

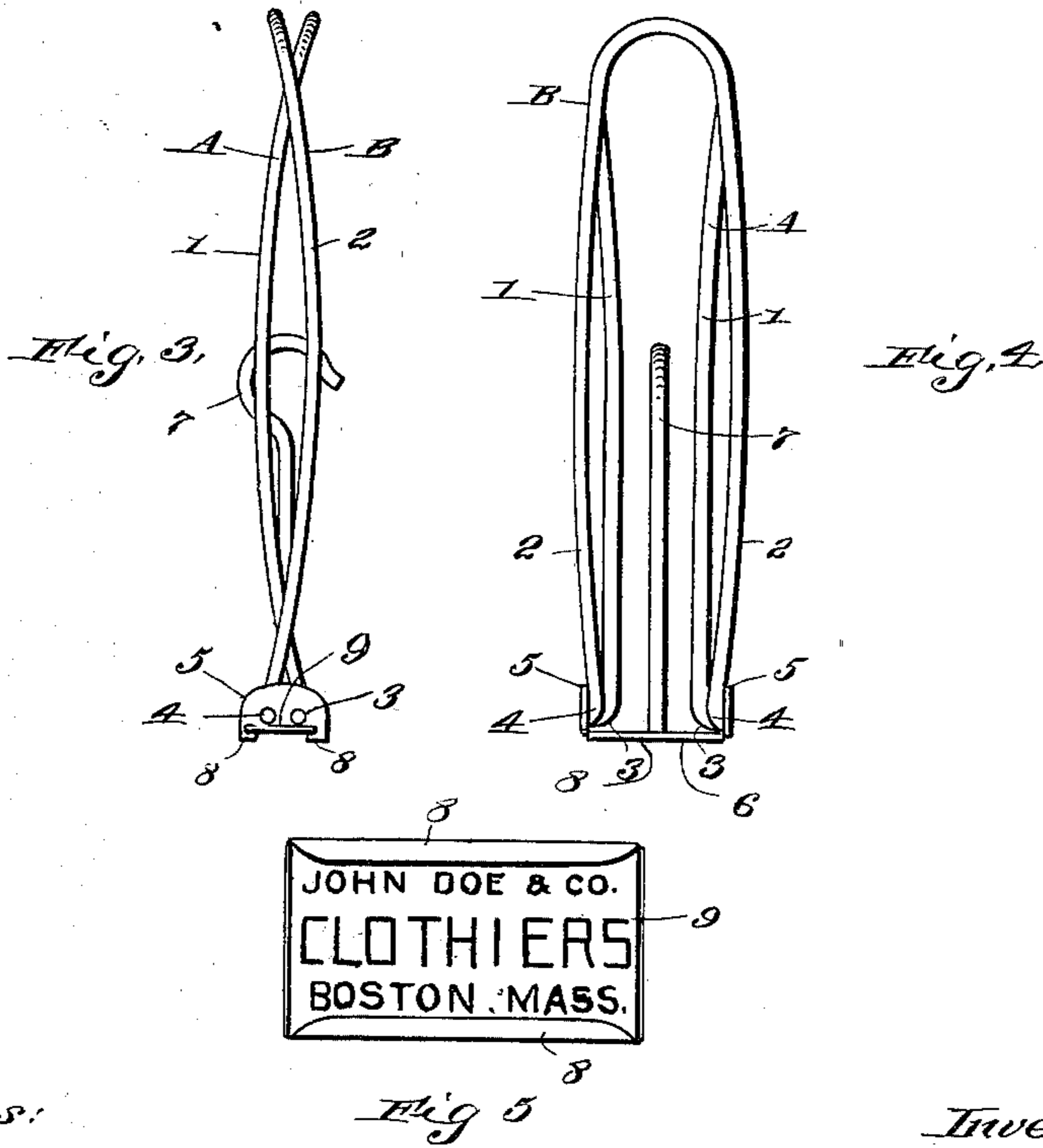
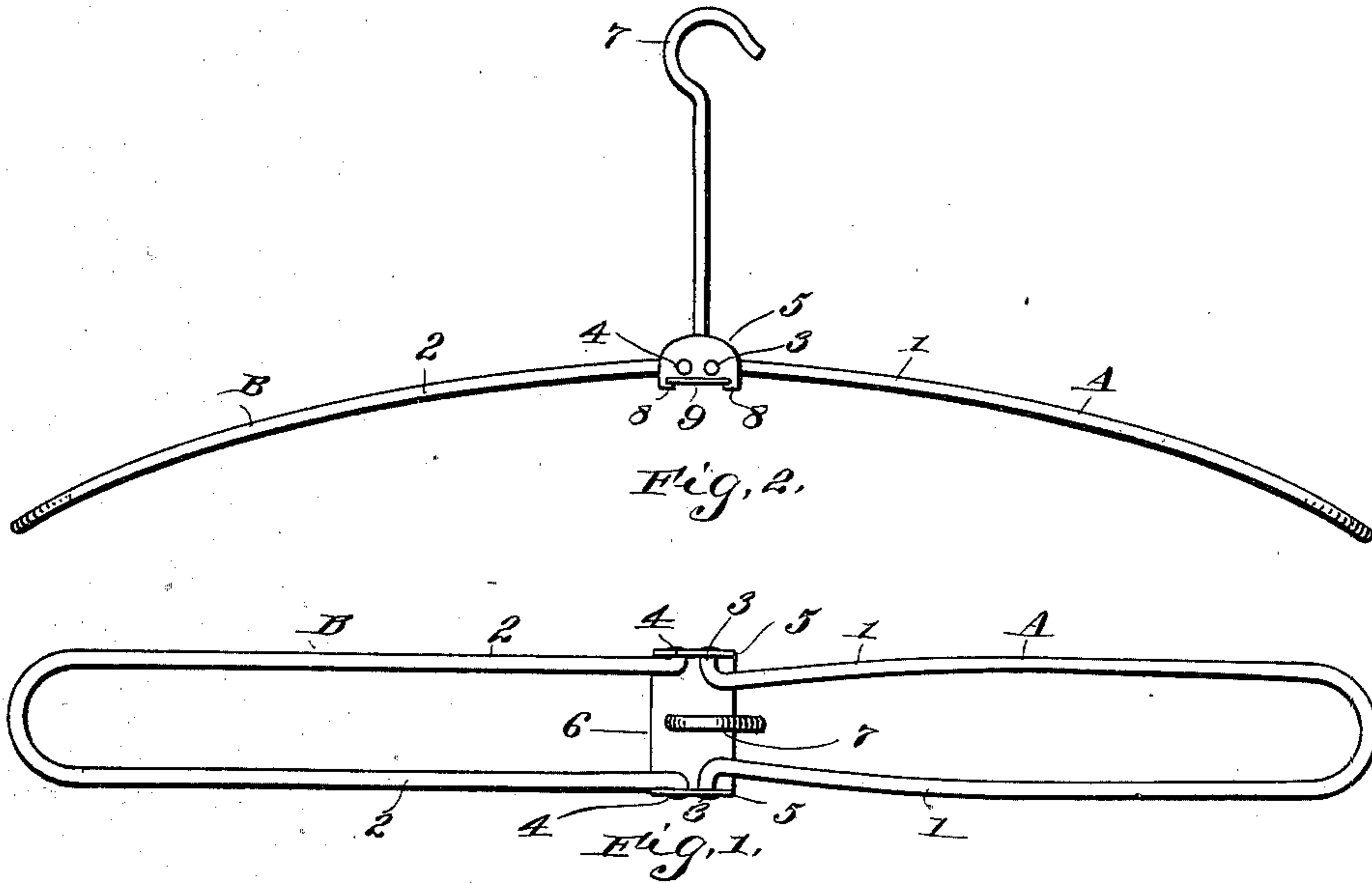
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COAT-HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IVAN F. BAER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Monson, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in coat-hangers; and the object of my invention is to produce a coat-hanger which can be folded compactly and which can be made very cheaply, so that clothing-dealers can afford to give them away to customers and so that, if they desire, the hanger may be also employed as an advertising medium.

