

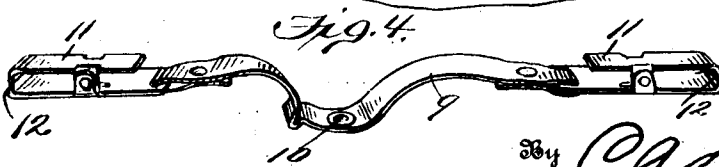
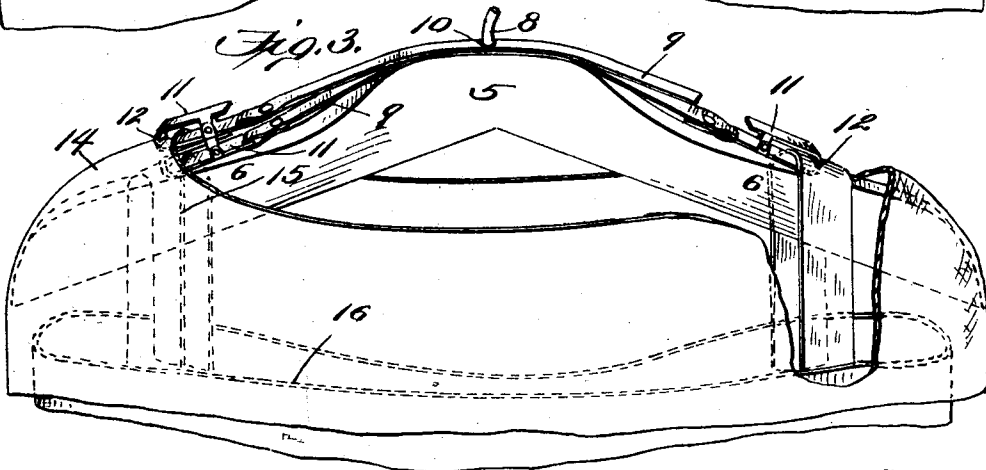
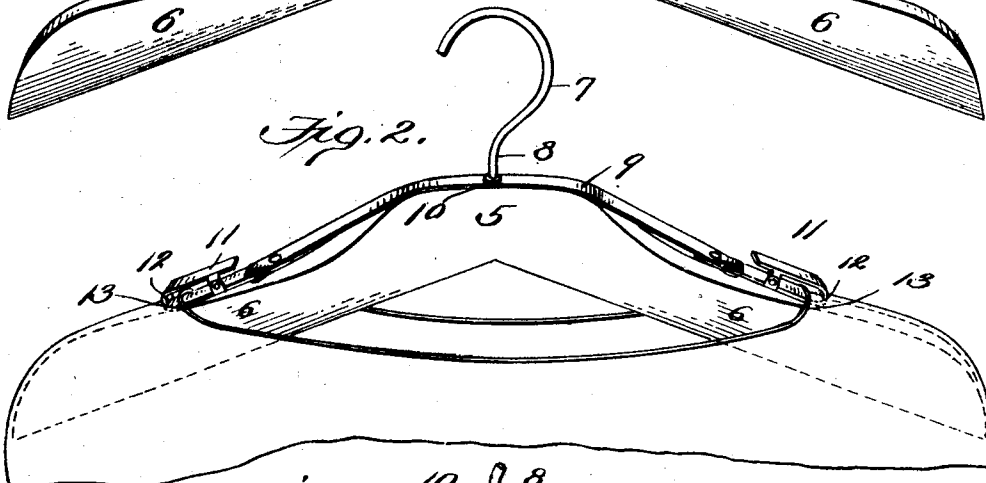
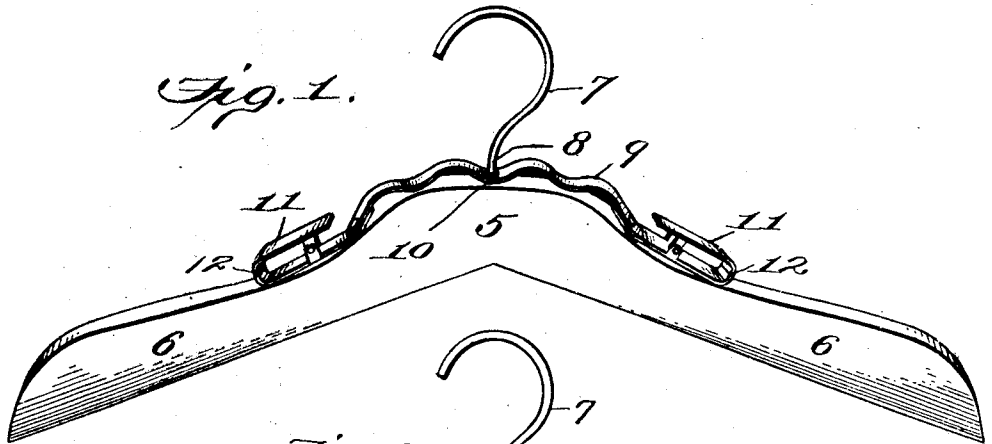
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## ATTACHMENT FOR GARMENT SUPPORTERS OR HANGERS.

