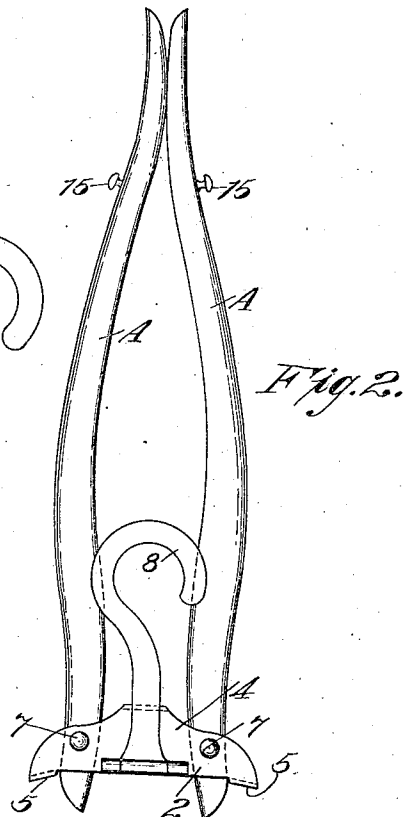
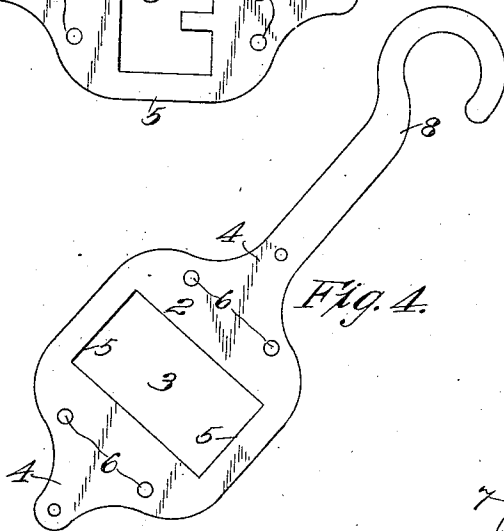
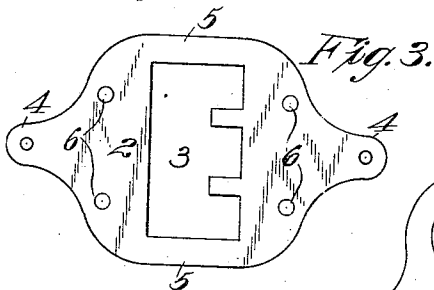
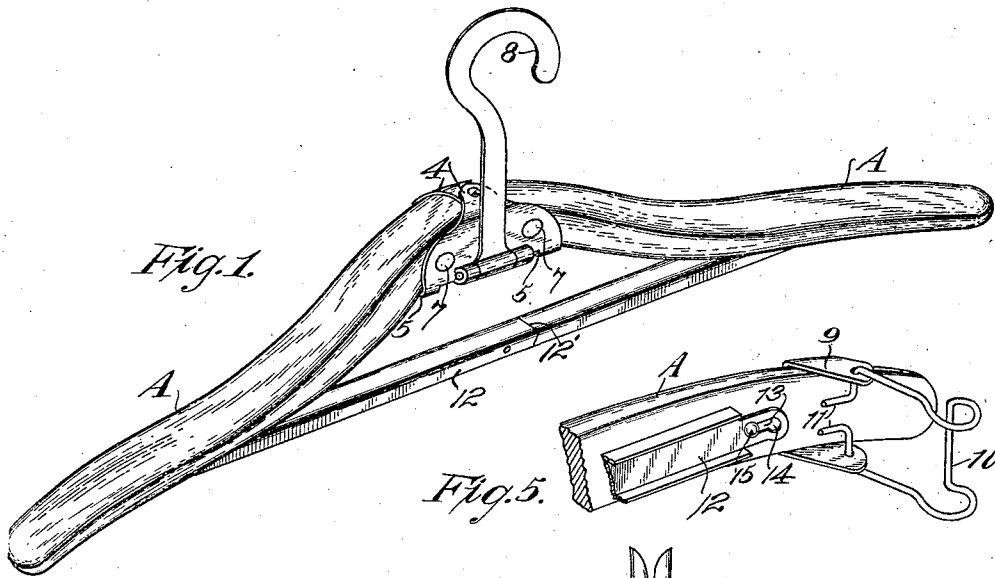


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERICK O. FELLROTH, a citizen of Sweden, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garment hanging devices and especially to devices for supporting coats, vests, skirts and the like in such fashion as to preserve their proper shape when not in use.

The object of the present invention is to provide a hanger of very simple construction, which will be cheap, practical, and moreover capable of being folded into a small compass so as to occupy very little room in a handbag, suit-case or trunk.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved garment hanger extended for use. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same in folded position. Figs. 3 and 4 represent blanks for the central support. Fig. 5 is a perspective of a part of the device showing the attachments.

