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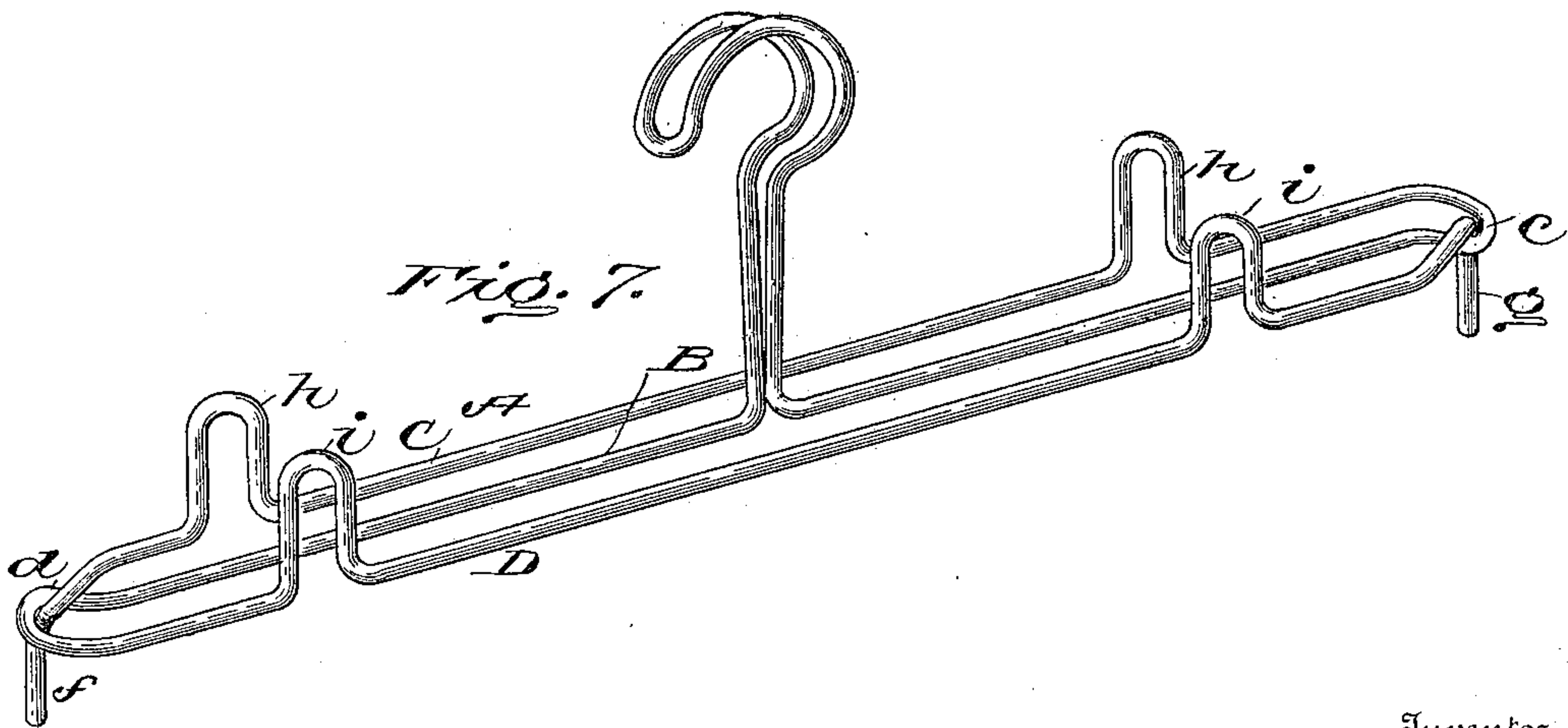
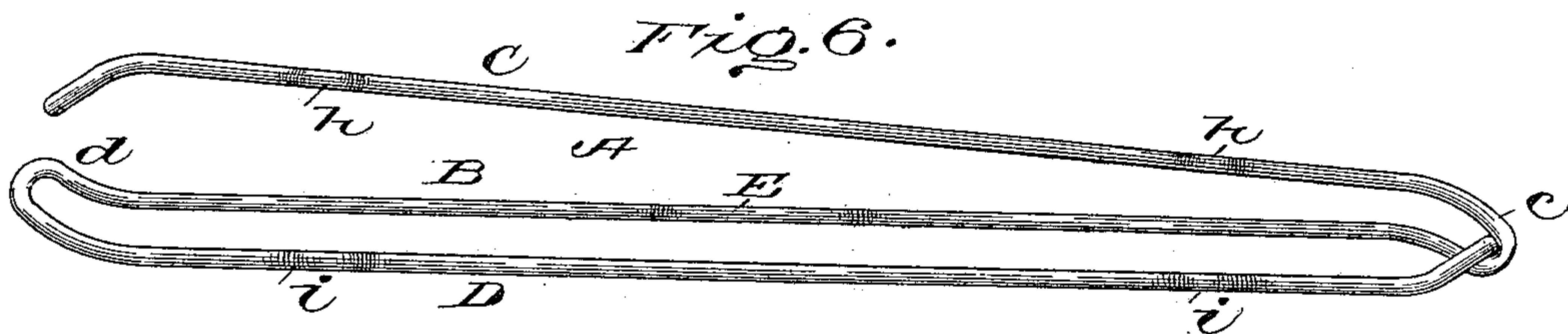
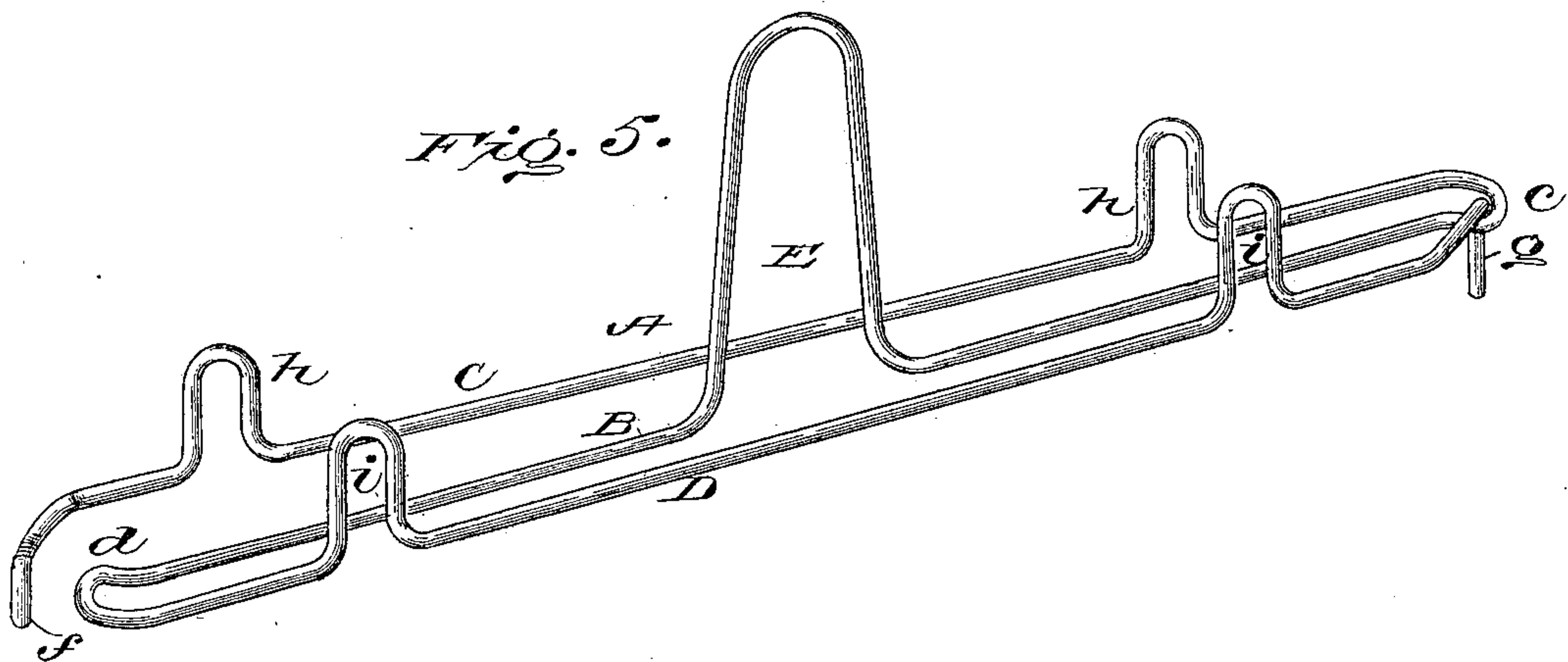
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. BROCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sparta, in the county of Monroe and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in garment-hangers; and it consists, essentially, in a hanger constructed in the form of a double loop and comprising a main stem or supporting member having oppositely-disposed clamping-arms extending longitudinally thereof in reverse directions, each of said arms being provided with suitable fastening means to maintain it in clamping position and the construction and arrangement of said parts being such that one or two pairs of trousers, as desired, may be conveniently suspended and kept in proper form for wear.

