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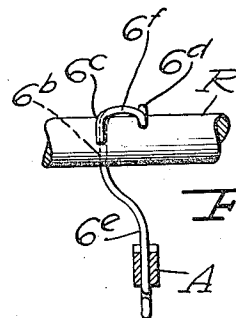
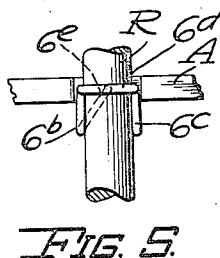
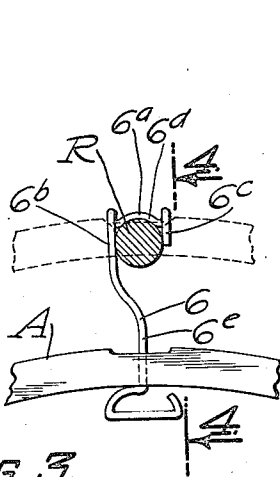
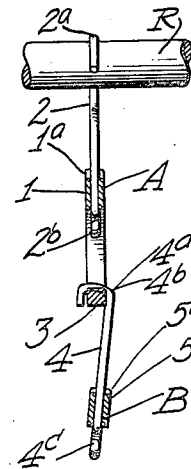
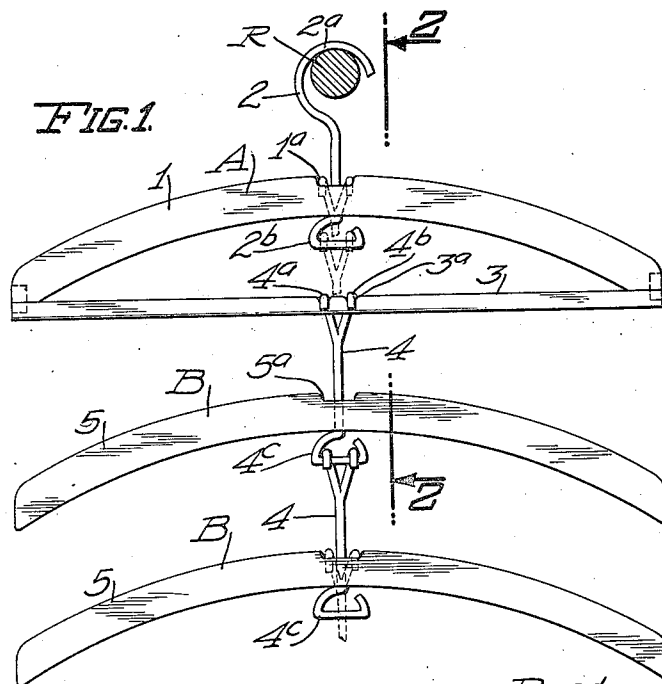


FIG. 3.

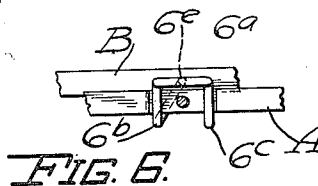


FIG. 6.

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Our invention relates to clothes hangers.

One of the principal objects of this invention is to provide a clothes-hanger means in which separate clothes hangers are arranged in a battery so that closet space or other clothes hanging space is conserved so that many more garments may be properly hung in a given space.

An important object also of this invention is to provide such battery of clothes hangers which may be hung from the means usually provided therefor in ordinary clothes closets.

Another important object also of this invention is to provide novel and simple means for hanging one clothes hanger on another and in such a manner that they may not be readily shifted with respect to each other.

A further object of this invention is to provide a means of this class whereby one clothes hanger may be hung in various elevated positions with respect to the upper or supporting clothes hanger.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a clothes hanger hook which may be readily hung from a rail or other supporting member extending in a direction parallel to the clothes hanger or at an angle thereto, whereby the same clothes hanger may be supported from an ordinary clothes hanger rail or from another clothes hanger.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear hereinafter, we have devised a clothes hanger means of the class mentioned, having certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts and portions, as will be hereinafter described in detail and particularly set forth in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and the characters of reference thereon, which form a part of this application, in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a battery of clothes hangers showing by dotted lines, and fragmentarily, different supported positions of clothes hangers hung from clothes hangers positioned above;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view in elevation, taken through 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary side view of the hook portion of a modified form of our clothes hanger, the dotted lines showing a clothes hanger from which the hook may be supported;

Fig. 4 is a sectional elevational view thereof and taken through 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a top view of the modified structure; and,

Fig. 6 is a top view thereof supported from another clothes hanger.

The clothes hanger A, shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing will be referred to herein as the master or supporting clothes hanger, and is similar in construction to clothes hangers now in use. It consists of a clothes hanging portion 1, a supporting hook 2, and a cross-bar or rod 3 at the lower portion. The portion 1 is of convex shape and the hook 2 is positioned at the median line thereof and extends thereabove. The hook portion 2^a at the upper end is shown as being hooked over a clothes rail R, which is commonly installed in clothes closets for clothes hangers.

The principal difference between the clothes hanger A and the ones now in use is that there are provided three places from which may be hung the hook of a second clothes hanger B. The first place of support of the hook of the second clothes hanger B is a notched portion 1^a at the median portion of the member 1 around the shank of the hook 2. The second place for supporting the hook of the clothes hanger B is a hook or eye 2^b at the lower end of the shank of the hook 2. The third place for supporting the hook of the hanger B is a notched portion 3^a intermediate the ends of the cross-bar or rod 3 of the hanger A. In Fig. 1 of the drawing, we have shown the second clothes hanger B supported from the cross-bar 3 and the hook of the hanger B as being located by the notches in the cross-bar. In the same view of the drawing we have shown, by dotted lines, fragmentary portions of a clothes hanger B supported, respectively, from the notched portion 1^a and the eye 2^b of the hanger A.

