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HAT AND COAT HANGER.

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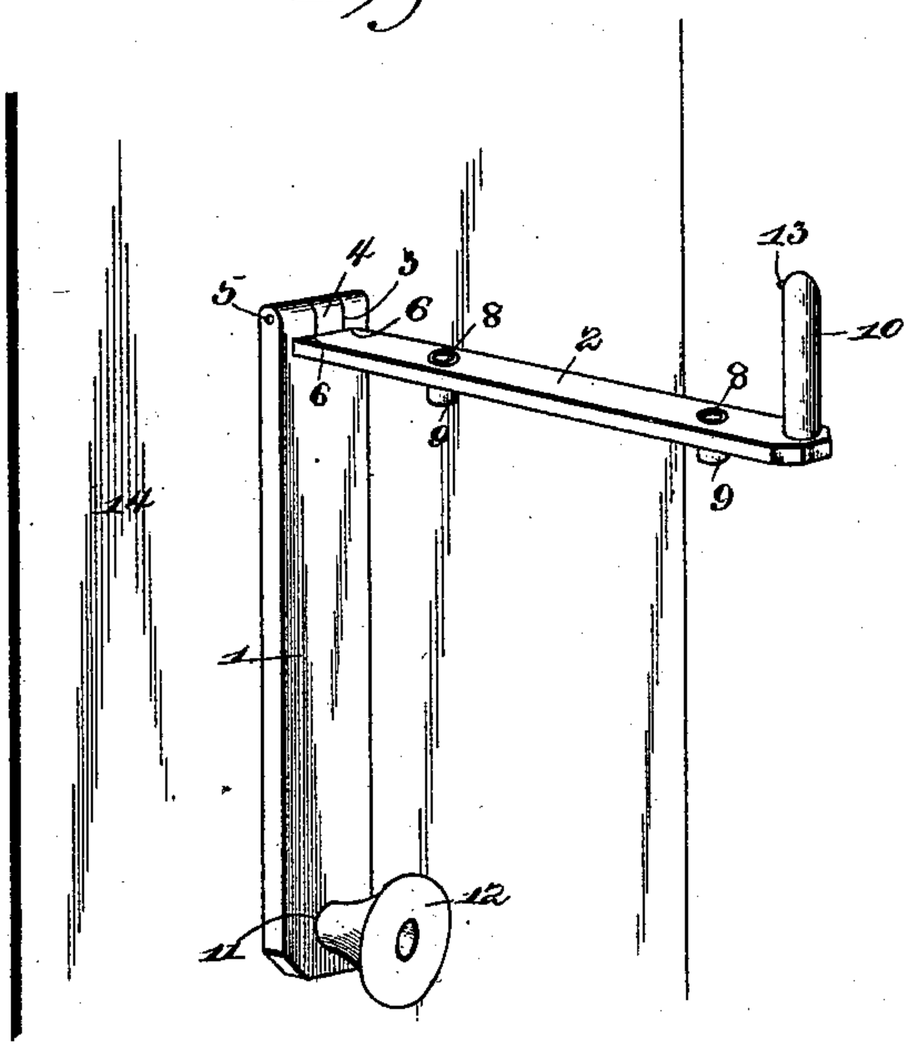
Fig. 1.