The invention further consists in a clothes-hanger of the character specified having its clamping-arms provided with suspending-hooks, by means of which the hanger is also adapted for supporting ladies' dress-skirts.

The invention finally consists in a garment-hanger embodying certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and specifically defined in the appended claim.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, cheap, and durable garment-hanger constructed of a single piece of wire and capable of supporting two pairs of trousers or two dress-skirts or one of each, as desired, and one in which the parts are easy of access and adapted to be readily and conveniently operated to clamp or release the garments.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the manner of using my invention as a trousers-hanger. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of same. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the invention in use as a skirt-supporter. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of same. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the hanger, showing one of the clamping-arms closed and the other opened.

Fig. 6 is a top plan view thereof, and Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a modified form of hanger.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings, wherein like letters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, A represents the hanger, which consists of a single piece of stout spring-wire bent to form a main stem or member B and clamping-arms C and D, disposed on opposite sides thereof. The arm C is formed by bending the wire laterally and outwardly at one end *c* of the stem to form a return-bend portion and extending the same longitudinally alongside said stem to the opposite end *d* thereof, while the arm D is formed by bending the wire in like manner at said latter end in the reverse direction and extending the same along the opposite side of the stem back to the end *c*. By this construction it will be seen that the two arms project in reverse directions parallel with the main stem, or, in other words, toward the opposite ends of the stem, and form, in connection therewith, when closed two oppositely-arranged loops or receiving-openings for the reception of the garments to be suspended.

The stem may be bent intermediate of its length to form a substantially inverted-U-shaped loop E, as shown in Figs. 1 to 6, inclusive, whereby the hanger may be suspended from a hook or nail, or the bent portion may be twisted to form a hook E for the same purpose, as shown in Fig. 7. The clamping-arms may be secured in any desired manner to confine a garment; but for simplicity of construction I preferably provide the same at their free ends with inwardly and downwardly projecting hooks *f* and *g*, which take into keepers formed by the return-bend portions *c* and *d* at the junction of the stem with said arms. The arms are also bent to form hooks or humps *h* and *i*, each arm being provided with a pair of such hooks or humps, one adjacent each end thereof and facing the corresponding hook on the opposite arm.

The wire of which the hanger is made may be nickel-plated or enameled to produce a neat and attractive article and to prevent the same from rusting.

The manner of using my improved hanger as a trousers-supporter is clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2, from which it will be seen that the legs of the trousers are folded along the usual crease-line, laid in contact with each other, and clamped between the main stem and one of the clamping-arms. One or two pairs of trousers may thus be suspended with equal facility and maintained in proper form for wear, the weight of the trousers tending to preserve the crease and to correct undue bagging at the knees.

The manner of using the hanger as a skirt-supporter is shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the usual loops *j* on the inner side of the waistband of each skirt being engaged with the suspending-hooks *h* or *i*, as the case may be, on one of the clamping-arms. The hanger will conveniently hold two pair of trousers, two skirts, or one of each, and one may be readily and quickly removed without liability of disengaging or in the least interfering with the other.

From the above description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and mode of use of the invention will be fully understood, and it will be seen that it provides a hanger which is simple, durable, and inexpensive in construction,

efficient in operation, and embodies advantages due to its peculiar construction alone.

It will of course be understood that changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be made within the scope of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A garment-hanger constructed of a single piece of wire bent into the form of a double loop, said loop consisting of a main stem or member provided with suspending means, and movable clamping-arms arranged on opposite sides of the said stem and projecting in reverse directions, said arms being provided at their free ends with hooks adapted to engage keepers formed by bending the wire laterally at the junction of the arms with the stem, substantially as described.

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

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