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This invention relates to garment supporters and particularly to an attachment for the latter, the present application being a substitute for an application filed by me  
5 on August 7, 1924, Serial Number 730,665.

In applying garments to the ordinary supporting body of the well known form of garment supporter or hanger, which has a central stem and hanger hook, it frequently  
10 occurs that the applied garment, and especially ladies' apparel slips out of place and becomes disengaged from the supporter body. This is particularly true in hanging  
15 ladies' garments which have low cut or enlarged neck openings and especially when such garments are applied to supporters hung on a movable display device in stores or other places and also when these supporters are domestically used. This tendency  
20 of the garment to become disengaged from the supporter body is very disadvantageous for many reasons. For instance, the garment is likely to become soiled by falling upon the floor, especially if the garment  
25 is formed of very fine and easily soiled fabric. Then, too, the garment will become distorted or misshapen where improperly positioned on the supporter body.

It is an object of the present invention to  
30 overcome the disadvantages incident to the use of the ordinary garment supporter or hanger by providing in connection therewith a simple form of attachment having terminal engaging means for securement to  
35 opposed portions of the upper part of a garment or garments and operating to positively hold the garment on the supporter body without liability of displacement, and, further, without injury to the parts of the  
40 garment or garments engaged by the hanger.

A further object of the invention is to provide in connection with a garment supporter a simple attachment that may be readily applied to or removed from the supporter body without in the least modifying  
45 the latter or the hanging or suspending means therefor, the attachment being readily removable from one supporter and operatively disposable on another supporter.

A further object is to provide a simple holding attachment in connection with a garment supporter adapted to be associated with a display stand, wardrobe trunk or other devices and which will securely retain  
50 the garment on the supporter irrespective of

movement of the latter during display operations or transportation.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made  
65 within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a common form of hanger, showing the improved attachment applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1, showing the attachment connected to opposed portions of the garment in engagement with the supporter body.

Figure 3 is a similar view, showing two of the attachments engaging opposed portions of an outer garment and also parts of  
80 an inner garment or slip.

Figure 4 is a detail perspective view of the improved garment supporter or hanger attachment.

The numeral 5 designates the usual form  
85 of supporter body having outwardly projecting arms 6 and a hanger or suspending device 7 of hook-shape having a shank 8 inserted centrally in the body 5 and suitably secured. The body 5 and arms 6 may be  
90 constructed of any suitable material such as wood, metal or composition, or may be of open or bent wire construction. The improved attachment is of such construction and operates in such manner that it may be  
95 readily applied to and removed from any form of supporter and it is unnecessary to in the least modify or vary the structure of the supporter to adapt the improved attachment thereto.

