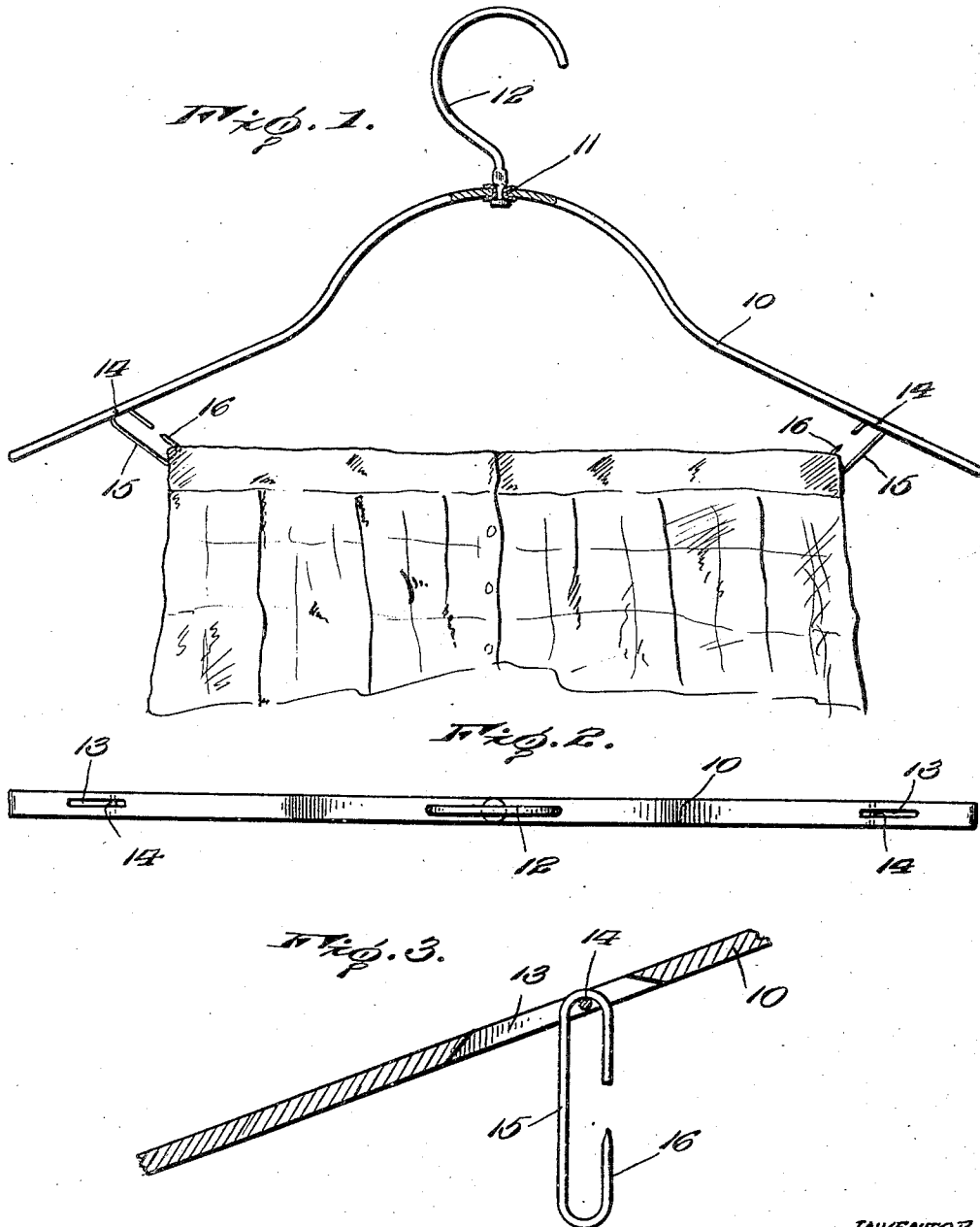


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WORDINGHAM, citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Suit-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved lady's suit hanger and has as its primary object to provide a device of this character particularly designed for use by suit cleaners or cleaning establishments and which will be of such simple and inexpensive construction that the hanger may be donated by the cleaner to the customer with the return of a cleaned suit.

The invention has as a further object to provide a hanger which will, as a particular consideration, embody a simple and at the same time, entirely efficient suspension means for skirts and other articles of wearing apparel.

A further object of the invention in this connection is to provide a hanger employing pin loops designed for engagement through a skirt band so that a skirt may be connected with the hanger by simply engaging the pointed ends of the loops through the band of the skirt when the loops will support the skirt and hold it in distended position suspended from the hanger.

And the invention has as a still further object to provide a construction wherein the pin loops will be swingingly mounted so that the loops may be readily positioned to meet the requirements of different skirts due to varying lengths of the bands thereof.

Other and incidental objects will appear hereinafter. In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is an elevation showing the manner in which a skirt is suspended from my improved hanger, the portion of the skirt illustrated being conventionally shown.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device, the skirt pin loops employed being removed, and

Fig. 3 is a detail view on an enlarged scale, this view showing the construction and mounting of the skirt pin suspension loops.

