

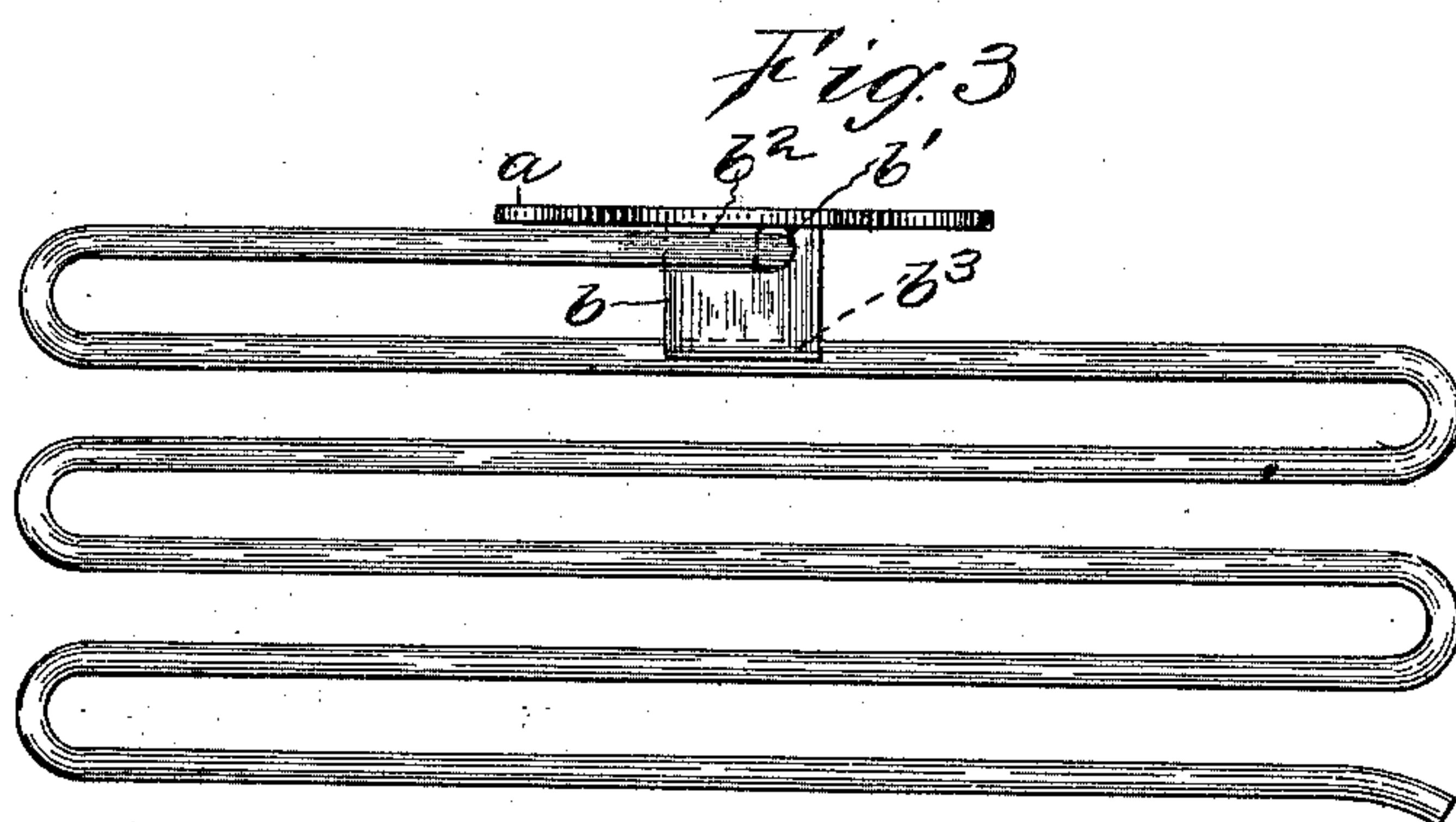
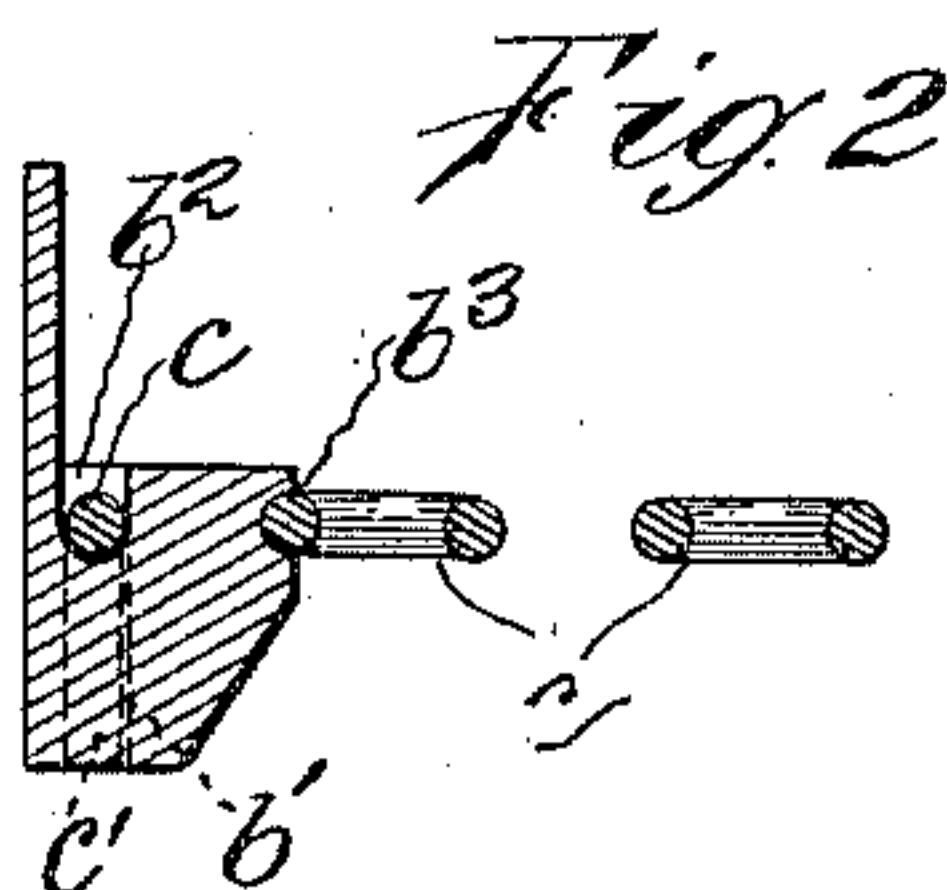
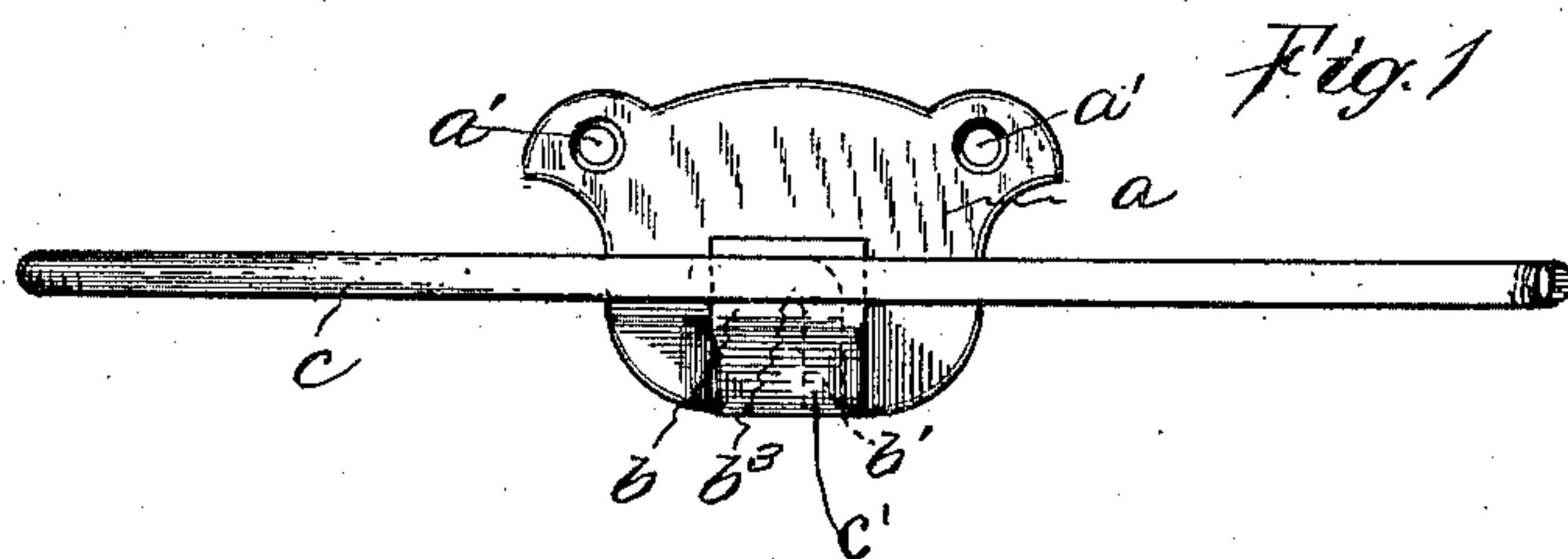
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## TROUSERS-HANGER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LAURISTON F. L. PYNCHON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trousers-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the class of devices used for supporting garments; and the object of my invention is to provide a device of this class more especially adapted for holding trousers or the like in a manner to prevent wrinkling or undesirable folds or creases. A device in which this object may be attained is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the device. Fig. 2 is a detail view, in crosswise section, through the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view.