A—A represent two arms of suitable size, shape and material hinged proximate to their adjacent ends to a central support and adapted to be extended in operative position or to be folded when not in use into substantially parallel position. I prefer to make these arms of wood for the reason especially that a wooden arm can be made large enough to give a good broad support for the garment without creasing it and yet not unduly increase the weight of the hanger.

The central support for the arms is preferably made of sheet metal from a blank as shown in Figs. 3 or 4. This blank, Fig. 3, comprises a plate 2 having a central elongated opening 3 and the ears or side extensions 4 on each side of the opening. The ends of the opening are closed as shown at 5. To form the support for the arms A the blank is folded to bring the sides of the plate parallel with one another and at right angles to the parts 5 and then bending the ears 4 over on one another and riveting or soldering them together. The upturned sides of the plate

having been punctured as shown in the blank at 6 on either side of the transverse center of the support, the pivot pins 7 are passed through the holes 6 and through perforations in the arms A near the inner ends of the latter. Each arm when in extended position will be supported on its under side on a cross-piece 5 on one side of its pivot and the top of the arm at its inner end will be supported on the other side of its pivot by means of the centrally closed part of the support formed by the overlapped and united parts 4. The opening 3 is large enough to accommodate the inner ends of the arms and allow them to swing freely downward when the arms are folded upward into closed inoperative position.

A hook 8 for supporting the hanger on a nail or the like, is either made integral with plate 2 as in Fig. 4 and then bent upward in suitable shape, or else it is hinged to the lower end of one side of support 2. The latter construction is preferred because it is thus out of the way of the collar of a coat and has a tendency to throw the hanger to one side to give plenty of room for the garment and let the latter be supported in the most appropriate way to prevent wrinkles or twist in the garment.

The arms may be provided with the slidable yokes 9 in which are pivotally mounted the wire loops 10 adapted for supporting trousers and other garments. These loops 10 have each an inturned portion 11 adapted to bind against the side of an arm and prevent a yoke slipping when any weight or inward pressure is brought on the loops. Thus a pair of trousers may be hung from the two loops 10, the yokes slid out on the arms and the garment will be stretched and held taut. When it is desired to take the garment down, a slight outward movement on one or both loops, allows one or both of the yokes to slide in on the arms and permit the garment to be easily disengaged.

By the foregoing construction, I provide a neat, light, cheap and practical foldable hanger; using wooden arms instead of metal; said hanger occupying very little space in a hand-bag or other receptacle.

Under some circumstances I may provide a further attachment to the hanger in the nature of a removable sectional hinged brace 12. The sections of this brace are preferably

of sheet metal and made channel form for rigidity, and their outer ends are curved downward and slotted lengthwise as shown at 13, and the outer ends of these slots 13 are offset as at 14 to provide seats for the pins 15 to lock in when the arms and sections of the braces are straightened. The sections are pivoted together, one inside of the other, so that one will have a part 12' overlapping the other enough to form a stop against the sections dropping down too far when straightened. The brace as well as the arms of the holder fold upward; but the brace must be removed before the holder can be folded.

The slots 13 allow the quick removal or the placing in position of the brace between the arms. If a very heavy coat is to be hung on the holder, the brace gives the holder additional rigidity; more particularly the brace provides a cross-bar unsupported, except at its ends on which to hang garments. The brace can be used either in conjunction with the yokes 9, or the latter can be omitted.

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

1. In a garment hanger, the combination of a central support and two arms hinged to said support and foldable one on the other, said support comprising a metal plate made from a blank having a central longitudinal slot closed at the ends, said blank having side extensions between its ends, said side extensions folded over the top of said opening and united to form a central stop to limit the upward movement of the inner ends of the hinged arms, and the portions of said plate at the ends of said slot forming stops for the downward movement of the outer ends of said arms.

2. In a garment hanger, the combination of a central support and two arms hinged to said support and foldable one on the other, said support comprising a metal plate made from a blank having a central longitudinal slot closed at the ends, said blank having side extensions between its ends, said side exten-

sions folded over the top of said opening and united to form a central stop to limit the upward movement of the inner ends of the hinged arms, the portions of said plate at the ends of said slot forming stops for the downward movement of the outer ends of said arms, and a hook portion for supporting said hanger formed integral with the blank and bent upward into suitable shape.

3. A garment hanger comprising a central support and two arms pivoted thereto, said arms foldable into substantially parallel position, said arms each provided with a suitable yoke, wire loops pivoted to said yokes and having projections to engage the arms when the loops are pendent and lock the yokes against movement.

4. In a garment hanger having oppositely extending supporting arms, a yoke slidable on each arm, a wire-loop member pivoted to each yoke and having an inwardly extending projection to cooperate with an arm and lock the yoke against movement when a garment is supported by the loop.

5. The combination with a garment-hanger having oppositely extending arms, of a sectional hinged brace having means for detachably securing said brace to the under side of said arms.

6. The combination with a garment-hanger having oppositely extending arms, of a brace formed with a pair of channeled sections hinged together at their ends, one of said sections overlapping the other section and providing a stop to limit the pivotal movement of one section on the other, and connections for the outer ends of said sections with the corresponding arms of the hanger.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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