

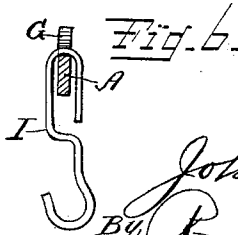
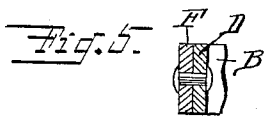
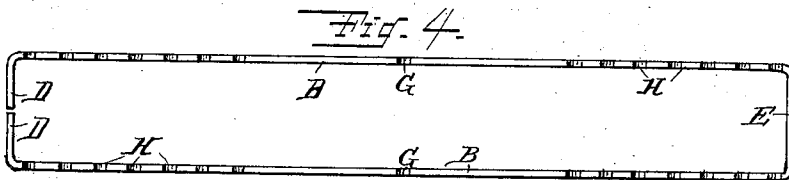
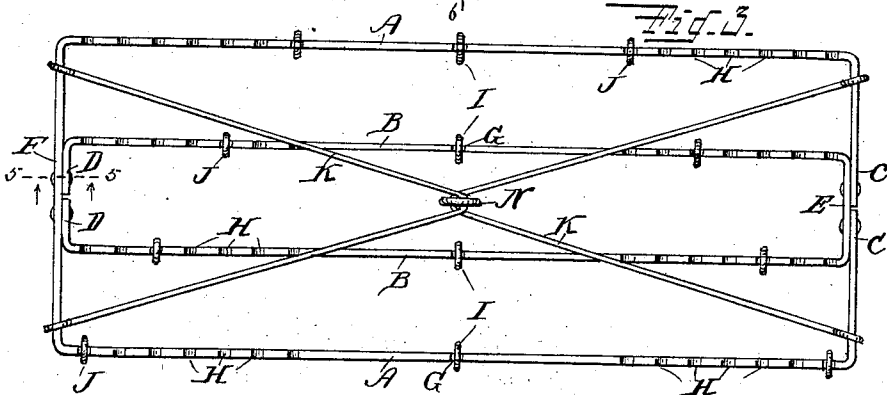
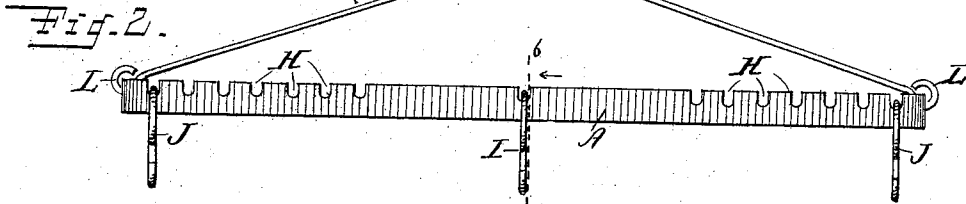
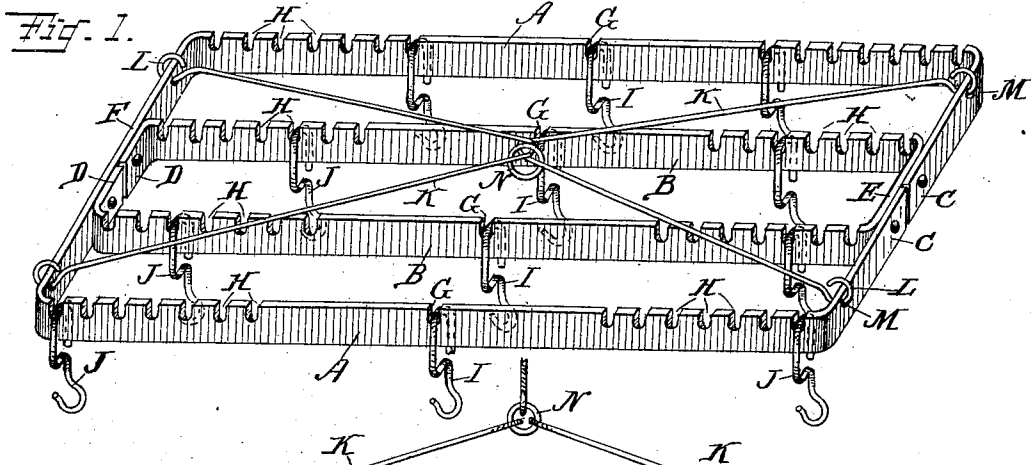
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HEADLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Galva, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in hangers for ladies' dress-skirts, and has among its primary objects to provide a hanger which will support and store a number of skirts without such contact with each other as will crease them—that is, provided with means whereby skirts of different widths may be hung without folding—and which hanger can itself be folded for convenience of packing for shipment, storage, and other purposes.

Other objects of the invention will hereinafter appear.