In the accompanying drawings the letter *a* denotes a bracket member that may be made of any suitable material and of any desired form, this member being provided with holes *a'* as a means of attachment to a wall or like part. This bracket member, as illustrated, includes a ledge *b*, in which is formed depthwise thereof an opening *b'*. A groove *b<sup>2</sup>* is formed in the upper edge of the ledge, extending from one side into the opening *b'*, this groove being preferably formed at the back of the ledge, a continuation of the front surface of the main part of the bracket member forming one wall of the groove. A groove *b<sup>3</sup>* is formed across the ledge in its front surface.

A frame-like member *c* is constructed, preferably, of metal in the form of a rod bent back and forth, the bends forming jaws opening alternately at opposite ends of the frame-like member. The bent portion of the rod at the rear end of this frame-like member preferably terminates short of the end and has a downturned portion *c'*, as shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2. The rod forming this frame-like member is preferably of such size as to allow a certain amount of spring action between the different branches of the frame-like member for the purpose of accommodating garments of different thicknesses, and this spring feature of the branches also serves as a means of securing the frame-like member to the bracket member. The ledge *b* extends

from the back-piece of the bracket a distance somewhat greater than the distance between the branches of the frame-like member. The grooves *b<sup>2</sup>* and *b<sup>3</sup>* are formed in the same horizontal plane, the portion of the ledge located between the grooves being somewhat thicker than the distance between the branches of the frame-like member. In assembling the parts the downward part *c'* of the frame is inserted in the opening *b'* and the branches sprung apart to a distance sufficient to allow the branch at the rear of the frame-like member to lie in the groove *b<sup>2</sup>* and the branch next to the rear to lie in the groove *b<sup>3</sup>*, the spring action between these two branches holding the frame-like member firmly in position, with the rear branch lying at the bottom of the groove *b<sup>2</sup>*.

While I have shown and described herein one means of embodying my invention, it is to be noted that the features of construction herein described may be departed from to a greater or less extent and yet come within the scope of the invention, and I do not desire to limit myself to the precise form herein shown and described.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination a supporting bracket member, a frame-like member composed of branches extending back and forth providing jaws opening alternately at opposite ends thereof, said frame-like member being supported at one end by the bracket member whereby, beginning at the bracket member, each successive branch of the frame-like member is located farther from the support than the preceding branch.

2. In combination with a bracket member having a projecting part, a frame-like member composed of branches extending back and forth providing jaws opening alternately at opposite ends thereof and having two adjacent branches located at the extreme end of the frame-like member located on opposite sides of said projection from the bracket member.

3. In combination in a garment-hanger, a bracket member consisting of a back piece and a ledge, oppositely-disposed grooves formed in said ledge, one in the upper face and one at the outer edge, a frame-like mem-



ber having adjacent branches adapted to rest in said grooves, and means for preventing movement of the frame-like member lengthwise of the branches.

5 4. In combination with a bracket member consisting of a back piece and a ledge, an opening depthwise through the ledge, a groove extending crosswise of the ledge in its upper  
10 in the front edge of the ledge, and a frame-like member having branches adapted to lie in said grooves, and a bent portion adapted to lie in said opening.

15 5. As an improved article of manufacture, a trousers-hanger comprising a bracket having a socket and a clamp, the latter formed of a rod of spring metal one end of which is bent at an angle to the plane of the clamp

and fits said socket and the rest of the rod being bent back and forth to form substantially parallel jaws opening on opposite ends of the clamp. 20

6. As an improved article of manufacture, a trousers-hanger comprising a bracket having a socket and a rest adjacent to the socket 25 and a clamp, the latter formed of a rod of spring metal one end of which is bent at an angle to the plane of the clamp and the portion adjacent to the bent portion supported by said rest, the balance of the rod being bent 30 back and forth to form substantially parallel jaws opening on opposite ends of the clamp.

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