Among the objects accomplished by this invention are:

- to provide a simple, inexpensive, and lightweight attachment for the common wire clothes hanger such as used by dry cleaning establishments to return cleaned garments to customers, and subsequently used in the home; to provide, by means of this attachment, additional, rounded, fuller, and more rigid shoulder support, so that the usual distortion and wrinkling, present by using the thin shoulder of wire, wood, or plastic hangers, is eliminated, and instead, a normal, full shoulder form is achieved; to give rigidity to the bar normally supporting trousers, skirts, etc., thereby preventing slipping, wrinkling, crimping, etc., and obviating the necessity of constant pressing before garments can be worn again;
- to provide an attachment for a wire type clothes hanger which, by providing graceful, rounded support to shoulder and bar areas, enhances the appearance of the garments, to make them more appealing to the eye at the site of sale in retail establishments such as department stores, clothing stores, etc.; to provide a non-slip hanger for sleeveless dresses, slips, gowns, etc.; and to provide an attachment, of the character mentioned, which may be used in combination with hangers of different sizes and which may quickly be attached and detached.

The drawings illustrate one embodiment of the invention, and these:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a wire clothes hanger with my attachment thereon;
Fig. 2 is a view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;
Fig. 3 is a view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and
Figs. 4 and 5 are views of the end portions of the attachment, taken on lines 4—4 and 5—5 respectively of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings for a more detailed description thereof, the numeral 7 indicates the wire hanger as a whole, to which is removably secured an attachment 8. The hanger shown is a common type, made from a single piece of wire, to form a hook 9 and a triangular body comprising sloping shoulder portions 11 and 12 and a horizontal portion or cross wire 13. The attachment 8 is made in one piece, and is broad relative to the wire of the hanger, for the reasons mentioned above. It is also in the form of an inverted channel, having its marginal side portions bent downwardly, for strength, and also to avoid sharp edges, being rounded at the bends. The attachment 8 comprises a bar 15, and S-shaped end portions 16 and 17, integral therewith, which rise above the shoulder portions of the hanger, to prevent certain clothes, as sleeveless gowns, from slipping off, as Fig. 1 shows, such slipping being one of the annoying defects of present hangers. The bar 15 has a groove 18 in its upper surface, to receive, and hold in place, the cross wire 13. The mentioned S-shaped end portions 16 and 17 of the attachment have longitudinal slots 16A and 17A respectively, to allow the end portions of the hanger to pass therethrough, and at the sides of the slots there are serrations 16B and 17B, which provide upwardly directed teeth (Figs. 4 and 5), to receive the shoulder portions of the hanger, the attachment being securely held to the hanger when the shoulder portions are pressed laterally between selected teeth. The S-shaped ends 16 and 17 are rounded at their ends and also transversely and are somewhat wider than the bar 15. It is to be said that the extreme distance between the slots is somewhat greater than the length of the hanger, and that one slot is longer than the other, whereby the hanger may be readily inserted into the slots by first inserting one end of the hanger into the longer slot and to the end thereof, leaving the other end inside the corresponding end of the attachment so that it may be pushed into the corresponding slot. The shoulder portions of the hanger are then pushed laterally into adjacent serrations, to lock the hanger and the attachment together.

What is claimed is:

1. An attachment for the conventional one-piece triangular clothes hanger formed of relatively thin wire and comprising sloping shoulder portions and a horizontal trousers holding portion joining the lower ends of the shoulder portions to form acute angled lateral end portions of the hanger, said attachment being adequately rigid, elongate, and integral, and substantially broader than the wire of the hanger and comprising an intermediate straight portion adapted to be placed immediately under the trousers holding portion of the hanger and an S-shaped portion at and rising from each end of the intermediate portion, each S-shaped portion having a closed slot through which an acute angled lateral end of the hanger may pass, each S-shaped portion being notched laterally adjoining its slot to receive and normally retain therein a shoulder portion of the wire hanger and each S-shaped portion extending above a shoulder portion of the hanger to function as retaining means to prevent certain types of garments from falling off the hanger.

2. The combination of a triangular clothes hanger formed from a single, continuous, relatively thin wire and comprising sloping shoulder portions and a trousers holding portion joining the lower ends of the shoulder portions to form acute angled lateral end portions of the hanger, and an adequately rigid attachment for the hanger, said attachment being elongate and integral and substantially broader than the wire of the hanger and comprising an intermediate portion and an S-shaped portion at each end of, and rising from, the intermediate portion, the latter portion being immediately under the trousers holding portion of the hanger, each S-shaped portion having a closed slot through which an acute angled end portion of the hanger extends, and notched laterally adjoining its slot, a shoulder portion of the hanger being disposed in a notch of a slot, each S-shaped end portion extending above a shoulder portion of the hanger to function as clothes-retaining means.

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