

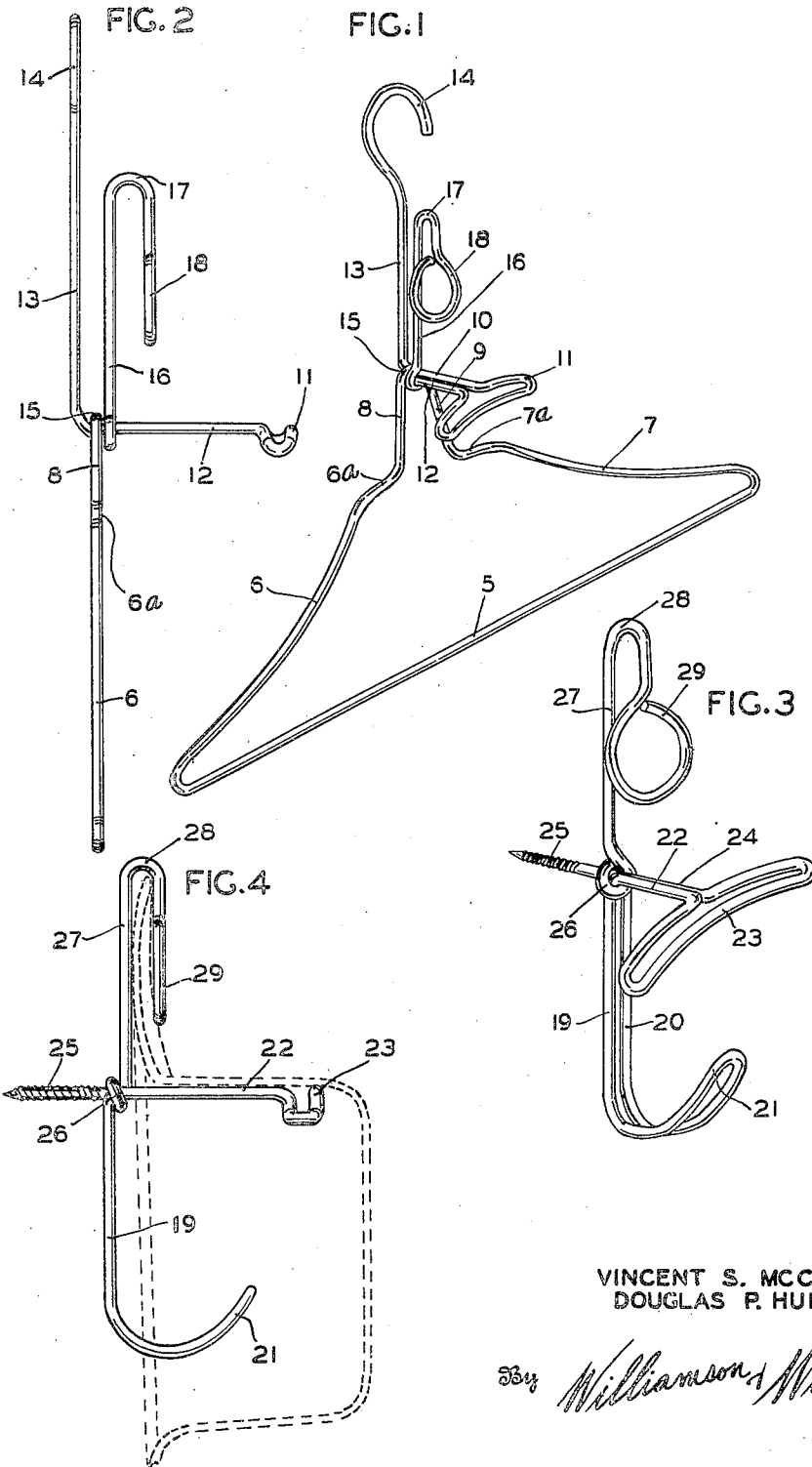
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This invention relates to garment hangers and more particularly to hangers which are adaptable for use in supporting a hat and coat together so that the two will not become accidentally separated when left in a garment check room or the like.

It is an object of the invention to provide means for supporting a coat or similar garment so that it will hang in a natural manner and not become wrinkled, and wherein means is incorporated with the hanger for readily supporting a hat in such a way that it can be easily placed upon and removed from the hanger while at the same time it will be securely held against accidental displacement.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger of the type mentioned above which can be supported conveniently by means of a hook forming a part of the hanger or a screw device or other similar attachment means which is incorporated in the hanger construction.

Still a further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger of the type mentioned above which can be conveniently formed from a single piece of material such as a relatively stiff wire.

The above and other objects and advantages of the invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference characters refer to the same parts throughout the views, and, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view thereof;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of another embodiment; and

Figure 4 is a side elevational view of the structure of Figure 3 with a portion of a hat shown mounted thereon in dotted lines.

