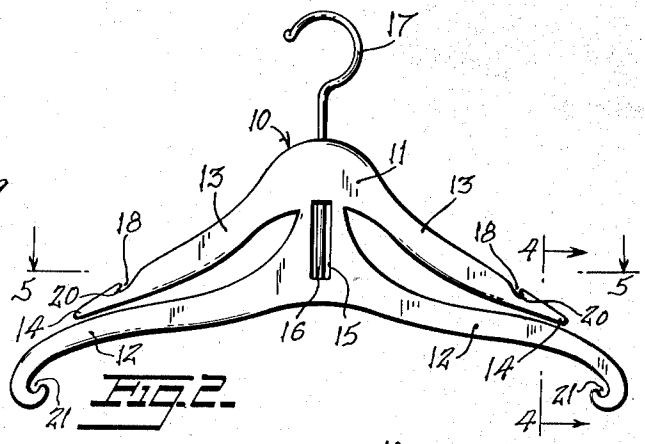


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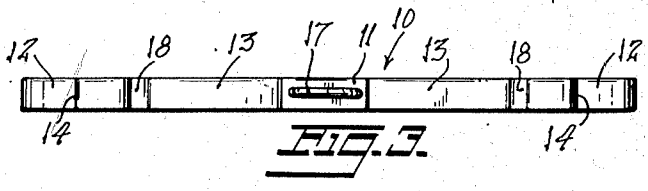


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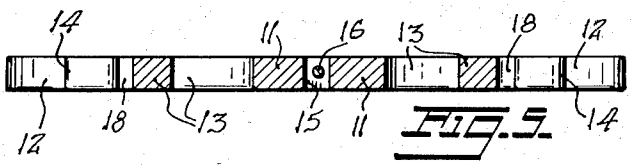


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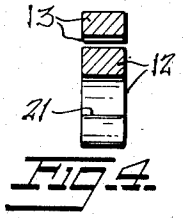


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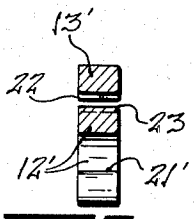


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in garment hangers of the type normally utilized for shirts, coats, dresses and the like.

In retail garment establishments where large numbers of garments are supported on hangers arranged on racks, considerable financial losses are encountered by the soiling of garments, which garments must then be disposed of at a reduced price. Generally, the garments are soiled in either of two ways; namely, by slipping off the hangers and falling to the floor, or, by the hands of customers moving the hangers along the racks to select a desired garment.

One object of the invention, therefore, is the provision of a garment hanger which effectively prevents inadvertent disengagement of garments therefrom.

Another object of the invention is to provide said hanger with guard means for protecting the garment thereon from the hands of persons moving the hanger along a rack.

Still another object of the invention is to construct the hanger in a simple manner adapted to the economical manufacture thereof.

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 claim 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 front elevation of a garment supported on a hanger of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the hanger of the invention.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the hanger.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 6 is a front elevational view similar to Fig. 2 but of a modified form of the invention.

Fig. 7 is a vertical sectional view on line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

Referring now to Figs. 1–5 wherein a preferred form of the invention is illustrated, the reference numeral 10 indicates a garment hanger comprising a center block-like portion 11 from which project a pair of lower arms 12 and a pair of shorter, upper auxiliary arms 13. The lower arms 12 project outward in a downwardly arcuate path adapted to the shoulder formation of a garment such as a dress, shirt, coat or the

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like. The upper arms 13 are provided with a steeper curvature so that the same approach closer to the lower arms as they extend outward. Thus the space between each lower arm and the associated upper arm tapers as the arm extends outward and the end 14 of each upper arm is located immediately above the upper edge of the lower arm. It will be seen, therefore, that the ends 14 of the upper arms 13 form, in cooperation with arms 12, clips to secure a garment 19 on the hanger as shown in Fig. 1. That is, the neck or collar portion of the garment is inserted between the upper and lower arms of the hanger with the ends 14 of the upper arms pinching the garment against the upper edges of the lower arms and securely holding the same in place.

The block portion 11 at the center of the hanger is provided with a lateral cutout 15 through which the shank 16 of a conventional wire hook 17 extends vertically. As usual, the lower end of shank 16 is peaned over to secure the hook to the hanger.

When the hook 17 is engaged over a rack, the upper arms 13 of the hanger provide a grip which is utilized to slide the hanger along the rack, the neck portion of the garment thus being protected against manual soiling.

In order that shoulder strap garments can be supported on the hanger of the invention either in conjunction with a coat type garment or alone, the following means are provided:

Each upper arm 13 is provided with a notch 18 in its upper edge, the inner side of the notch tapering gently and the outer side of the notch rising sharply, in fact arcing inward as at 20. To hang a shoulder strap garment alone on the hanger, the shoulder straps are engaged in said notches.

Each lower arm 12 has its end curled under to form a hook 21 which can be engaged by the shoulder strap of a garment located within a coat-type garment supported as described above.

It is to be mentioned that the hanger may be formed of wood, plastic or light metal.

A modified form of the invention is illustrated in Figs. 6 and 7 wherein like parts are given the same reference numerals as hereinabove with a prime added. In this form of the invention the under face of the end 14' of each upper arm 13' is provided with a plurality of serrations or teeth 22 which co-operate with like teeth 23 in the upper edge of the associated arm 12' in more firmly securing a garment in place. The remainder of the hanger is as described above.

It is to be understood that the upper arm 13

of the garment hanger may be of any desired length and style to correspond with the usual regulation hanger.

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 the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

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

In a garment hanger a central blocklike portion, a pair of downwardly arched lower arms projecting outward from opposite sides of said block, the ends of said lower arms being turned inwardly to form hook-like portions, a pair of integral sharply downwardly inclined shorter upper arms projecting outwardly from said block above said lower arms, said upper arms having their free ends located closely adjacent the upper edges of the lower arms intermediate the ends thereof, notches in the top surfaces of said upper arms adjacent the ends thereof, teeth on the under face of the end of each upper arm, and teeth on the adjacent portion of the upper edge of each lower arm.

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