

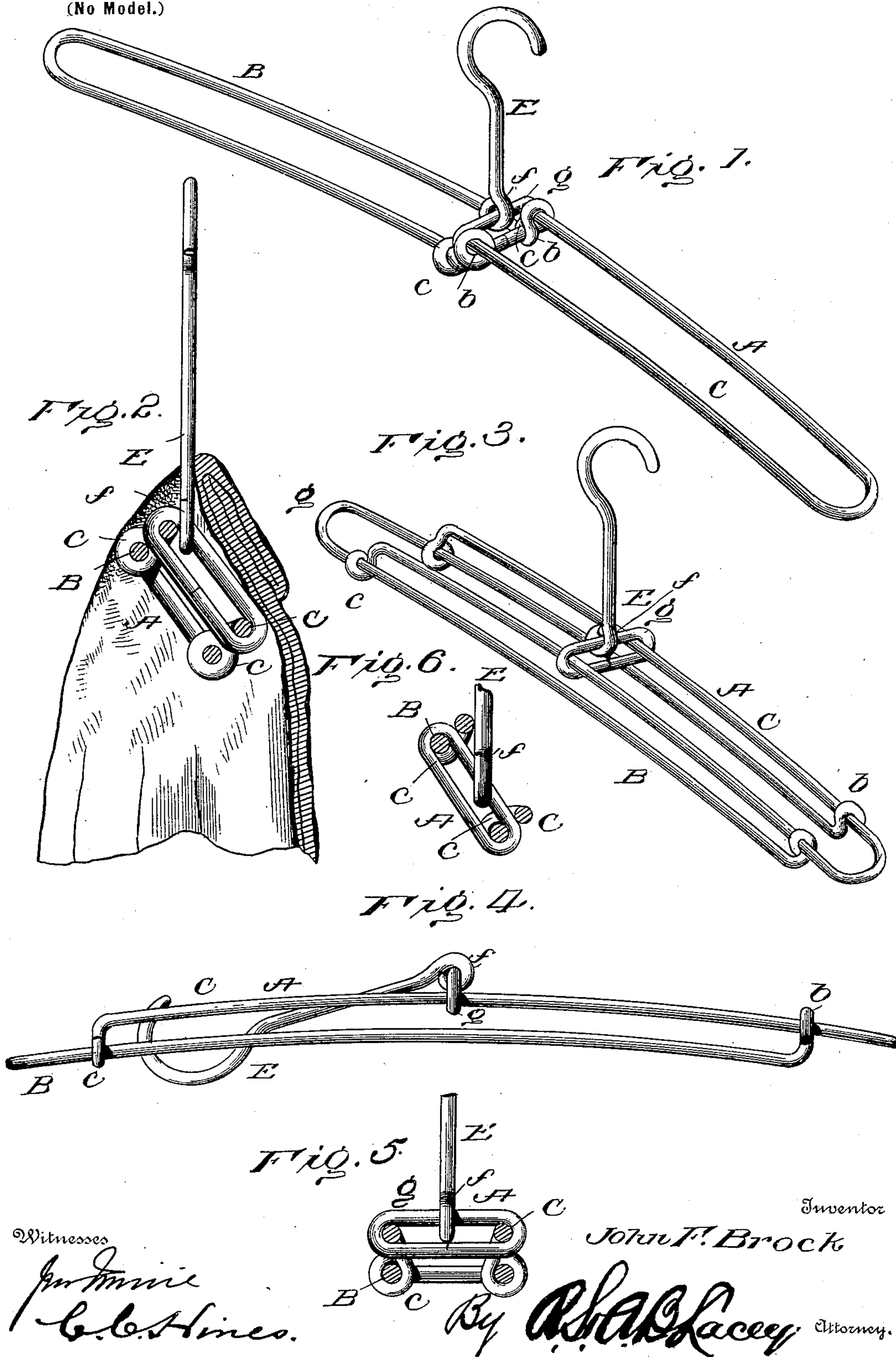
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To all whom it may concern:

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 the object of the same is to provide a hanger for coats and dress-waists which is simple in construction, efficient in operation, and adapted to be adjusted to suit coats and waists of different widths across the shoulders and also folded in compact form, so that it may be conveniently carried and packed away in a minimum amount of storage-space.

