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COAT HANGER.

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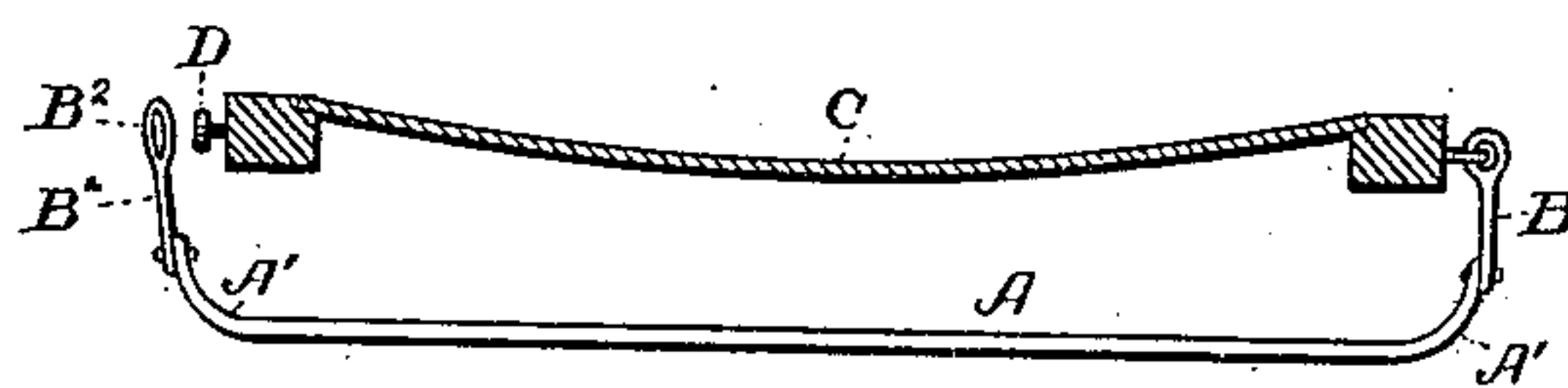


