

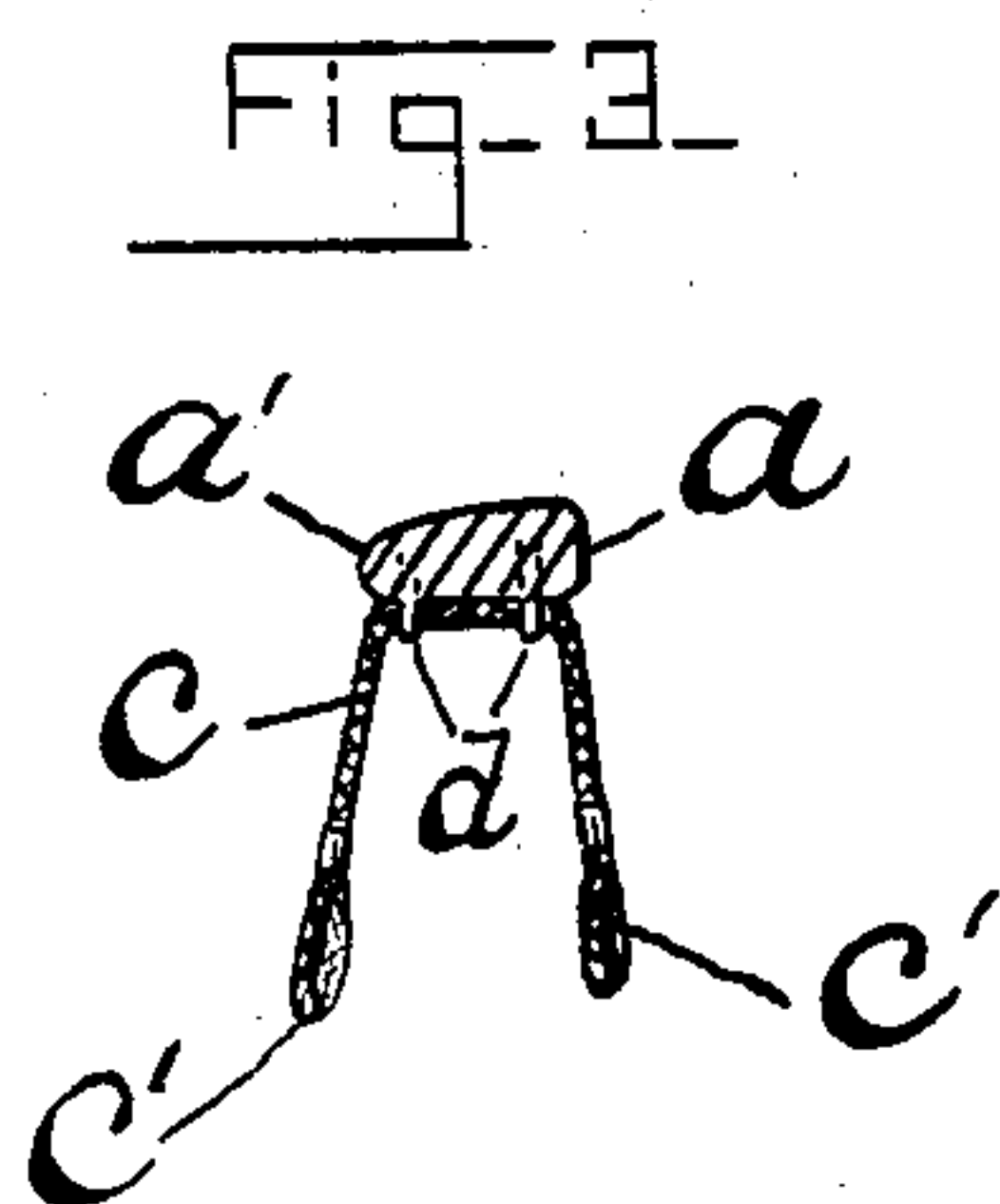
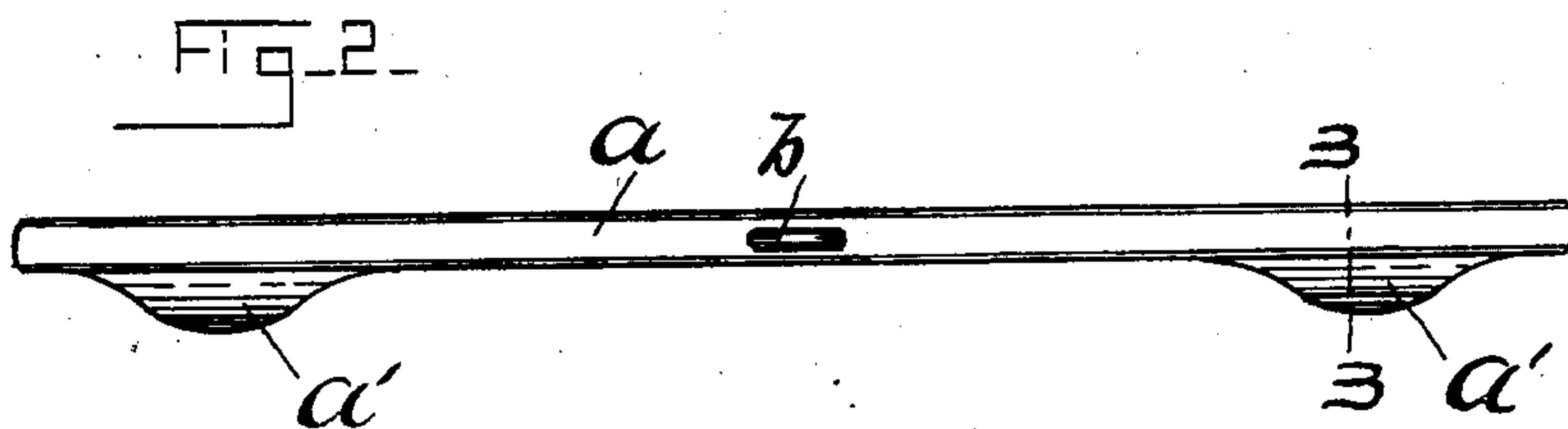
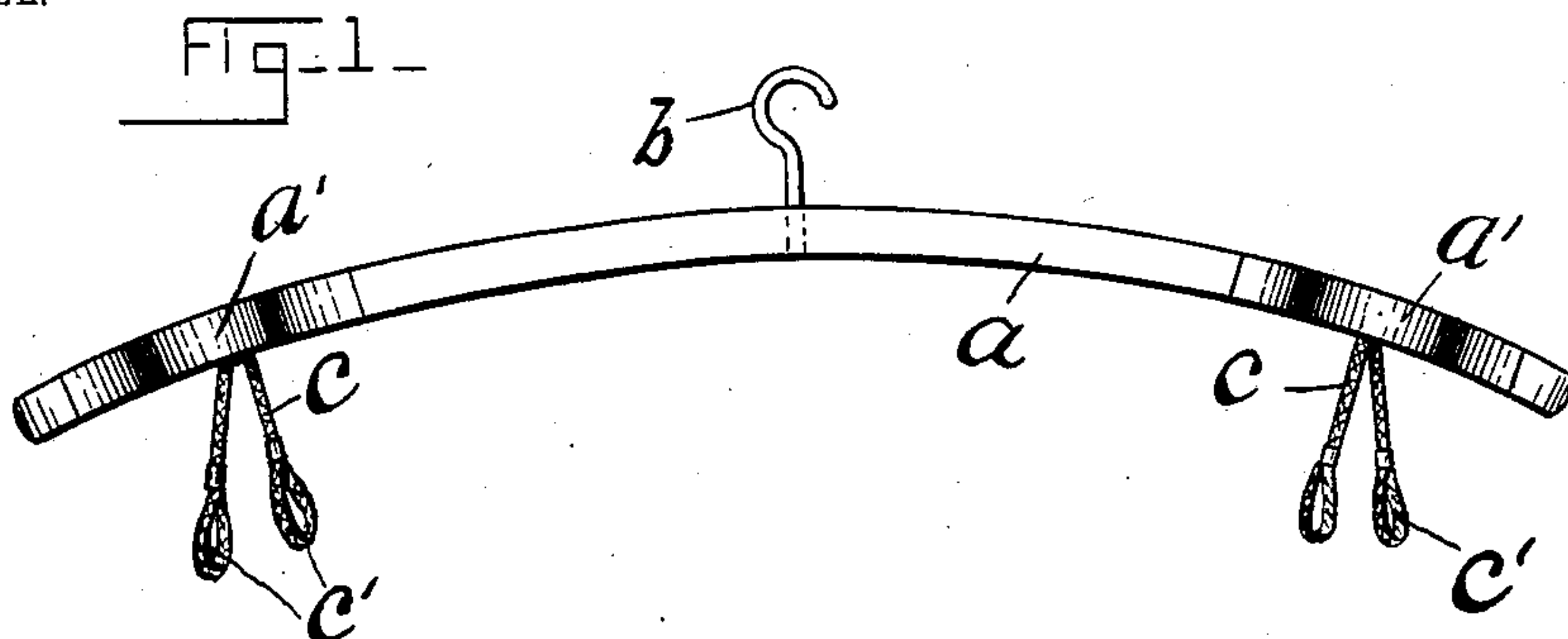
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. KNOWLTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Putnam, in the county of Windham and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is in the class of portable devices provided for suspending coat, vest, and trousers together or either of them separately, my chief aim being to produce a garment-hanger of very simple and cheap construction.