The novel means employed in carrying out the objects of my invention are hereinafter described and made the subject-matter of combinations expressed in claims forming part of this specification.

The preferred construction of parts and arrangement thereof are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the hanger with its suspending devices folded and its hooks in position for receiving skirts. Fig. 2 is a side elevation with the suspending devices extended. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the parts in the same relative position as in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail. Fig. 5 is a vertical section on the line 5 5 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 6 is a similar view on the line 6 6 of Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts in the several figures of the drawings.

The present embodiment of my invention is a skirt-hanger preferably of rectangular form and comprising multiple bars, each provided with a series of notches into which engage and from which are suspended hooks, to which are attached the skirt bands or loops thereon. Manifestly the number of bars and the number of notches therein are immaterial so long as sufficient notches are provided to secure the desired range of adjustability of the hooks to fit differing skirts.

In the form of my invention illustrated in the drawings, A A indicate an outer frame,

and B B an inner frame of less dimensions than the outer frame, both of which are preferably rectangular in form and composed of strap or band iron, the said frames being disposed in the same plane and the inner frame being encompassed by the outer. Each of said frames is formed of a single piece, the abutting ends C C of the outer frame forming one end thereof, while the abutting ends D D of the inner frame constitute one end of said frame, and the two frames are brought together in such manner as to break joints, and thus have the break between the abutting ends of each frame opposed by the continuous ends of the other frame. Thus the abutting ends C C are riveted to the continuous end E of the inner frame, and the abutting ends D D are riveted to the continuous end F of the outer frame.

The multiple bars formed by the parallel sides of the inner and outer frames are each provided with a notch G at the center of length and in the upper edge thereof, and each bar at each end thereof is provided with a series of notches H H, extending a suitable distance in from the ends of the frames.

Each of the notched bars is preferably provided with a hook I to engage the central notches and with a pair of hooks J, one for each series of notches at the ends of said bars, which hooks have their engaging eyes sufficiently elongated to permit of their adjustment from one notch to the other without disengagement from the bar.

The hanger illustrated in the drawings is designed to hang four skirts—one from each multiple bar—a loop on the waistband, preferably at the front and back of each skirt, being engaged by the center hook I and a loop at each side of the waistband of each skirt being engaged by the companion end hooks J, so that each skirt may be hung up flat suspended from the waistband and without such contact with the others as will crease them. By means of the adjustability of the companion end hooks J each bar may be adapted to hang a skirt of any size of waistband within the limits of the bar, and skirts differing very materially in the size of the waistbands may be hung side by side from the different bars of the hanger.

The hanger may be suspended or sup-

ported in any desired manner so far as relates to the broad idea of my invention, and for convenience in hanging the same, especially in a closet, I prefer to provide the angular frames K, which terminate at their ends, respectively, in hooks L, which engage holes M, formed a suitable distance apart in the end bars of the hanger. These frames are threaded through a centrally-disposed ring N, which engages the apex of each frame, and as the ring has an internal diameter considerably greater than the continued diameters of the frames when the hanger is suspended the apices of the frames do not touch, as is clearly shown in Fig. 2, while when the hanger is not suspended the frames may be folded down, the apices thereof passing each other and overlapping, so as to allow the frames to fold close to the bars, and thus render the hanger compact for convenience in crating, boxing, or storing.

A skirt-hanger embodying my invention possesses numerous advantages, chief among which may be mentioned that a number of different skirts differing in the size of their waistbands may be hung at the same time from the hanger and without creases or folds, thus preserving the shape of the skirt.

Obviously many changes may be made in the construction of the hanger by one skilled in the art to which my invention appertains without departing from the spirit thereof, for while I have shown the frame as composed of two metallic rectangular frames, one within the other, obviously any number of such frames may be employed and they may be connected and disposed in any desired manner that will accomplish the objects of my in-

vention, and, indeed, wooden bars may be substituted for the multiple notched bars of these frames, or any other like changes in the general construction and arrangement of the hanger may be made so long as the broad idea of my invention—to wit, multiple or a plurality of notched bars having hooks suspended therefrom—is attained.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A skirt-hanger comprising a plurality of rectangular frames of different sizes arranged one within the other and secured together at their ends; each of the side bars of said frames having its upper edge formed with a central notch, and a group of notches at either side of said central notch; hooks supported in said central notches, and hooks adjustably secured at either side of said central notch.

2. A skirt-hanger comprising a plurality of rectangular frames of different sizes, arranged one within the other, and secured together at their ends; each of the side bars of said frames having a central notch, and a group of notches at either side of the central notch; hooks secured in said central notches, and adjustable hooks at either side of said central hook; triangular suspending-frames loosely secured to the end bars of the outer rectangular frame, and adapted to overlap at their apices; and a ring connecting said triangular frames.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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