

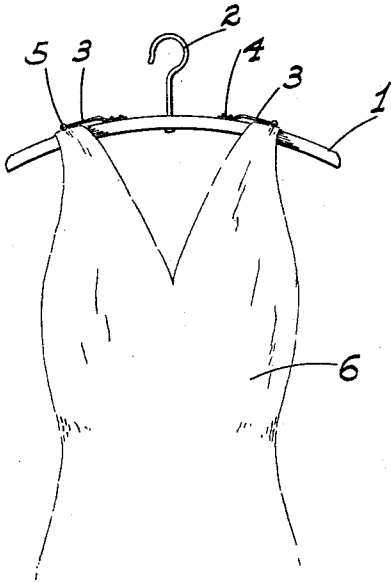
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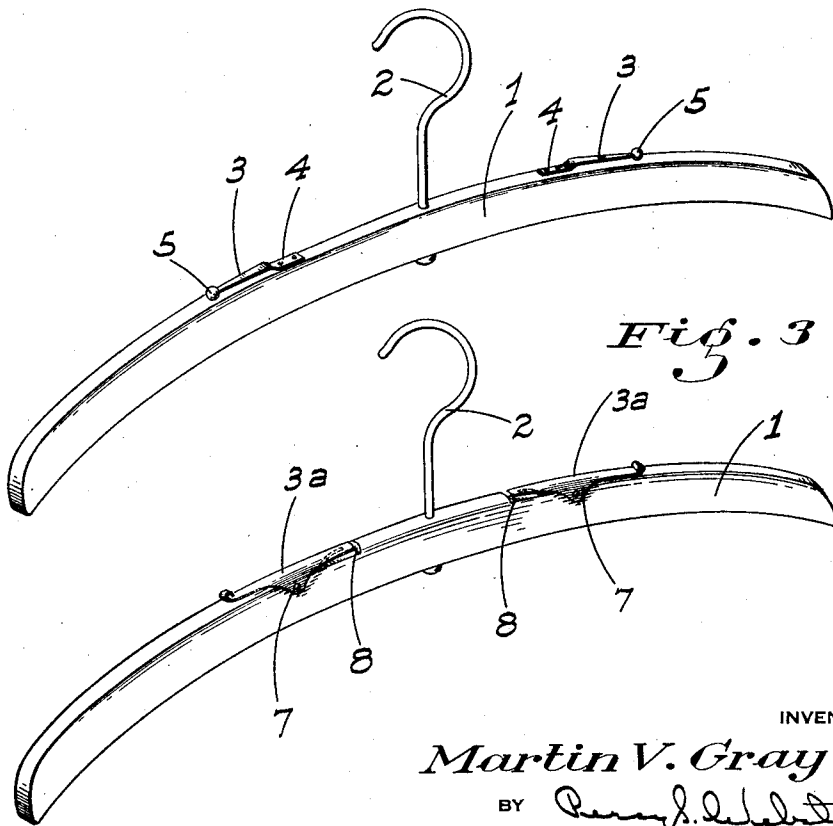
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*Fig. 1*

*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*

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GARMENT HANGER

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This invention relates to garment hangers such as are commonly used in households and by laundries and cleaning establishments to support garments of various kinds in a nonwrinkling condition after they have been worn or cleaned. The invention also particularly deals with hangers of this character when used in connection with the delicate and flimsy garments such as women's dresses. Owing to the nature of such garments it is hard to maintain them in position on the hangers and they are very apt to slip off on one side or the other and drop to the ground or floor. This usually results in the soiling of the garment or otherwise placing the same in such condition that it cannot be worn until it has been cleaned or pressed out. The principal object of my invention is to avoid the above objectionable feature by providing the hanger with a means for releasable clamping engagement with the garment supported thereon so that there is no chance for the garment to slip off. At the same time the clamping elements do not tend to pull, wrinkle or distort the garment in any way and said garment may be readily and instantly released when it is desired to remove the same from the hanger.

A further object of the invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive device and yet one which will be exceedingly effective for the purpose for which it is designed.

These objects I accomplish by means of such structure and relative arrangement of parts as will fully appear by a perusal of the following specification and claim.

In the drawing similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved hanger showing the same as supporting a dress.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the preferred form of hanger.

Fig. 3 is a similar view of the hanger showing a modified form of clamping means.

Referring now more particularly to the

characters of reference on the drawing, and particularly at present to Figs. 1 and 2, the hanger itself is of the usual form and comprises a bowed bar 1 provided at the middle with a hook 2 or the like whereby it may be suspended from a closet rail etc.

Mounted on top of the bar at evenly spaced distances on both sides of the hook are clamping elements. These consist of spring clips 3 extending lengthwise of the bar and having flat portions 4 at their ends nearest the hook rigidly secured to the upper face of the bar. At their opposite ends the clips are provided with balls or rounded ends 5, normally resting on or adjacent the bar, so that there is no possibility of damaging the garment engaged. The clips are positioned on the bars so that the shoulder straps or corresponding portion of the garment 6 supported on the hanger bar will pass between the bar and clips so that the latter yieldably engage the garment and hold the same firmly in position against the bar as shown in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 3 the clips 3a are similarly positioned on the hanger bar but are of a different type, having ears 7 intermediate their ends straddling and pivoted on the bar. The ends of these clips nearest the hanger hook are adapted to be manually depressed so as to raise the outer ends of the clips from the bar for engagement with or release from the garment. The bar is recessed as at 8 to permit of such depression and so that normally the depressible ends of the clips do not project above the bar, thus preventing the same from possibly catching in the fabrics.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that I have produced such a device as substantially fulfills the objects of the invention as set forth herein.

While this specification sets forth in detail the present and preferred construction of the device, still in practice such deviations from such detail may be resorted to as do not form a departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined by the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what

I claim as new and useful and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A garment hanger comprising a bar on which to support a garment, a pair of longitudinally spaced clip elements on the top edge of the bar and extending lengthwise thereof, the opposite ends of said elements normally resting on and cooperating with the bar to clamp the adjacent portions of the garment, ears depending from the elements intermediate their ends and straddling the bar, and pivot connections between said ears and the bar; the top edge of the bar, from the ears to the adjacent ends of the elements, being depressed whereby the adjacent portions of the elements may normally lie flush with the bar while permitting them to be depressed to raise the opposite ends of the elements from the bar.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.  
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