To aid in explaining my said invention, I have provided the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, and Fig. 2 a plan view, of a garment-hanger of my improved form. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

In the drawings, the letter *a* indicates the principal member—to wit, the frame—of my garment-hanger, said frame being preferably of wood and curved to correspond approximately to the curve of the shoulders of an adult person. Near the ends of said frame (on one of its sides) are outwardly-curved portions *a'*, that lie within the upper sides of the sleeves of a coat when the hanger is in use, thus avoiding the creasing of the cloth that results when a straight frame *a* is used, and said projections also serve to support a considerable part of the weight of a coat instead of allowing it to rest entirely upon the angular portion of the middle part of the frame *a*, as is most common in this class of devices.

The hanger may be suspended by means of a hook *b*, that is screwed or otherwise secured to the upper side of the frame *a*, the said hook being so secured to the frame that it may be readily removed for convenience of packing and shipping.

Secured to the under side of the frame *a*, near each of its ends, is a flexible cord *c*, the central portion of said cord being secured to the frame, as here shown, by staples *d*, that are driven firmly into the wood, and the free

ends of each cord are looped to form button-holes *c'* of a size suitable to engage trousers-buttons. 50

The frame *a* serves as a support for a vest and for a coat, which latter may be mounted over the vest, and the trousers may be supported by buttoning the loops *c'* over the buttons on opposite sides of said trousers. Thus an entire suit of clothes may be supported, or, as I have stated above, either garment may be supported independently of the others. 55

The flexible trousers-supporters readily adjust themselves to garments of different sizes and do not crease or stretch the cloth, as do many forms of trousers-hangers in which the legs or other parts are grasped by spring-operated jaws. The curved projections *a'* relieve the frame proper, *a*, of the entire weight of a coat and serve to keep said coat in its normal shape instead of stretching and distorting it at certain places, as often happens when a simple curved frame that is angular in cross-section is used. 60 65 70

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a garment-hanger, a coat-supporting portion having means for supporting it and provided with lateral projections near its ends, said lateral projections terminating short of the free ends of said coat-supporting portion and adapted to lie within the upper sides of the sleeve of the coat, substantially as shown and described. 75 80

2. In a suit-hanger, a frame to support a coat, said frame having outwardly-curved projections which extend laterally from one of its sides and terminate short of its free ends and are adapted to lie within the upper sides of the sleeves of the coat, and flexible cords secured to said frame near the ends of the latter and having their free ends looped to form buttonholes. 85 90

Signed at Putnam, Connecticut, this 12th day of December, 1901.

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