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## CLOTHES SUPPORTING DEVICE

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This invention relates generally to clothing-supporting devices and more specifically to such a device which is adapted to receive in hanging relation therewith clothes hangers by which articles of clothing are supported, and which is adapted for attachment to the hinge of a door, the predominant object of the invention being to provide such a clothing-supporting device that is of simple and inexpensive construction and which is capable of performing its intended function in a highly efficient manner.

It has been found that hanging facilities for clothes may be conveniently provided by utilizing hinges of doors as means for supporting devices from which clothes-supporting clothes hangers may be suspended. The present invention relates to such a device which may be applied to a door hinge in an extremely simple manner and which includes an adjustable hook-shaped element which is adapted to engage a part of the hinge and which, because of its adjustability, permits of the device being applied to the hinge from either side thereof so as to avoid obstructions produced by portions of the door frame located immediately adjacent to the hinge. Thus, clothes which perhaps are damp from rain may be conveniently hung outside of a clothes closet until dry, and convenient facilities are provided for temporarily hanging clothes in bedrooms until such clothes are finally disposed of.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing one of the improved clothes-supporting devices of the present invention as it appears when applied to a door hinge.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged top, plan view of the clothes-supporting device shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the improved clothes-supporting device drawn to the scale of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is an end elevational view of the improved clothes-supporting device as viewed from the right-hand end of Fig. 3.

In the drawing, wherein is shown for purposes of illustration, merely, one embodiment of the invention, A designates the improved clothes-supporting device generally. The main body portion 1 of the clothes-supporting device A is formed from a single length of heavy wire or rod material, said main body portion comprising a vertically disposed portion 2 which is provided with an eye 3 at its upper end. At its lower end the vertical portion 2 merges into a saddle 4 which comprises a loop of concave shape, as is shown to good advantage in Fig. 2. Extended from the upper portion of one side of the loop 5 is a for-

wardly extended, horizontally disposed arm portion 6 which merges into a curved forward portion 7 and an upwardly and rearwardly inclined arm portion 8, said arm portion 8 at its rear end being provided with an eye 9 which is arranged in alinement with the eye 3 at the top of the vertical portion 2. The alined eyes 3 and 9 support a member 10, an intermediate shank portion of which extends through said alined eyes, said member 10 having a hook-shaped portion 11 at one end of the shank portion thereof and being provided with an eye 12 at the opposite end of said shank portion. The member 10 is capable of being rotated relative to the eyes 3 and 9, the eye 12 serving to facilitate such movement thereof.

In the use of the improved clothes-supporting device of this invention the member 10 is rotated to bring the hook 11 thereof to a position where it may be passed about a portion of the hinge pin P of a hinge H to which the device is being applied. The concave saddle 4 of the device A is then caused to engage a lower surface portion of the hinge, as is shown in Fig. 1, whereupon the device is ready for use where clothes hangers are hooked over the horizontal arm portion 6. It will be noted that the weight of the garments supported by the arm portion 6 will place the arm portion 8 in tension and the arm portion 6 in compression, whereby the device A will be very securely attached to the hinge with which it is associated. Also, as is stated above, the member 10 may be rotated relative to the eyes 3 and 9 so as to bring the open side of the hook-shaped portion 11 thereof to one or the other side of the device. Thus, if an obstruction is present immediately adjacent to one side of a hinge to which the device A is to be applied, a projected part of the door frame, for instance, then the member 10 may be rotated to bring the open side of the hook-shaped portion 11 of said member 10 to the opposite side of the device so that said hook-shaped portion may be applied from the opposite side of the hinge where no such obstruction is present.

I claim:

1. A clothes-supporting device comprising a main body portion which includes a substantially vertical portion having a concave saddle portion at its lower end, a substantially horizontal portion extended outwardly from said saddle portion, and an inclined portion extended inwardly and upwardly from the outer portion of said substantially horizontal portion, a member provided with a hook-shaped portion, and means comprising

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eyes forming parts of said substantially vertical portion and said inclined portion for supporting said member for rotation.

2. A clothes-supporting device comprising a main body portion which includes a substantially vertical portion having a saddle portion at its lower end, a substantially horizontal portion extended outwardly from said saddle portion, and an inclined portion extended inwardly and upwardly from the outer portion of said substantially horizontal portion, a member provided with a hook-shaped portion, means comprising eyes forming parts of said substantially vertical portion and said inclined portion for supporting said member for rotation, and a portion formed on said member which facilitates rotation of said member.

3. A clothes-supporting device comprising a main body portion which includes a substantially vertical portion having a saddle portion at its lower end, a substantially horizontal portion extended outwardly from said saddle portion, and an inclined portion extended inwardly and upwardly from the outer portion of said substantially horizontal portion, a member provided with a hook-shaped portion, means comprising alined eyes forming parts of said substantially vertical portion and said inclined portion for supporting said member for rotation, and a portion formed on said member which facilitates rotation of said member.

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4. A clothes-supporting device comprising a main body portion which includes a substantially vertical portion having a saddle portion at its lower end, a substantially horizontal portion extended outwardly from said saddle portion, and an inclined portion extended inwardly and upwardly from the outer portion of said substantially horizontal portion, a member provided with a hook-shaped portion, means comprising alined eyes forming parts of said substantially vertical portion and said inclined portion for supporting said member for rotation, and a portion of eye-shaped formation formed on said member which facilitates rotation of said member.

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