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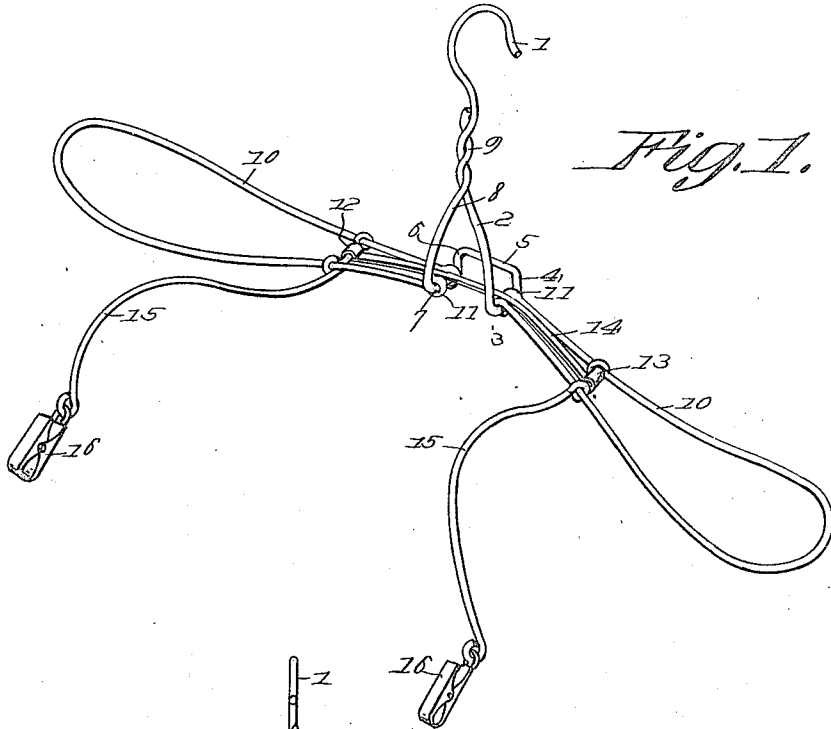


Fig. 1.

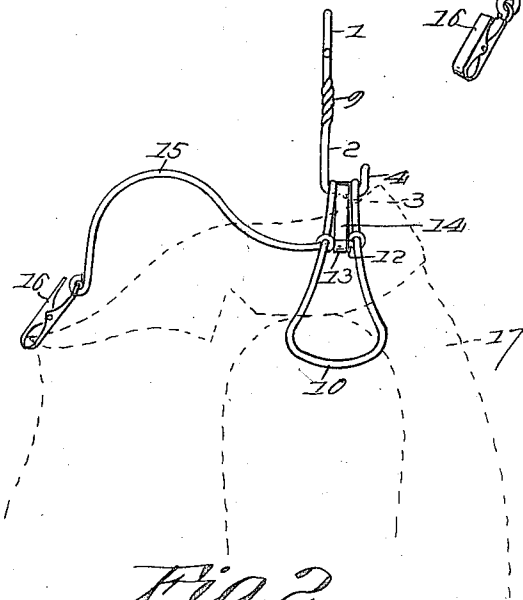


Fig. 2.

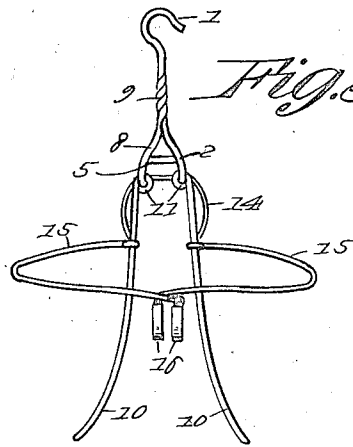


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD P. LE COMPTE, citizen of the United States, residing at Park City, in the county of Summit and State of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat Adjusters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in clothes hangers and more particularly to an improved coat adjuster.

The primary object of the present invention is to furnish a coat hanger of simple and inexpensive construction.