The improved attachment is a very simple device and comprises an elastic or yielding strap 9 having a central eyelet 10 and any preferred form of spring-controlled  
100 body clasps 11 secured at opposite ends thereof. In the present instance the jaws of the clasps have angular, squarely abutting ends 12 which are normally held closed by the spring usually engaging and associated with clasps of this character. The eyelet 10  
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may be of the usual form of metal eyelet and provides a non-wearing means that may be readily applied over and removed from the hook 7 and its stem 8 of the hanger. In the form of the supporter shown in the accompanying drawings the parts of the strap 9 extend over the upper edges of the body 5 and arms 6 and the said strap 9 being of elastic material may be stretched to exert sufficient tension on the parts of the garment engaged to hold the latter in regular applied position on the body 5 and arms 6 of the supporter.

As hereinbefore indicated, the improved attachment is intended particularly for engagement with opposed portions of garments applied over the extremities of the arms 6 of the supporter and especially ladies' garments having low cut openings, and in the application of the attachment the clasps 11 are engaged with the opposed portions of the garment, as at 13, see Figures 1 and 2, and by means of which the shoulder-engaging portions of the garment are retained over the outer extremities of the said arms 6 with sufficient securement to resist accidental displacement no matter to what extent the supporter may be vibrated or moved and without in the least injuring the fabric of the garment engaged. In Figure 2 two of the attachments of the same construction as heretofore described are shown and similar reference characters are applied to like parts thereof, the two sets of clasps at the adjacent ends of the straps 9 being in engagement with an outer garment 14 and a part, or the shoulder straps, of an inner garment or slip 16 and by means of which the slip corresponding to the outer garment may be retained intact with the garment on the supporter. In applying the two straps 9 over the hook 7 and shank 8 in the arrangement shown in Figure 3, the one strap bears on the top of the other strap without interfering with the elasticity or manipulation of either of the attachments.

The clasps 11 may be readily attached to opposed portions of the garment disposed on the outer extremities of the arms 6 by opening the said jaws and then releasing the same, as will be understood, and when it is desired to remove the garment from the supporter, it will only be necessary to release the clasps without separating the attachment from the supporter, and by this means the improved attachment will always be in place for ready use or service. The form of the clasps 11 connected to opposed ends of the straps 9 may be varied, the clasps shown being simply for the purpose of illustrating one form of device of this character that may be practically used in connection with the strap 9. The strap 9 may also be of any length or width, and while it is preferred that the strap be of

elastic material it may be further serviceable in some instances to make the same inelastic as for instance of suitable fabric tape. Another advantage of the improved attachment is that it can be manufactured and sold at a comparatively small cost, and the fact that the use of the attachment does not require any modification in the ordinary form of supporter further enhances the commercial value of the invention.

A further important feature of the improved attachment is that it may be used to hold a garment in regular folded form in boxes or other enclosures in stores and during transportation, and thereby eliminate pins or other analogous fastenings that are always liable to tear the portions of garments in which they are inserted. Any number of the attachments may be connected to different parts of a folded garment to hold the latter in shape and avoid wrinkling or crumpling the garment. After the improved attachment has served its purpose for holding folded garments in proper shape, it may be applied to a garment supporting or hanging means as hereinbefore explained to retain the garment in suspended position without liability of displacement on or separation from the said means.

The improved attachment is also adapted for retaining men's garments on supporting or hanging means with the same efficiency as in similarly holding women's garments in place on supporting means, and, further, the attachment may conveniently serve to hold boys' garments in folded relation to keep them in proper form.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with a garment supporter and a support engaging element extending therefrom, of a normally inert, pliant strap having an eyelet slidable on to and off of said element, said eyelet and element constituting the sole means for attaching the strap to the supporter, said strap being adapted to extend in any direction from the support engaging element, and means at the free ends of the strap and operating independently of the supporter for gripping a garment.

2. The combination with a garment supporter and a support engaging element extending therefrom, of superposed pliant elastic strips held in position solely by said element and slidable on to and off of said element, and means at the ends of the strips for engaging and holding garments extending over the supporter, each of said strips being stretchable for attachment at different distances apart to opposed portions of garments of different sizes.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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