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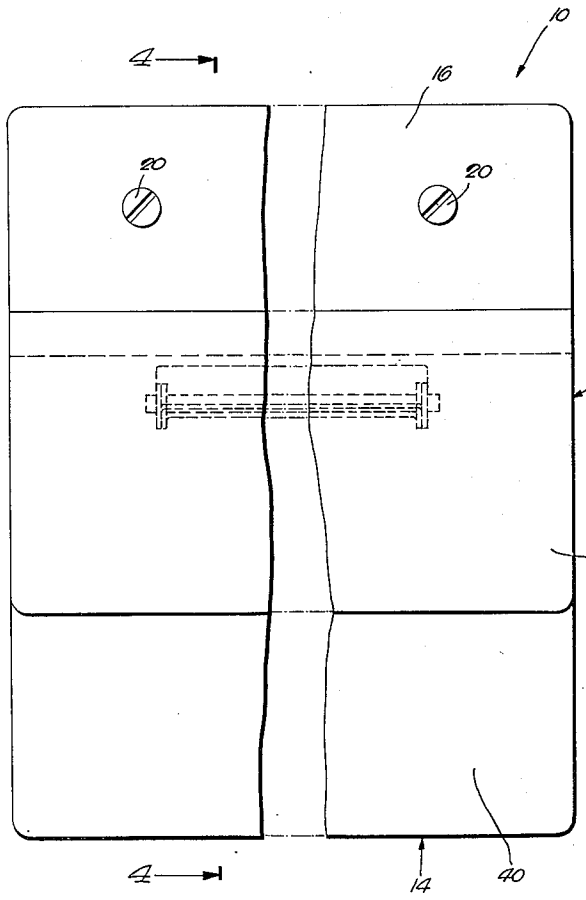
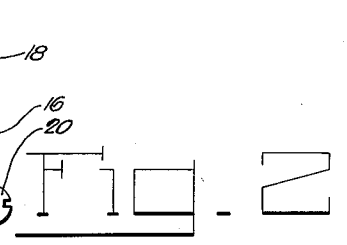


FIG. 1



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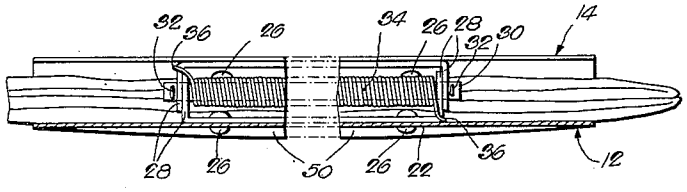

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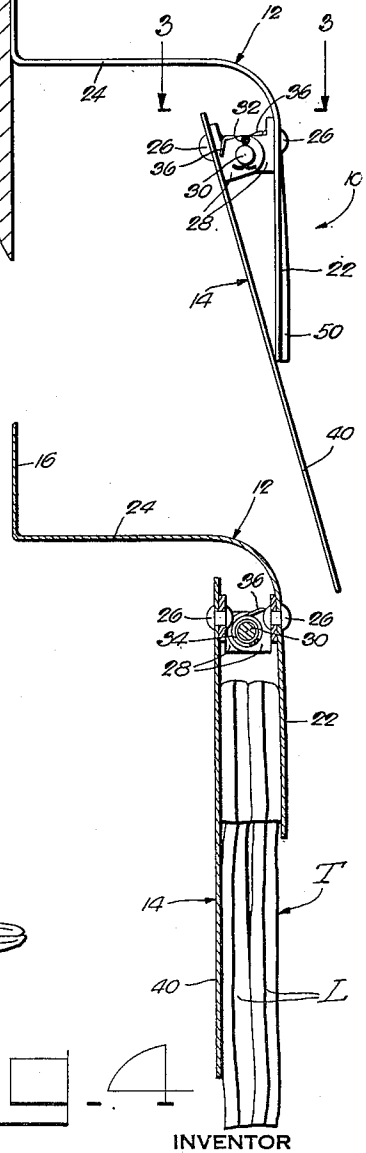

FIG. 4

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This invention relates to clothes hangers, and more particularly to hangers for trousers or like garments.

It is the primary object of the present invention to provide a hanger on which a user may quickly and conveniently suspend trousers, for instance, in inverted disposition, without requiring the user's fingers which may solely be occupied with the task of holding the leg ends of the trousers neatly superposed for their suspension on the hanger in an orderly fashion.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a hanger of this type which is extremely simple in construction, efficient in its use, and suitable for low cost mass production.

The above and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be more fully understood from the following description considered in connection with the accompanying illustrative drawings.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation, partly broken away, of a hanger embodying the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the hanger in mounted position; and

Figs. 3 and 4 are sections taken on the lines 3—3 of Fig. 2 and 4—4 of Fig. 1, respectively.