A further object of the invention is to furnish an improved coat hanger having means for holding the coat lapels extended, so that a person may readily place his arms in a coat while the coat is supported by the hanger.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved coat hanger adapted to support a coat while a person is placing his arms in the sleeves of the coat, and to readily release the coat after the wearer has placed his arms in the sleeves.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a folding coat rack adapted to hold the coat lapels in spaced relation to permit a person to place his arms in the sleeves of the coat while the coat is supported by the hanger, and to then permit the wearer to withdraw the coat from the hanger while the wearer's arms occupy the sleeves of the coat.

Another object of the invention is to provide coat lapel engaging members designed to be attached to an ordinary coat hanger to permit a person to place his arms in the sleeves of a coat while the coat is suspended on said hanger.

With the foregoing objects outlined, and with other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the novel features hereinafter described in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved coat hanger.

Figure 2 is an end view of the same and showing a coat supported thereby.

Figure 3 is a front view of the hanger in folded condition.

The construction shown in the accompany-

ing drawing illustrates the preferred embodiment of the invention, but it is apparent that the details may be varied in many respects without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing, 1 designates a hook forming one end of a wire member 2 which is provided at its lower portion with a horizontal extension 3 that merges into a vertical portion 4 forming one end of a longitudinally extending horizontal bar 5. The opposite end of the horizontal bar 5 terminates in a downwardly extending vertical portion 6, which merges into a forwardly extending horizontal portion 7 that extends into an upwardly extending portion 8 that is twisted with the portion 2 as shown at 9. Oppositely extending loop members 10 preferably formed of wire have their ends terminating in eyes 11 which pivotally engage the horizontal bars 3 and 7, so that the loop members may be swung about said bars for the purpose of folding the hanger, as shown in Figure 3.

In order to hold the loop members 10 in a substantially horizontal position, the loops are provided intermediate their ends with horizontal bars 12 and these bars are connected to the ends 13 of a leaf spring 14, which extends over the horizontal bars 3 and 7. Owing to this construction, the loop members 10 will be normally held in a substantially horizontal position, but when pressure is placed on the outer ends of the loop members 10, said spring 14 will yield and permit the loop members 10 to be folded into substantially vertical planes, as shown in Figure 3.

The bars 12 form the rear ends of lapel arms 15; which are provided at their outer ends with suitable clasps or fasteners 16 designed to engage the lapels of a coat 17, shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2.

While I have shown the arms 15 as parts of a coat hanger of special construction, it is obvious that the arms 15 might form attachments to an ordinary coat hanger, and in such case the rear ends of the arms 15 would be suitably connected to the oppositely extending arms of an ordinary coat hanger.

In use the hook 1 is suspended in any suitable manner and when a coat is placed on the hanger, the clasps 16 are fastened to the coat lapels. Then when the person wearing the coat desires to remove the same from the hanger and don the garment, he places his arms in the sleeves of the coat while the coat

is supported by the hanger. At this time he unfastens the clasps 16 and then by moving away from the hanger, the oppositely extending loop members 10 will tend to move downwardly and towards one another until they release the coat. After releasing the coat the spring 14 will automatically return the loop members 10 to their normal position. It will be understood that the clasps 16 will hold the front of the coat open to facilitate the insertion of the arms in the sleeves of the coat.

From the foregoing, I believe that the construction, operation and advantages of the invention may be readily understood, and it is apparent that changes may be made in the construction disclosed, without departing from the spirit of the invention as expressed in the claims.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. The combination with a coat hanger having a vertically arranged suspending hook and oppositely extending substantially horizontal support members adapted to be placed within the shoulder portions of a coat, of forwardly extending arms having their rear ends connected to the oppositely extending support members and provided at

their forward ends with fastening members adapted to detachably engage the lapels of a coat supported by said hanger.

2. A combination as claimed in claim 1 in which said oppositely extending support members are pivotally mounted and are movable toward and away from one another.

3. A combination as claimed in claim 1 in which the oppositely extending support members are pivotally connected to the suspending hook, and resilient means connecting said support members and adapted to yieldingly maintain the same in a substantially horizontal position.

4. In combination, a suspending hook provided at its lower end with support bars, oppositely extending loop members having their inner ends pivotally connected to said support bars, a leaf spring extending over said support bars and having their outer ends connected to intermediate portions of said loop members for normally holding said loop members in a substantially horizontal position, and forwardly extending arms having their rear ends connected to said loop members, and fastening members arranged at the forward ends of said arms.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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