

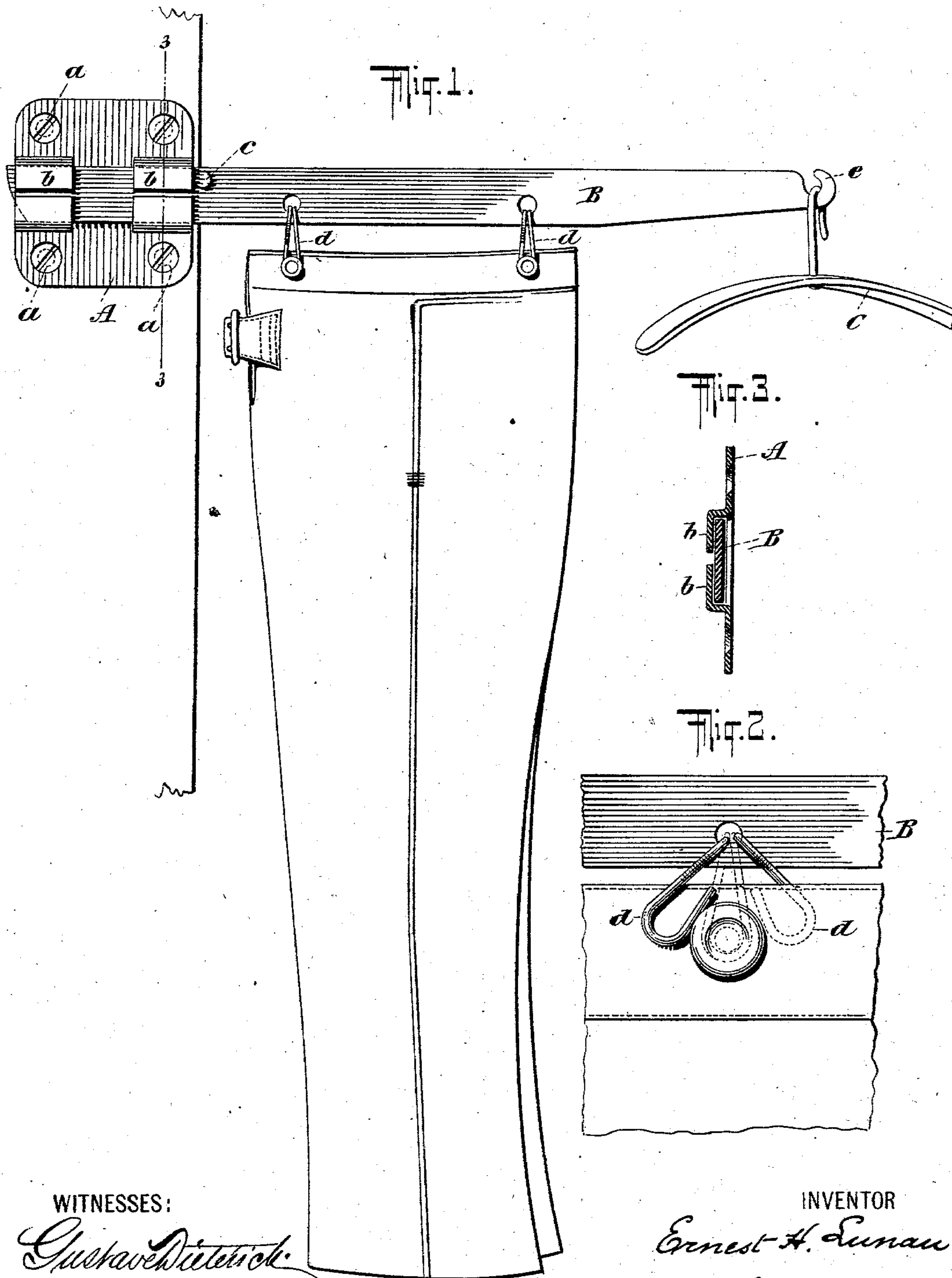
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST H. LUNAU, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a clothes support or hanger; and the object of said invention is to provide a simple and efficient structure for supporting clothes in position and to maintain the clothes so that they will be prevented from wrinkling or creasing.

To these ends my invention consists in the novel combination of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side view of the clothes-support embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary detail view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of a part of the structure, taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

As represented in Fig. 1 of the drawings, a support A is adapted to be secured to a fixed portion of the closet or other place where the clothes-support is to be placed in position. This support A may be secured in place by any suitable means—such, for instance, as the screws *a*. This support is provided with retaining-sleeves *b*, which are preferably struck up from the body of the metal of which the support is preferably formed. The sleeves *b* are adapted to receive the bracket B, and a pin *c* may be provided to limit the movement of the bracket B in one direction in the sleeves *b*. It will be seen that the sleeves *b* are adapted to receive the bracket from either side, so that the support is a reversible one which may be secured either on the right-hand or left-hand side of the fixed structure to which it is to be secured. The bracket B is provided with engaging means *d*, which are preferably in the nature of button-engaging hooks. At least two of these engaging hooks are provided at substantially the same point, so that they are adapted to engage the buttons upon opposite sides of a pair of trousers in order to maintain them in the proper position, as indicated in Fig. 1 of the drawings. It will likewise be observed that the sets of button-engaging hooks *d* are spaced apart at a distance which corresponds substantially to the distance between the front

and back suspender-buttons on a pair of trousers. The button-engaging hooks are movable or adapted to swing upon a bracket B, so as to compensate for the slight difference that may exist in the distance between the trousers-buttons on different-size trousers. This swinging of the button-engaging hooks likewise permits them to be readily disconnected from the buttons, as indicated in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The bracket B is likewise provided, preferably at or near its outer end, with a hook-like portion *e*, that is adapted to receive a coat-hanger C or the like.

From the foregoing description it will be observed that I provide a clothes support or hanger which when not in use may be readily removed and which occupies but little space when in use and maintains the clothes in the proper folded position, so as to maintain the desirable creases in the trousers and to avoid any undesirable wrinkling or creasing of the clothes which are supported in place.

It should be understood that the support is of particular value for supporting clothes in place while they are being cleaned and that the engaging means are equally well adapted to support ladies' skirts in place, the distance between the engaging means corresponding substantially to the distance between the fastening-loops in the skirt.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A clothes-hanger comprising a support provided with a sleeve portion open at both ends, a bracket-bar, one end of which is adapted to be inserted in said sleeve portion from either side, the other or free end of said bar being provided with a hook adapted to support a coat-hanger, or the like, two sets of button-engaging devices suspended from said bracket-bar between its supported end and the hook, one of these sets of button-engaging devices being suspended near the hook and the other being suspended near the supported end of the bar, said button-engaging devices and the hook being in substantially the same plane with the sleeve portions in which the bracket is received.

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