

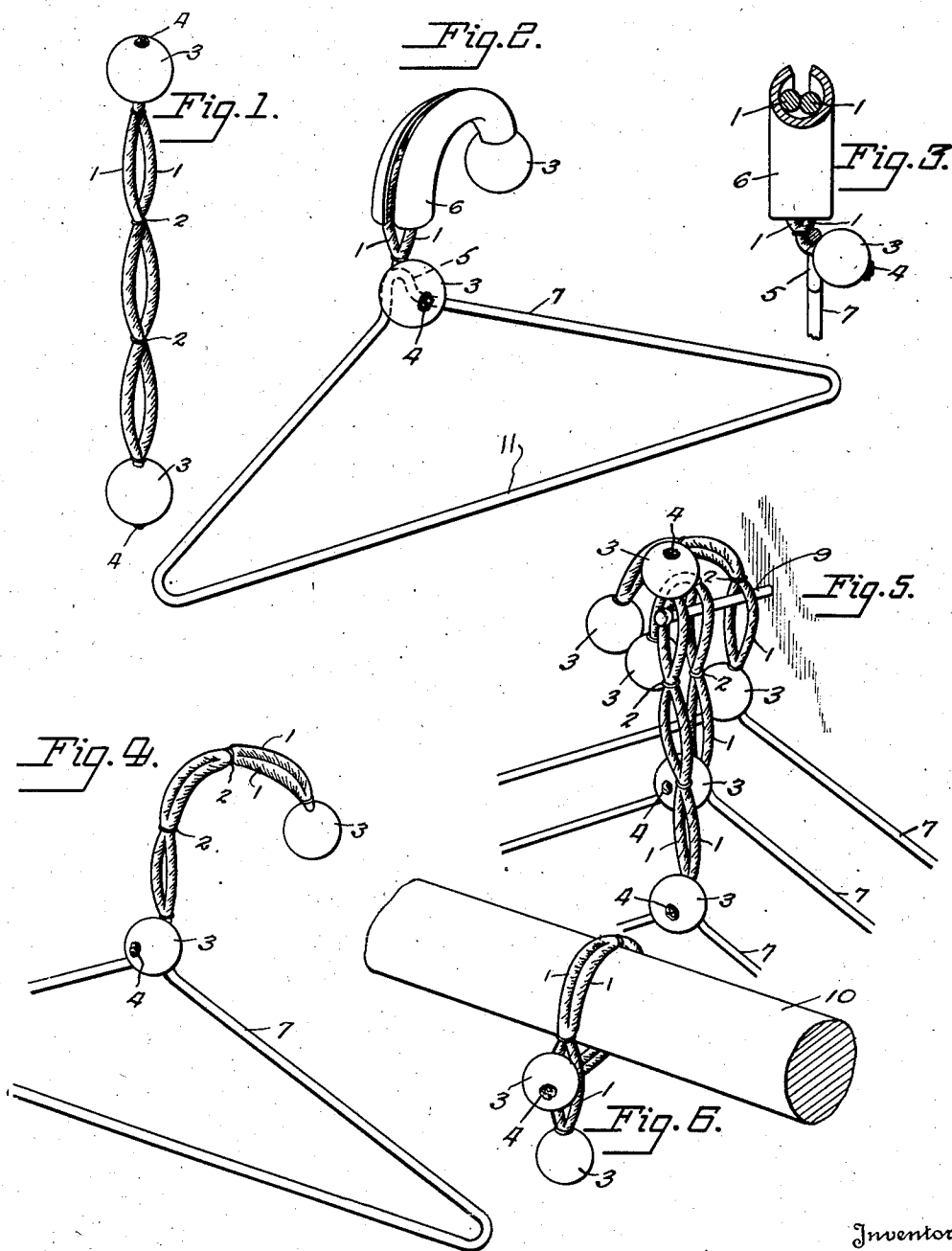
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This invention relates to coat hangers and more particularly to a device in the nature of a suspender for coat hangers, and the object of the invention is to provide an economical and efficient device which permits the simplification of the conventional coat hanger structure with a saving of material therein while at the same time permitting the more efficient use of such coat hangers.

Various other objects will more particularly appear in the course of the following detailed description.

The invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and combinations of parts hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

One sheet of drawings accompanies this specification as part thereof in which like reference characters indicate like parts throughout:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of the improved suspender device;

Figure 2 shows one form of the improved device associated with a conventional wire coat hanger;

Figure 3 is a medial transverse cross section through the form of suspender device illustrated in Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of a suspender device associated with a conventional coat hanger;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of a plurality of coat hangers associated with the improved suspender device suspended from a nail and illustrating one utility of the device; and

Figure 6 is a perspective view of an improved suspender device associated with a supporting rod.

In accordance with the present invention the suspender device comprises two strands of cord 1—1 positioned side by side and having their opposite adjacent ends fixedly secured to buttons 3—3. As herein illustrated the adjacent ends of the cords 1—1 are threaded through holes extending through the buttons 3 and secured by exterior knots 4. The cord strands 1—1 are secured together at spaced intervals intermediate the buttons 3—3 as by wrappings of thread 2 or other suitable fastening clips as may be desired. These intermediate fastenings are positioned so as to provide a plurality of aligned loops, each of sufficient length to permit the passage of one of the buttons 3—3 therethrough.

With the suspender device thus described it is apparent that the coat hanger 7 can be con-

structed without any hook portion and where made of wire will preferably be formed with an outwardly directed notch-forming loop 5 with which one of the buttons 3 of the suspender device can coact as illustrated in Figures 2 and 4. Where the coat hanger is formed of paper or cardboard as is now common due to the scarcity of metal, a similar notch would be provided in a similar location, substantially medial the transverse rigid arm-engaging member 11.

Where a rigid hook-like form is desired a tubular encasement member 6 will be provided formed preferably of some substantially rigid or slightly resilient material and provided with a longitudinally extending slit by means of which the tubular hook-like encasement member can be spread and slipped over the flexible cord members 1—1 as illustrated in Figures 2 and 3, thus providing a substantially rigid hook supporter which can be attached or detached to a coat hanger as may be desired.

An alternative method of using the improved suspender device as a rigid hook consists in impregnating the cord members 1—1 with a suitable material which will upon drying cause the cords to become rigid and maintain the hooked shape into which they have been formed before the hardening process began. Glue or any of the various synthetic materials now on the market can be utilized for this purpose. Here again the portions of the cords immediately adjacent the buttons would not be treated so that the suspender device can be attached or detached from the coat hangers.

In the preferred use of the device the cord members will be allowed to remain in their natural flexible state which permits several useful functions not possible with ordinary coat hangers. For instance, as illustrated in Figure 5 a plurality of coat hangers, each associated with one of the improved suspender devices can be hung on a common supporting nail 9 by passing different loops over the nail so that the coat hangers will be positioned, one above the other and thus display at a glance the garments suspended, one behind the other.

A further utility of the improved device is illustrated in Figure 6 in which one of the suspender devices is shown looped about a suspending rod 10 with one of the buttons passed through one of the loops leaving the other button free to be attached or detached to coat hangers as desired.

From the above description of the improved device, it will be apparent that with a reasonable

supply of the suspender device the use for hooks on coat hangers disappears as these suspender devices can readily be left positioned on suspending rods or nails in the cupboard as illustrated and any number of coat hangers without hooks can be associated therewith selectively as desired. Thus, a merchant, such as a tailor having once supplied his patrons with a sufficient number of the suspender devices can avail himself of the simplified coat hanger proper which can be made substantially cheaper than when provided with the hook part. The actual user of the device in the home will be more satisfactorily served by reason of the selective character of the uses to which it can be applied as illustrated herein.

The devices can obviously be made with any desired number of loops and the particular style of buttons is not material. Any type of engagement member adapted to co-operate as indicated may be used. Similarly, the term "cord" is used

throughout and in the claims in its broadest sense, and includes wires or any other flexible members having suitable strength.

What I claim is:

5 1. Suspension device for coat hangers comprising a cord-like member, button members firmly secured to the ends of the cord member and a tubular rigid member of fixed hook-like conformation having a slit on its outer side enclosing the cord member intermediate the buttons.

10 2. Suspension device for coat hangers comprising a cord-like member, a rigid tubular member of fixed hook-like conformation slotted longitudinally on the outer side of the hook and throughout its length, the cord-like member enclosed within the bore of said tubular member, means for preventing the withdrawal of the cord-like member longitudinally from the tubular member, and means on the cord for engaging a hanger.

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