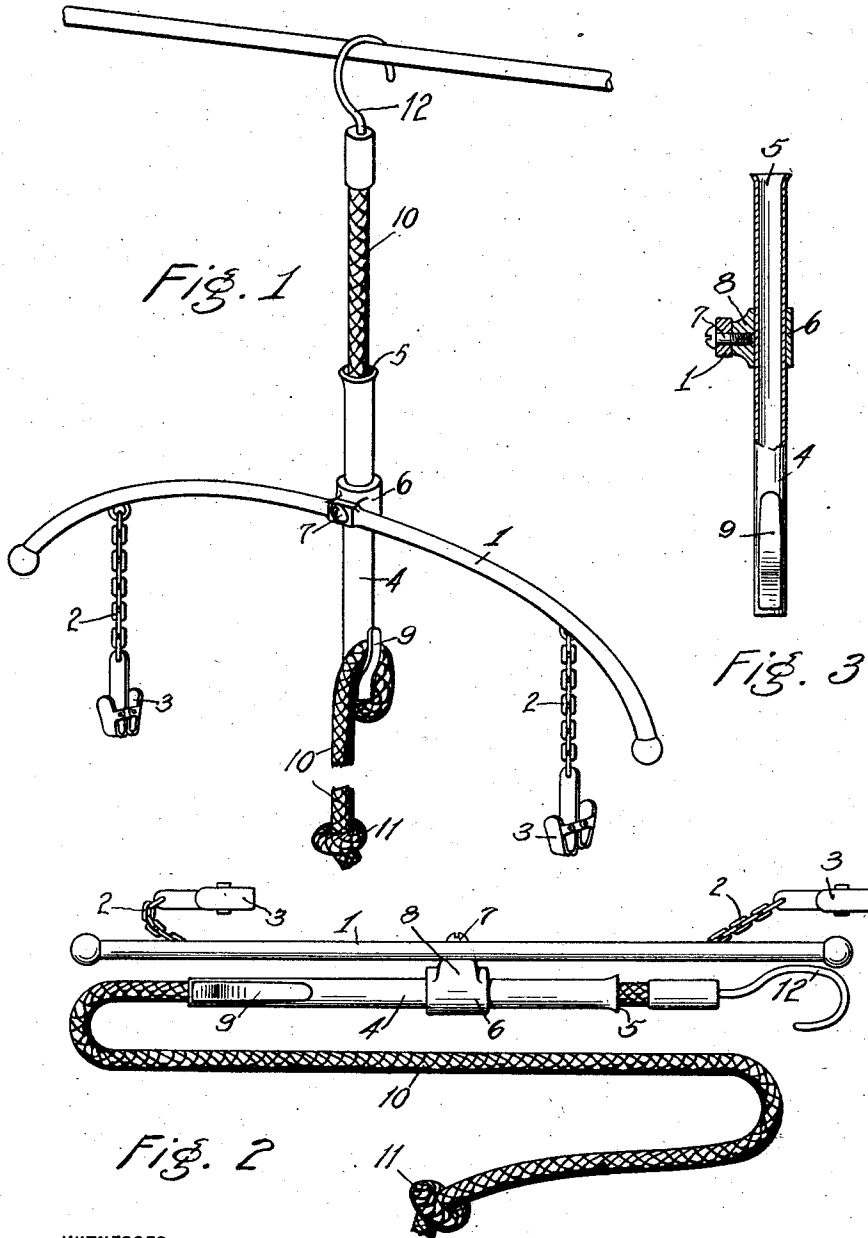


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD W. HUNTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Blaine, in the county of Whatcom and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Suit-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparel apparatus, and particularly to hangers for holding garments.

The object of the invention is to provide a suit-hanger of simple and inexpensive construction that is adaptable and useful in any of the situations to which a device of the said character might be applicable but is especially intended for use of travelers upon sleeping cars where conveniences for proper care of clothing are not readily available.

The invention therefore consists in the novel construction, adaptation and combination of a suit-hanger with devices for adjustably regulating the height thereof relative to the floor and the fixed point of suspension for the purpose of adapting the same to the contingencies of the user being an occupant of either a lower or an upper berth, and also of means to fold same in a compact form to readily stow away in the traveling impedimenta of the user.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention in operative condition. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same in folded condition. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view.

The reference numeral 1 designates a coat hanger of ordinary or suitable construction. A chain 2, or other flexible connection, is secured at one end near each of the extremities of said hanger and at its other end is provided with a duplex spring clasp 3 or an equivalent device for conveniently and securely attaching thereto a pair of trousers or a skirt, as by the waist band thereof.

4 is a tubular sleeve having an axial bore 5 therethrough. In proximity of its upper end said sleeve is provided with a circumferential collar 6 having a wall 8 of increased thickness to afford material to include a screw-threaded hole for the reception of a threaded pin 7 rectangulary directed with relation to the axis of said sleeve. The hanger 1 is pivotally mounted upon said pin intermediate the ends of the former. A

clip 9 is fixedly secured in proximity of the lower end of said sleeve and is extended therefrom outwardly in an upwardly inclined direction for the purposes presently set forth.

10 is a flexible cord of a size to be received through the bore 5 of said sleeve with considerable friction and of any suitable or desired length in excess of the length of the sleeve 4. Passed through said bore, as illustrated, its lower end terminates in a knot 11 or other enlargement to prevent the same from slipping through the sleeve and its opposite upper end is provided with a swivel hook 12.

As previously stated, the application of the invention is particularly useful in traveling upon sleeping cars and the manner of using the same is as follows: Coats and vests, waists or jackets, can most conveniently be adjusted upon the hanger 1 which is formed in the conventional manner as adapted to hang such garments in best condition. Trousers, undergarments, or skirts may be secured and adjusted in the suspended clasps 3. The swivel hook 12 is engaged upon a convenient support, as for instance, a curtain rod, and should the user be occupying a lower berth the hanger may most conveniently be allowed to hang relatively low, the cord 10 being slidably passed through the sleeve 4 until the latter is engaged by the knot 11, as shown in Fig. 1, and interferes with the cord's further passage therethrough, thus reliably securing the hanger in such lowermost position. When the hanger is suspended in this condition, it is balanced upon its pivotal connection 7 with the sleeve and will remain substantially rectangular thereto under the weight of the supported garments.

Any higher elevation of the suspended garments desired is accomplished by raising the hanger and connected sleeve and drawing the cord through the latter to the required amount. The slack end of the cord is thereupon given an upward bend and firmly wedged in the angular space between the clip 9 and the exterior wall of said sleeve. It may be thus secured at any elevation and forms a safe and convenient stop wherever it may be adjusted.

When not in use, the device may be folded, as shown in Fig. 2, in compact condition to occupy but little space. The sleeve 4 is

tilted into parallel relation with the hanger 1 and the cord is looped or wound around the same to secure them in such folded relation and may thus be easily carried in a traveling bag or the like, for use where such conveniences are lacking.

The advantages of the invention are readily apparent and while it is especially adapted to the purposes described, it is useful and convenient in any situation as a garment hanger.

While the present invention has been illustrated and described with some detail, I do not intend to be confined to the precise particulars set forth, as it is obvious that various changes and modifications of the illustrated example may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention, is—

1. A suit hanger, a tubular sleeve pivotally connected to said hanger, a flexible suspending cord slidably engaged within said sleeve, and means upon said sleeve to secure said cord at adjusted elevations relative to the point of suspension.

2. A suit hanger, a tubular sleeve pivotally connected to said hanger, a flexible suspending cord slidably engaged within said sleeve, and cooperating devices upon the opposite ends of said cord to secure said hanger in suspended condition.

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