Referring to the drawings, the reference numeral 10 designates a hanger which comprises essentially two complementary members 12 and 14 that are hingedly connected in a manner hereinafter described. The member 12 may be made from fairly strong sheet metal and formed into the shape shown in Fig. 2, to provide a rearwardly offset portion 16 which is mountable on a wall or other upright support 18 by means of screws 20, for instance, and a depending forward section 22 which is adapted to cooperate with member 14 for the suspension therebetween of trousers or like garments in a manner hereinafter described. The intermediate section 24 of member 12 serves to space the forward section 22 thereof from the wall or support 18. Member 14 is in the form of a plate which, like member 12, may be made of fairly strong sheet metal. Preferably, both members 12 and 14 are rust-proofed in any suitable way to permit the use of the instant hanger as a drier for wet trousers or like garments, if so desired.

The members 12 and 14 have suitably secured thereto, as by rivets 26, for instance, complementary hinge parts 28, respectively, through which extends a hinge pin 30 that is held against axial removal by cotter pins 32, or the like. Member 14 is normally urged into engagement with

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the forward section 22 of member 12 by a torsion spring 34 which surrounds the hinge pin 32 and has its opposite ends 36 suitably anchored on the hinge parts 28, respectively, in the fashion shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

It will be noted in Figs. 1, 2 and 4 that member 14 depends at 40 considerably below the depending section 22 of member 12, and this depending portion 40 serves as a momentary back rest for trousers or a like garment before the same is suspended on the hanger.

Before using the instant hanger, the user inverts the trousers T to be suspended, for instance, and neatly folds them with their legs L superposed in the conventional orderly fashion. This task is most conveniently accomplished if the user employs the fingers of both hands in the well known manner. While thus holding the orderly arranged legs of the trousers in suspended fashion with the fingers at the overlapped leg ends thereof, the user forces these overlapped leg ends against the back rest portion 40 of member 14 and thereby depresses the same into the position shown in Fig. 4, whereupon the user slides the overlapped leg ends of the trousers upwardly on member 14 into the position shown in Fig. 4, all without relinquishing the fingers' grasp on the trousers. Once the superposed leg ends of the trousers are in place as shown in Fig. 4, they are released by the user and will remain clamped between the depending forward section 22 of member 12 and the member 14 by the spring-closing action of the latter, as will be readily understood. To remove the trousers, it is merely necessary to grasp the overlapped leg ends thereof beyond the opposite sides of the hanger and slide them downwardly from between section 22 and member 14 while depressing the latter slightly.

The instant hanger is noteworthy for its extreme structural simplicity. Thus, the several parts thereof may, with the exception of the torsion spring 34, be punched from sheet-metal stock and formed into the required shapes by simple cutting and forming dies, without requiring any machining thereafter. The punched and formed parts of the hanger may readily be assembled by the simple expediency of riveting the hinge parts 28 to the members 12 and 14, respectively, and completing the assembly by applying the hinge pin 32 and torsion spring 34.

Despite its great structural simplicity, the instant hanger is efficient and extremely convenient in its use. Thus, the described suspension of orderly arranged trousers on the hanger without

compelling the user to relinquish his or her hold on the trousers is unusually convenient and highly appreciated by anyone who has had previous experience with suspending trousers on conventional hangers requiring some finger manipulation for the application thereto of the trousers.

If the hanger **10** is primarily intended for trousers with or without French cuffs, the lower portion of the depending section **22** of member **12** is preferably centrally outwardly curved as at **50**, so that the section **22** substantially clears, or does not excessively clamp, the middle portion of the superposed leg ends of the trousers where the conventional side seams of the trouser legs add to the thickness of the rest of the superposed trouser legs.

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

1. A garment hanger, comprising cooperating jaws hingedly connected at adjacent ends thereof and normally spring-closed and adapted to clamp a garment therebetween, one of said jaws having a co-planar extension beyond the other end of the other jaw, and said other jaw having a rigid extension to that side of said one jaw which is remote from said other jaw and serving as a mounting for said other jaw on any upright support, said one jaw and extension thereof being a substantially flat plate, and said other jaw being a substantially flat portion of a plate of which an extension from said portion is offset relative to the latter.

2. A garment hanger, comprising a cross-sectionally Z-shaped first plate having substantially

parallel spaced leg portions and a connecting portion between said leg portions, one of said leg portions serving to mount said plate on an upright support, and another plate between said leg portions hingedly connected at one end with said other leg portion and being normally spring-closed against the latter and adapted to cooperate therewith to clamp a garment therebetween, said other plate having an extension beyond the end of said other leg portion which is depressible for the placement of a garment in, or its removal from, clamping relation with said other plate and other leg portion.

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