A further object is to provide an improved construction of collapsible hanger-frame embodying the desirable qualities of strength, lightness, and durability, combined with a suspending device therefor which may be adjusted to any point along the frame and turned down between the members thereof to facilitate packing and which is further designed to stand out from the collar of the garment and allow the same to assume its proper form, and thus obviate wrinkling or distortion thereof.

With these and other minor objects in view the invention consists of a garment-hanger having certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hanger as extended for use. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view showing the position of the suspending-hook when a coat or dress-waist is applied to the hanger. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hanger in folded condition. Fig. 4 is a side view thereof. Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the same looking toward the suspending-hook. Fig. 6 is a similar view with the parts arranged as in Fig. 2, showing a slight modification.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, wherein like reference-letters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, A represents the complete hanger, which is slightly curved or bowed to conform to the shape of the upper portion of a coat or dress-waist, and comprises two horizontally-disposed substantially U-shaped frame sections or members B and C, respectively, preferably made of stout copper or steel wire nickel-plated or enameled to produce a nicely-finished article and prevent rusting and discoloration of the garment. The section B is provided at its inner free ends with upturned eyes *b*, which loosely engage the arms of the section C, and the latter is provided at its inner free ends with corresponding downturned eyes *c*, which in turn engage the arms of the said section B, whereby the two sections are slidably connected and may be adjusted on each other to shorten or lengthen the hanger to adapt it for receiving coats and dress-waists of different widths across the shoulders. The sections are held interlocked when extended by the frictional engagement of the arms thereof with the eyes produced by the curvature of the sections and the natural tendency of the arms to spring outwardly and bind against the eyes. By constructing and connecting the sections in the manner shown and described an exceedingly strong and durable hanger is provided which will not bend or sag at the extremities thereof to an appreciable extent under the weight of a garment hung thereon. When the hanger is folded or collapsed by sliding the sections inwardly, as shown in Fig. 3, its size is approximately reduced one-half or to the length of one section and a compact article provided which can be conveniently carried in the pocket and packed within a narrow space or compartment in a trunk or satchel.

A hook E is provided for suspending the hanger from a clothes-hook or a nail in the usual manner. This hook is provided at its lower end with an eye *f*, which engages a ring or link *g*, slidably mounted on the arms of the upper section C, so that the hook may be adjusted to the center of the hanger to compensate for variations in the length of the hanger when adjusted to receive garments of

different sizes. The link also permits of the hook being moved to any point along the section in order that it may be turned down to fit snugly between the sections when the hanger is folded or collapsed in the manner shown in Fig. 3. The hook is also adapted to slide freely on the link in a transverse direction or from one side of the hanger to the other.

10 In practice the coat or dress-waist is placed upon and stretched over the hanger in the usual manner and the hanger then adjusted as to length to accurately conform to the width of the same between the shoulders. When 15 the suspending-hook of the hanger is engaged with a clothes hook or nail, the rear or inner side edge of the hanger tilts down under the weight of the garment, thus throwing the said suspending-hook forwardly, so that it will 20 stand out a sufficient distance from the collar of the garment to allow the same to lie smoothly in its proper position. By this means wrinkling or distortion of the collar is prevented.

25 In the modification shown in Fig. 6 the construction and arrangement are the same as in the other figures, except that the link is slidably mounted on the arms of the lower section B instead of the arms of the upper section C. 30 This arrangement allows the hook to fold down more snugly between the sections.

While I have herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will of course be understood that changes 35 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 described the invention, what 40 is claimed as new is—

1. A garment-hanger comprising two sections or members slidably connected so as to be adjustable as to length, a link slidably 45 mounted on one of said sections, and a suspending device slidably connected to the link.

2. A garment-hanger of the character described, consisting of two horizontally-disposed, approximately U-shaped frame sections or members slidably connected so that 50 the hanger may be collapsed and adjusted as to length, a ring or link slidably mounted upon the arms of one of said sections, and a suspending device connected to the link.

3. A garment-hanger of the character described, consisting of two horizontally-disposed, substantially U-shaped frame sections 55 or members, one of said sections being provided at its inner free ends with upturned eyes engaging the arms of the other section 60 and the latter with corresponding downturned eyes engaging the arms of the first-named section, a ring or link slidably mounted upon the arms of said section having the downturned eyes, and a suspending device formed 65 with an eye loosely engaging the ring or link, substantially as described.

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

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