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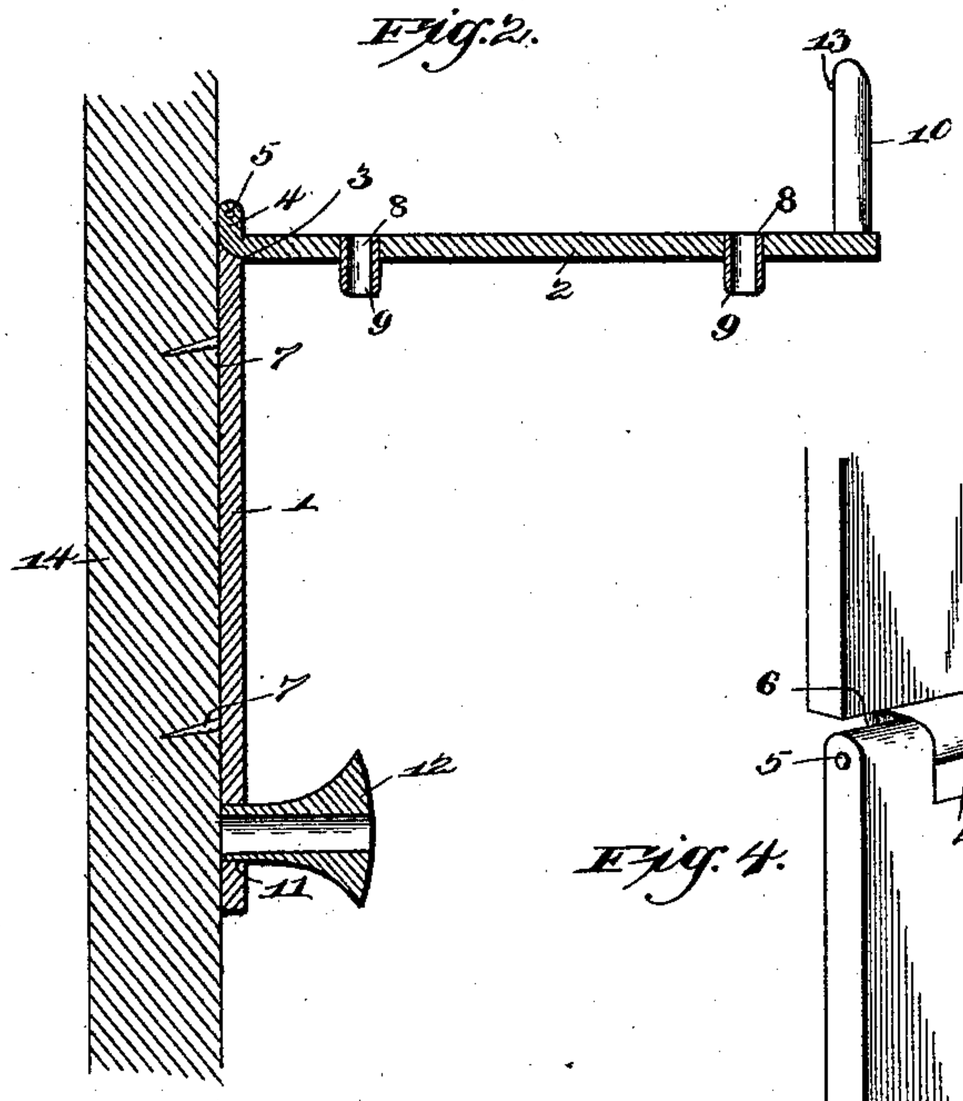

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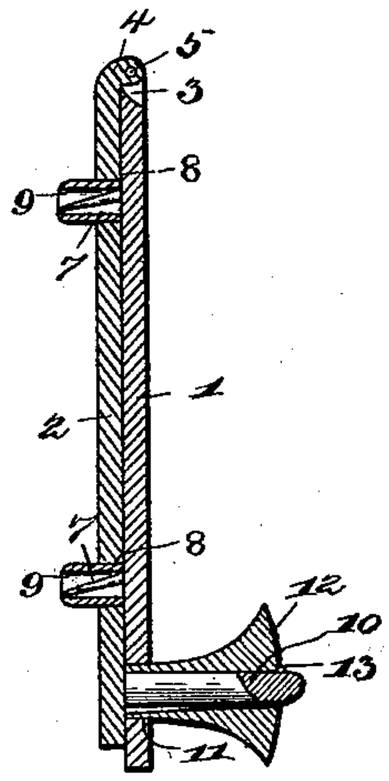

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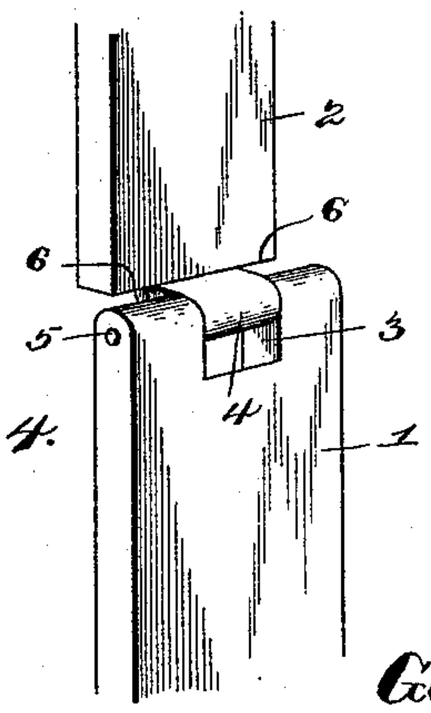

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GOTTFRID ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Long Branch, in the county of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Hat and Coat Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved hat and coat hanger, and one which is designed to be carried in the pocket of the user, and to be placed in operative position whenever and wherever it is desired to use it.

The principal object of this invention is to make the device small and compact in construction and capable of quick application and of effectively supporting heavy garments, such as overcoats, ulsters, &c.

To this end the invention consists essentially in two sections hinged to each other by a knuckle joint, one section being provided with spurs or points adapted to furnish a means for securing the hanger and the remaining section being adapted to furnish a support for the garments. The said remaining section is also provided with a series of short tubes corresponding in number to the number of spurs and adapted to receive said spurs when the device is folded, so that they will not be capable of tearing the user's pocket or flesh.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the appliance, showing it in operative position; Fig. 2, a section taken through it while in the position of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a section of the device when folded in position to be carried in the pocket; Fig. 4, an enlarged detail view, showing the construction of the knuckle joint for joining the two sections of my device.