fig. 1

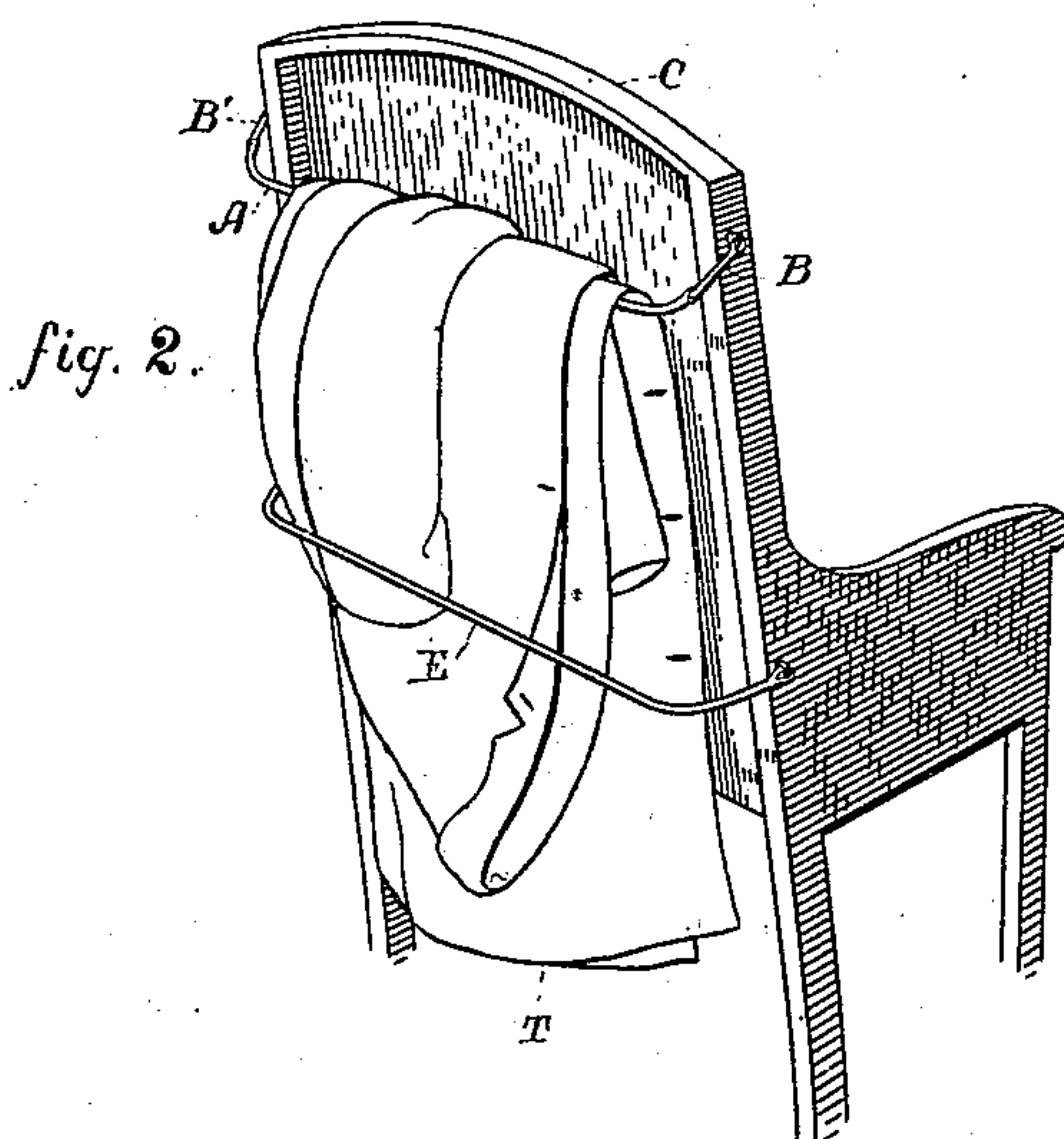


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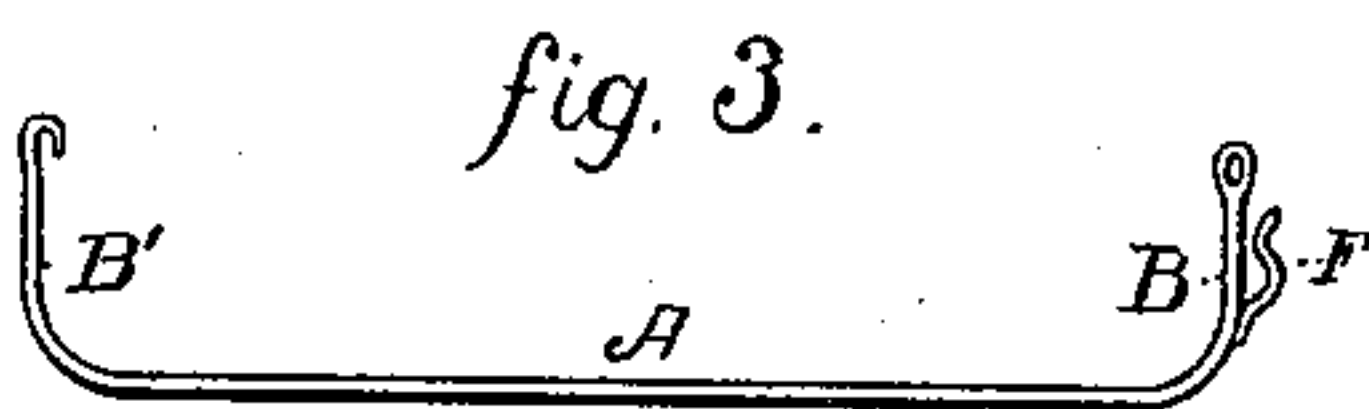


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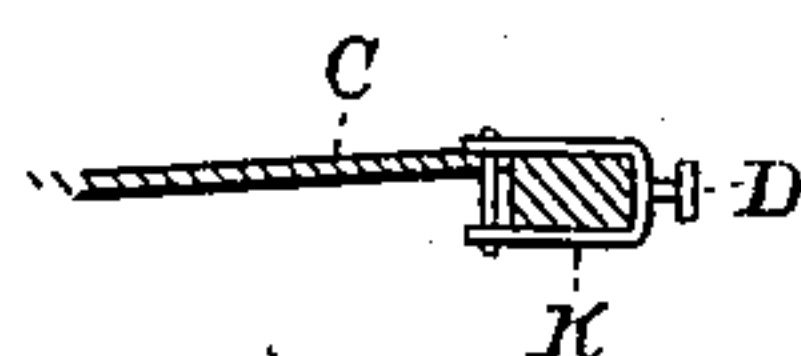


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## COAT-HANGER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARVIN R. MAXWELL, of Peoria, in the county of Peoria, in the State of Illinois, have invented an Improved Coat-Hanger; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which like letters of reference refer to like parts, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of the invention; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the device applied to a chair and in use; Fig. 3, a modified form of the device; Fig. 4, details.