The hanger B is shown without a cross-bar, although such may also be provided on the clothes hanger B. The latter hanger is shown as provided with a special hook 4, the upper end of which has two hooks 4^a and 4^b which are spaced apart laterally, that is, the hook portions are in alignment with each other so that both hooks may extend over the notched portion 1^a, into the hook or eye 2^b, and over the notched portion 3^a. In Fig. 1 of the drawing, the spaced apart hooks 4^a and 4^b are provided at the upper ends of the furcations of a bifurcated upper end of the hook 4.

The hanger portion 5 of the hanger B is also provided with a notch 5^a around the shank of the hook 4 for supporting the hook portion of another hanger B. The lower end of the shank of the hook 4 is also shown as provided with an eye or hook 4^c for similarly supporting the hooks of another hanger B.

In the modifications shown in Figs. 3, 4, 5, and 6, the upper end of the hook 6 is shaped to per-

form the functions of the spaced apart hook portions at the upper end of the hook 4. However, another function is intended to be performed by the particular shape, namely that of supporting a hanger on a clothes rail, in a closet. Thus, the same clothes hanger may be used as the first or top clothes hanger for supporting a battery of hangers from a clothes rail, as well as hanging one clothes hanger from another. Thus, a two-way hook is provided for supporting the clothes hanger from a member which is positioned at right angles to the clothes hanger and also from a member which is positioned parallel to the clothes hanger.

In Fig. 3 of the drawing is shown a hook 6^a which comprises a curved or arched portion 6^d arranged between portions 6^b and 6^c, for hanging the hook from a clothes rail R. The portion 6^d, which is intended to support the hanger on the rail R, is preferably positioned in alignment with the shank 6^e of the hook, as shown in Fig. 4.

Fig. 4 shows a hook portion or recess 6^f between the arched portion 6^d and the leg portions 6^b and 6^c, for receiving one of the above-mentioned supporting portions of the upper clothes hanger, as shown in Fig. 6, and by dotted lines in Fig. 3.

Though we have shown and described a particular construction, combination, and arrangement of parts and portions of our clothes hanger, and certain modifications thereof, we do not wish to be limited to the same, but desire to include in the scope of our invention the construction, combination, and arrangement substantially as set forth in the appended claims.

We claim:

1. In a means of the class described, a clothes hanger comprising a hanger portion, having a transverse notch intermediate its ends, and a clothes bar secured at its ends to the ends of the hanger portion, the bar also having a transverse notch at its median portion and in a vertical alignment with and corresponding in shape and size with the first notch, both notches being capable of locating therein a second hanger in definite vertical positions.
2. In a means of the class described, a clothes hanger having a convex hanger portion and a supporting hook, the hook having a shank extending upwardly from the hanger portion, the hanger portion having a notch around the shank of the hook, the hanger having a clothes bar secured at its ends to the ends of the hanger portion, the bar having also a transverse notch at its median portion and in a vertical alignment with and corresponding in shape and size with the first notch, both notches being capable of locating therein a second hanger in definite vertical positions.
3. In a means of the class described, a clothes hanger comprising a hanger portion, a supporting hook therefor, and a clothes bar secured at its ends to the ends of the hanger portion, the bar having a transverse notch at its median portion, said notch being in substantial alignment with the hook, said hanger having an eye located between the hanger portion and the bar and in substantial

alignment with the hook and the notch, and a second hanger having a bifurcated support at its upper end, the furcations having parallel spaced hooks adapted to fit over the hanger portion and straddle the support therefor, both of said spaced hooks being capable also of fitting and being located within either the notch or the eye.

4. In a means of the class described, a clothes hanger comprising a hanger portion, having a transverse notch at its median portion, and a clothes bar secured at its ends to the ends of the hanger portion, the bar also having a transverse notch at its median portion, said hanger having an eye located between the hanger portion and the bar and in substantial alignment with the notches in both, and a second hanger having a bifurcated support at its upper end, the furcations having parallel spaced hooks, both of said spaced hooks being capable of fitting and being located within either of the notches or the eye.

5. In a means of the class described, a clothes hanger comprising a hanger portion having a transverse notch intermediate its ends, said hanger being provided with an eye below the hanger portion and in substantial alignment with the notch, and a second hanger having a bifurcated support at its upper end, the furcations having parallel spaced hooks, both of said spaced hooks being capable of fitting and being located within said notch or said eye.

6. In a means of the class described, a clothes hanger having a hanger portion, the hook having a shank extending upwardly from the hanger portion, the hanger portion having a notch around the shank of the hook, an eye located below the hanger portion and in substantial alignment with the notch, and a second hanger having a bifurcated support at its upper end, the furcations having parallel spaced hooks, both of said spaced hooks being capable of fitting and being located within said notch or said eye, said spaced hooks being capable of straddling the shank when said hooks are located in the notch around the shank.

7. In a means of the class described, a clothes hanger having a hanger portion and a supporting hook extending upwardly from the hanger portion, the upper end of the hook being constructed with two substantially co-planar hook portions having transverse axes located at right angles to each other for supporting either of the hook portions on supports located at right angles to each other.

8. In a means of the class described, a clothes hanger comprising a hook at its upper end and an eye at its lower end, the eye having a substantially horizontal portion at its lower end in substantial alignment with the hook, and a second hanger having a bifurcated support at its upper end, the furcations having parallel spaced hooks, said spaced hooks being capable of straddling the first hook over the hanger, and also capable of extending through the eye and locating both of hooks therein.

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