The reference numerals 1 and 2 respectively indicate the two sections composing my invention, and these are formed of metallic plates, one of which, the section 1, is broader than its companion and provided at its inner end with the notch 3, forming two oppositely-arranged lugs between which the tongue 4 of the section 2 is arranged. The tongue 4 is held in place by means of the pin 5, which is passed transversely through this section 1 and through the end of the tongue. This tongue is curved out from the section 2 so as to offset said section from the section 1, and so as to make the two sections capable of folding snugly against each other, as shown in Fig. 3, and of swinging to the right angle position, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. When occupying this latter position the tongue 4 is completely received within the notch 3, and to this end the notch is beveled for the reception of the tongue, as may be seen by reference to Fig. 2. The plate 2 is held at a horizontal position, and prevented from moving farther downward, owing to the engagement of its shoulders 6 with the outer side of the section 1. Thus it will be seen that the sections 1 and 2 are capable of swinging so as to lie snugly against each other and so as to lie at right angles to each other, the purpose of which will be understood from the following description:

Fixed to, and projecting rigidly from the inner side of the section 1, are the spurs 7, which are two in number and which are inclined slightly downwardly, so that they will more effectively engage with the wood to which the hanger is secured and so that they will withstand the tendency to draw out.

Formed in section 2, and in juxtaposition to the spurs 7, are the openings 8, in which the tubes 9 are arranged, and these tubes project to the outside of the section 2 and are respectively adapted to receive the spurs 7 when the device is folded in the position of Fig. 3. By these means the spurs are inclosed in suitable cases, and their points hidden or protected so as to prevent them from sticking into the user's apparel, and so as to prevent them from piercing his flesh. The free end of the section 2 is provided with a pin 10, arising perpendicularly from the section and on the inner side thereof. This pin is adapted to support, or rather to hold the hat of the user from falling off of the section 2, while the said section is provided to support the actual weight of the hat.

Formed in the free end of the section 1, and extending transversely therethrough, is the opening 11, which has the tubular knob 12 arranged to be coincident therewith and secured to the outer side of the section 1. This knob is, as before stated, tubular and is adapted to receive on its interior the pin 10, when the device is folded as in Fig. 3. The pin 10 is slightly longer than the knob 12, and owing

to this attribute projects through the opening in the knob and beyond the outer end of the same. The pin is provided with a small projection 13, adapted to snap by the outer end of the knob 12, and thereby hold the two parts together. They may be disengaged by pushing the pin 10 back through the opening in the knob 12, as will be understood by reference to Fig. 3 of the drawings.

The use of my invention will be understood without an extended description, for all that is necessary, when it is desired to support a hat and coat by means of the device, is to open it as in the position of Figs. 1 and 2, and to push the spurs 7 into engagement with any suitable woodwork, such as the object 14 in the drawings. The section 1 should be disposed vertically and with the section 2 at its upper end, so that said section 2 will project horizontally and will be in such a position that the joint connecting the sections 1 and 2 will operate to hold the parts in their operative position. A hat may now be hung upon the section 2 and the pin 10 will operate to hold it in place; while the knob 12 may be employed to support a coat or other garment.

The section 2 is not adapted to support anything but lighter articles, since the leverage at the outer end of the section will be too great for the force with which the spurs 7 hold the device. The knob 12, however, is adapted to support the heaviest kind of garments, since it is so near to the spurs 7 that little or no leverage will be afforded, and it will be quite impossible to pull it out by drawing downwardly on the knob 12.

When the device has been used, it may be readily detached from the object 14 and placed in the user's pocket, as has been explained.

It will be understood that my invention is particularly adapted for use by travelers and other persons who are apt to occupy apartments in which the facilities for hanging garments are limited.

Owing to the small size of the spurs 7, little or no mark will be left on the wood, and the device may be affixed and detached with the greatest ease and without the application of much power.

Changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. A hat and coat hanger consisting of two sections hinged together so as to be capable of lying parallel with and at right angles to each other, a pin projecting perpendicularly from one section and adapted to furnish means for assisting in the support of a garment, a tubular knob on the remaining section also capable of supporting a garment and adapted to receive the pin aforesaid when the sections are moved parallel to each other, and means for securing the device in operative position, substantially as described.

2. A hat and coat hanger consisting of two sections one of which is formed with a notch in its end, and the remaining section being formed with a tongue adapted to be hinged within said notch, whereby the sections are capable of extending parallel with and at right angles to each other, two spurs on one section, a similar number of tubes on the remaining section and adapted to receive the spurs when the sections lie parallel with each other, a pin on the free end of the section having the tubes, and a tubular knob on the free end of the remaining section, said pin being adapted to fit within the knob when the sections lie parallel with each other, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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