The object of this invention is the construction of an improved device upon which to hang coats or other garments. I particularly design the same for use in connection with opera and other chairs, and to be permanently connected thereto.

My invention consists, essentially, in the employment of a short rod approximately equal in length to the width of the chair-back, and means for suspending the same horizontally behind the chair-back, a short distance therefrom and parallel thereto. This is used for supporting a coat or other garment by hanging the same over the horizontal rod. To enable the coat to be easily hung upon the rod, I pivotally secure one end of the same to an edge of the chair-back, and adapt the other end to be connected to and disengaged from the other edge of the chair-back. Then by swinging the hanger-rod around from the chair-back, and placing the coat against said back, the hanger-rod is brought back and secured, the upper portion of the coat folded down over the rod, and hangs in this position so long as desired.

In the drawings, A represents the hanger-rod, B the supporting-arms thereof, C the chair-back, and T the coat or other garment. The supporting-arms B are not fastened rigidly to the ends of the hanger-rod A, but are swiveled or pivoted together. In order that there shall be no corners at such pivotal joints, against which to hit, I usually give each end of the rod A a bend, A'. The supporting-arm B, I usually permanently swivel or otherwise loosely join to an edge of the chair-back C, while the other arm, B', is adapted to be

readily connected to or disconnected from the other edge of said back. This detachable connection of the arm B' to the chair-back I accomplish by means of the button D, projecting from the chair-back, as in Fig. 1, and an eye B<sup>2</sup>, formed at the end of said arm B'. Said eye being sufficiently larger than the button, can be easily caught thereon and removed therefrom. This eye B<sup>2</sup> is better than a hook for the same purpose, on account of the liability of the latter's catching in the light clothing of the occupants of the chairs.

Opera-chairs being usually inclined backward, the coats, when heavy, swing forward in the way of the occupant in the chair behind. To remedy this, I provide a second rod, E, suspended and secured to the chair-back in the same way as the former, but located below the same. This rod is designed to be secured outside of both folds of the garment, and to thereby clasp the same closely against the chair-back, as in Fig. 2. This subordinate rod A may be either inflexible, as shown, or it may be a flexible link. Either form performs the same function—that of confining the garment hanging from the upper rod, A.

In Fig. 3 I show a modified form of the invention, which consists of a single metallic rod forming the hanger-rod A and the supporting-arms B, all in one continuous piece. This is, however, open to the objection that should the user forget to fasten the free end of the hanger up in place said end swings down, and the rigid elbows of the hanger get in the way when the coats are removed and the occupants of the chairs are passing out. It is this objection which I overcome by pivotally joining the rod A and arms B. When the hanger is not in use, and the arm B' is fastened up, the pivotal connection of the supporting-arms to the chair-back permits the rod and arms to swing down against the back and be entirely out of the way of passers. In the case of the back C being of metal, or rather its frame being of metal, I provide the clips K, which can be fastened to the chair-back edges by claspings the same and having a rivet passed through the end of each clip just inside the metal frame. The button D, or other fastening device, is rigidly secured to said clips K, as shown in the drawings.



The spring-hook F, shown projecting from one of the arms B, enables an umbrella to be held by having its handle impressed therein.

I am aware that there is shown in a German patent a hat and coat holder consisting of a horizontal rod rigidly held at its ends, and I do not, therefore, broadly claim the same; but

What I do claim is—

1. The combination, with the chair-back, of the rod pivotally connected at one end to one side of the chair, and detachably connected at the other end to the other side of said chair, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the chair-back, of the rod A, the supporting-arm B, loosely jointed to an end of said rod and to an edge of the chair-back, and the supporting-arm B', loosely jointed to the other end of said rod and adapted to be detachably connected to the opposite edge of said chair-back, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the chair-back having the clips K, secured to the opposite edges thereof, of the supporting-arm B, connected to one of said clips, the rod A, loosely jointed to said arm, the supporting-arm B', jointed to the other end of said rod and hav-

ing the eye B<sup>2</sup>, adapted to receive a button, D, on the other of said clips, and the spring-hook F, projecting from one of said arms, as set forth.

4. The combination, in a garment-hanger, of the rod A, the supporting-arm B, loosely jointed to an end of said rod and to the chair-back, the supporting-arm B', loosely jointed to the other end of said rod and having the eye B<sup>2</sup>, and the button D, projecting from said chair-back and adapted to enter said eye, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

5. The combination of the chair-back, and the rod pivotally connected at one end to one side of the chair, and detachably connected at the other end to the other side of said chair, and the subordinate link similarly connected to the chair-back below said rod, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing invention I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of February, 1885.

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