In Figures 1 and 2 there is shown an embodiment of the invention formed from a single piece of relatively stiff wire. It includes a generally horizontal medial portion 5 having upwardly convergent sections 6 and 7 extending from the ends of the medial portion 5, the sections forming shoulder supporting elements for holding a coat or the like. The upper ends 8 and 9 of the sections 6 and 7 are directed upwardly rather sharply and nearly horizontal sections 6a and 7a are provided to receive the collar portion of the coat.

The sharply convergent section 9 is bent horizontally outwardly at right angles to the plane

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of the sections 5, 6 and 7 as indicated at 10, and the wire is then bent into an elongated loop 11 which, as shown in the drawings, is formed on an arc with its convex side disposed upwardly, the loop 11 forming a T head with the section 10. Extending inwardly from the loop 11 is a horizontal section 12 parallel to the section 10 and the wire is then bent vertically to form a hook shank 13 having a hook 14 formed on its upper end.

The other sharply convergent section 8 is looped about the outwardly extending sections 10 and 12, as shown at 15, and the wire is then extended upwardly in parallel relation to the hook shank 13, as shown at 16. The wire is provided with a bend 17 and then extends downwardly and the end is formed in a closed loop 18. The loop 18 is spaced outwardly a short distance from and in fixed relation to the vertical section 16 and terminates above and adjacent the inner ends of the parallel outwardly extending sections 10 and 12 which support the bowed or curved loop 11.

In the structure described above the horizontal medial portion 5 and the forwardly convergent portions 6 and 7 are of the general shape of an ordinary wire coat hanger and are adapted to support a coat or similar garment in the conventional manner, the coat hanger portion being supported by the hook portion 14. The outwardly extending parallel sections 10 and 12 with the loop 11 provide a hat support which extends into the crown of the hat when the latter is placed thereon with the open crown directed toward the coat hanger section. The upwardly extending section 16 and its bent-over looped end 18 are adapted to receive the brim of the hat. The hat is placed on the hanger by inserting the edge of the brim into the bight formed by the closed loop 18 and vertical section 16, the hat being held at a diagonal to the vertical. The hat is then swung to a position with the brim in a vertical plane and it is thereby securely held against accidental displacement. The formation of the elongated loop 11 on a slight curve gives it general conformity to the interior curvature of the crown of the hat and the provision of a relatively wide loop such as the loop 18 assists in keeping the hat in place even though it might be shaken when the hanger is moved. Location of the hat brim retaining portion 16, 17, 18 adjacent the inner ends of the horizontal hat supporting sections 10 and 12 prevents the hat from slipping outwardly and off of said hat supporting sections.

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The hanger is conveniently formed from a single piece of relatively heavy wire or other equivalent material but it is to be understood that the general arrangement of the various functional structural features can be achieved with other suitable materials.

In Figures 3 and 4 there is shown a modified form of the invention. The lower portion of the hanger is in the form of a hook having vertical sections 19 and 20, wherein the wire is doubled upon itself. The doubled wire is curved outwardly and upwardly to provide a hook-like end 21 upon which a garment such as a coat may be hung. The vertical section 19 is bent horizontally outwardly as at 22 and thence in the form of an elongated loop 23 similar to the loop 11 shown in Figures 1 and 2. Returning from the loop 23 is a horizontal section 24 parallel to the section 22. The horizontal portion or section 24 is extended to the other side of the vertical hook portions 19 and 20 and terminates in a threaded portion 25 by means of which the article can be mounted on a wall or other suitable supporting structure.

The vertical hook section 20 is formed in a loop 26 which extends about the horizontal section 24 and also about the junction of the vertical hook section 19 and the outwardly horizontal section 22. The wire then extends upwardly from the loop 26 forming a vertical section 27, and said wire is then bent over at 28 and thence downwardly and has its end formed in a closed generally circular loop 29. The looped end 29 is spaced outwardly from the vertical upper section 27 and said loop terminates adjacent the inner ends of and above the horizontal outwardly extending sections 22 and 24 in the same manner as the loop 18 shown in the first embodiment.

It is clear from the drawing and description that when a garment is hung upon the hooked end 21 at the lower end of the article a hat can be mounted on the support 22, 23, 24 and its brim retained in the bight formed by the upwardly extending vertical section 27 and the looped end 29. In this embodiment as in the one previously described the device is preferably

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made of a single piece of stiff wire, but may be formed of other suitable material.

One of the advantages of the structure in addition to those brought out above is that the hat and coat of the user can be kept together in a check room or in a moving vehicle without accidental displacement thereby preventing separation of the two articles of apparel and also preventing the hat particularly from falling onto the floor and becoming soiled. While the device is of particular advantage for use in check rooms and in vehicles it, of course, could be used to advantage in private homes.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the various parts without departing from the scope of our invention.

What we claim is:

In a garment hanger, a single piece of material having a medial horizontal section, convergent sections extending upwardly from the ends of said medial horizontal section, a section extending outwardly from the upper end of one of said convergent sections and bent upon itself and thence upwardly and having its upper end formed in a hook, a section forming a continuation of the other of said convergent sections and extending upwardly above said outwardly extending section and defining a bight, the open portion of said bight being located above and directed downwardly toward said outwardly extending section.

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