Briefly stated, the hanger comprises two arms, a central union-plate having upturned ears, to which the arms are pivoted by laterally-projecting pivots, and a suspension-hook secured to the said plate, the plate serving, if desired, as a medium for advertisement. I will now proceed to fully describe the invention, which will be particularly pointed out in the claim at the end of the specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of a coat-hanger embodying my invention when spread out. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same when folded. Fig. 4 is an elevation looking at the left-hand side of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a view of the under side of the union-plate with an advertising-card clamped thereto.

The arms A and B are preferably made of wires bent around at their middle, forming, respectively, the branches 1 1 of the arm A and branches 2 2 of the arm B. The branches are laterally bent outward at the ends of the wires, forming pivots 3 4, which have their bearings in the upturned ends or ears 5 5 of the union-plate 6. The preferred form of construction is to have a separate hole for each pivot; but there might be an elongated slot in each ear 5 to receive both pivots. The plate 6 extends under the arms

far enough to form a firm support and prevent them from dropping below the position intended for them when the hanger is extended for use, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The suspension-hook 7 is secured to the middle of the plate 6. Both arms A B may be turned up on their pivots and folded together, with the hook 7 lying between, as shown in Fig. 3. In order to fold the wire compactly, owing to the downwardly-curved ends of the arms it is preferable to make one arm A a little narrower than the arm B or somewhat tapering, so that it may pass inside of the branches of arm B instead of butting against it. This will bring the outer ends of the arms a little nearer together. In order to do this, the pivots 3 3 of arm A are a little longer than the pivots 4 4 of arm B. The ends of the pivots are headed or otherwise fixed, so not to pull through the pivot-holes. The edges of the plate 6 have catches or flanges 8 turned underneath to secure an advertising-card 9. After the card is inserted the flanges may be set up against the card to clamp it securely. Instead of the catches 8 the advertising-card may be affixed to the plate by any other means.

What I claim is—

A folding coat-hanger comprising two arms, a central union to which the two arms are pivoted close together so as to allow them to fold together upward at substantially right angles to the open position, a suspension-hook secured to said union-plate and inclosed between the said arms when the latter are folded, said union forming also a stop to limit the downward opening of the arms below the position desired when in use, substantially as described.

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

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