In carrying the invention into effect, I employ a resilient hanger body 10. This hanger body is preferably formed from a suitable strip of wood bent intermediate of its ends to define a medial upwardly bowed portion from which extends the downwardly

sloping hanger arms formed by the end portions of the strip. As will be observed, the strip is flat and is sufficiently wide to provide a suitable bearing area for a coat, dress, or other garment hung thereon so that the imprint of the hanger will not appear on the garment after the garment has remained upon the hanger for any considerable length of time. Extending through the medial bowed portion of the hanger body at a point substantially midway of the ends of the body, is a metal thimble 11 overturned at its ends against the upper and lower faces of the body and swiveled through this thimble is a hanger hook 12, the shank of which below the thimble is provided with a suitable head while, above the thimble, the shank is flattened. The hook shank will thus be held against inward movement through the thimble while the head will coact with the thimble to rotatably support the hanger body.

Formed in the arms of the hanger body adjacent the outer ends of said arms are medial longitudinally directed slots 13. These slots are cut through the arms from the lower sides thereof and are formed with inclined end walls diverging toward the lower sides of the arms. The slots are thus tapered in length from the lower sides of the arms toward the upper sides of the arms, the slots being longest at the lower sides of the arms. Driven through corresponding edges of the arms to extend across the slots 13 adjacent the inner ends of said slots are pins 14 and freely received within the slots to engage over these pins are split resilient pin suspension loops 15. These loops are each preferably formed from a length of suitable resilient wire bent into proper shape, the loops being open at their inner sides and having the end portions thereof, at the lower ends of the loops, pointed to provide pin shanks 16. As particularly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the open sides of the loops are arranged in confronting relation.

In use, it will be seen that a coat or dress may be arranged upon my improved hanger in the usual well known manner. However, particular attention is directed to the manner in which the hanger is adapted to support a skirt. In Fig. 1 I have conventionally shown a skirt properly engaged with the hanger, the upper portion only of the skirt, however, being illustrated. As will

be observed, the pin shanks 16 of the suspension loops 15 are engaged through the skirt band at opposite sides of the skirt, the skirt being connected with the loops by engaging the shanks of first one loop and then the other through the band. The skirt will thus be securely held upon the hanger and, in this connection, it is to be noted that the hanger loops 15 are preferably swung inwardly toward each other and are so held by the skirt band extending therebetween. Consequently, the skirt band will be held somewhat taut so that the skirt will hang naturally from the band while the skirt band, in connecting the hanger loops, will prevent disengagement of these loops from the supporting pins 14 therefor. The possibility of accidental release of the skirt is thus overcome. Furthermore, it is also to be observed that since the hanger loops 15 are mounted to swing freely upon the supporting pins 14, these loops may be positioned toward or away from each other for proper engagement with skirt bands of different lengths, the slots 13 in the arms of the hanger body being tapered, as previously described, so that the loops may be swung inwardly toward each other to closely approach a horizontal position. Accordingly, the loops may be arranged to accommodate practically any skirt. Should it be desired to detach the skirt from the hanger without disengaging the suspension loops from the skirt, this may be readily accomplished by simply shifting the loops upwardly through the slots 13 of the hanger arms and freeing the loops from the supporting pins 14 therefor. On the other hand, the skirt may, as easily, be again connected with the hanger. Obviously, this feature of the invention provides a highly advantageous one since, in a cleaning establishment for instance, a pair of the suspension loops 15 may be engaged with each skirt as it is cleaned, when a pile of skirts may then be assorted and each skirt connected with a hanger by simply engaging the suspension loops of the skirt over the suspension pins of the hanger. It will accordingly be seen that I provide a highly efficient type of hanger while, at the same time, the hanger is extremely simple in construction and may, therefore, be produced at very moderate cost.

55 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A garment hanger including a body having spaced openings therein, supporting

means carried by the body and extending transversely therethrough at said openings, 60 and suspension devices received within the openings and detachably engaged with said supporting means, said suspension devices being shiftable vertically and laterally within the openings to be disengaged from 65 said supporting means.

2. A garment hanger including a body having openings therethrough, supporting means carried by the hanger body to extend transversely with respect to said openings, 70 and split suspension loops received within the openings and detachably engaged over said supporting means, the loops being shiftable vertically and laterally within the openings to permit disengagement from 75 said supporting means, and one end of each loop being sharpened to form a piercing point.

3. A garment hanger including a body having spaced slots formed therein and opening through the top and bottom of said body, pins extending transversely through the body at said slots, and detachable split suspension loops depending from and pivotally mounted on the pins, one end of each 85 loop being sharpened to form a piercing point, the pins being spaced from the end walls of the slots a sufficient distance to permit the loops to be disengaged from the pins at the split portions of the loops where 90 by the loops may be detached from the supporting member.

4. A garment hanger including a body having its intermediate portion bowed laterally to form diverging arms, there being 95 longitudinal slots formed in the arms, the end walls of which are inclined in opposite directions, pins extending transversely through the arms and across said slots, and split suspension loops fitting over and detachably engaging the pins, said suspension loops being shiftable vertically and laterally within the slots to be disengaged 100 from said pins.

5. A garment hanger including a body 105 having spaced longitudinal slots therein, pins extending transversely through said slots, and split suspension loops detachably mounted for pivotal movement on said pins and depending from the body at said slots, 110 the split portions of the loops facing each other and said loops being shiftable vertically and laterally within the slots to be disengaged from said pins.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature. 115
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