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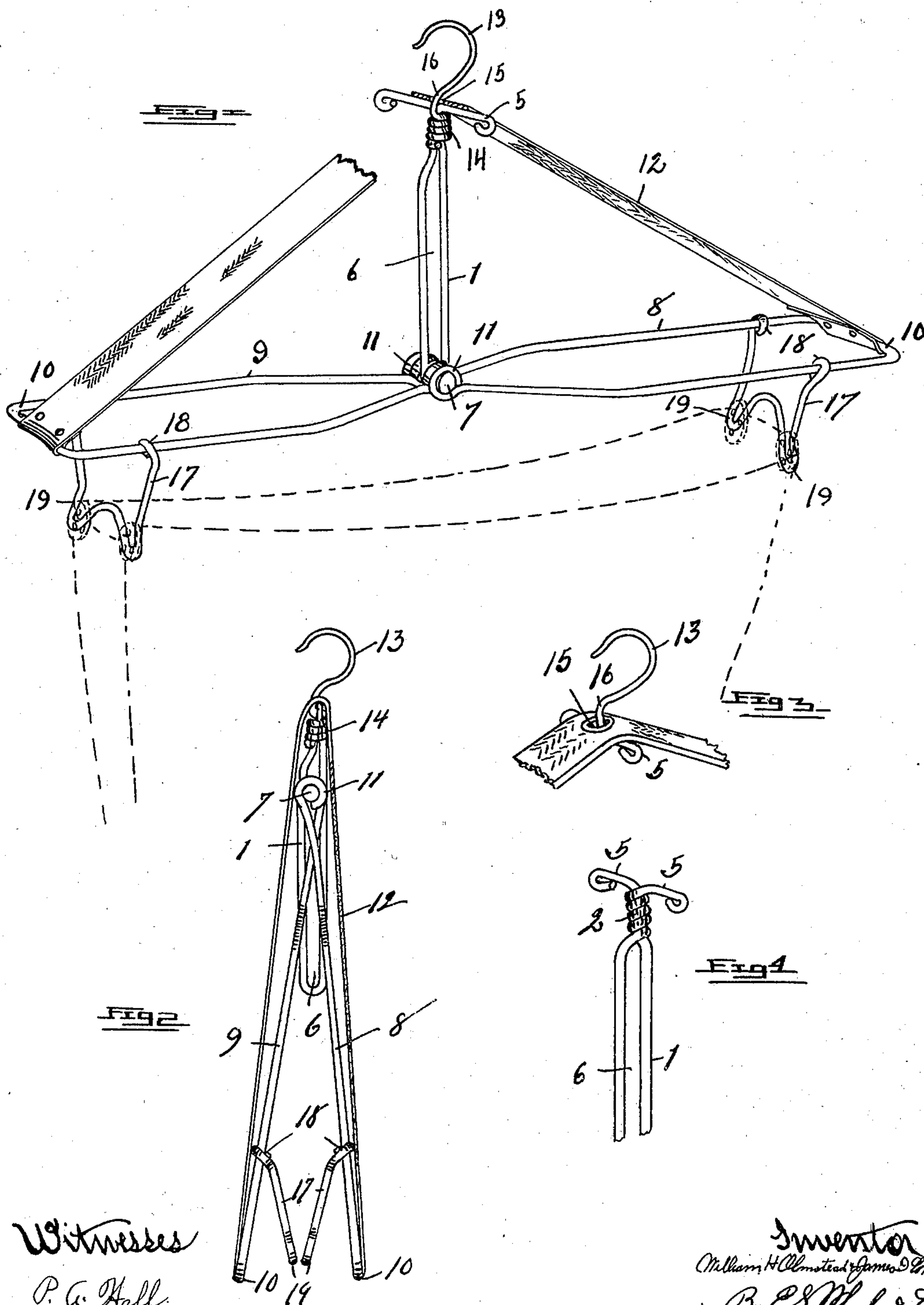
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM H. OLMSTEAD and JAMES D. CONEY, citizens of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers; and we do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a suit or garment hanger; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out particularly in the claims.

The object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character described of simple and inexpensive construction in which the arrangement is such as to enable the hanger to be readily folded together, so as to occupy but a small space, and readily and easily extended when desired for use, so as to afford a proper support for a suit of clothes or other garment, said arrangement including a swiveled hook, by means of which the hanger may be supported, and movable depending brackets for suspending the trousers.

The above object is attained by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of this improved hanger, a portion of the fabric supporting-strap being broken away to show the construction of parts and the suspended trousers appearing in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the hanger in its folded position. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view in perspective, showing an eyelet at the center of the fabric strap through which the supporting-hook passes. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view in perspective of the upper end of the vertical portion of the frame, showing the manner of uniting the ends of the wire loop which forms said portion of the frame and shaping the ends of said

looped wire into cross-arms that support the fabric strap.

Referring to the characters of reference, 1 designates the vertical portion of the frame of the hanger, which comprises a single strand of wire in the form of an elongated loop, the ends of said strand being twisted together, as shown at 2 in Fig. 4, and extended laterally to form a cross-arm 5, for purposes hereinafter stated. By looping the wire strand 1 as described a vertical way 6 is formed between the sides of said loop in which the pintle or transverse pin 7 is adapted to slide.

The side braces 8 and 9 are each formed of a single strand of wire in the shape of a frame having parallel sides and a transverse end portion 10. Eyes 11 are formed in the free ends of the side braces which embrace and are adapted to turn upon the pintle 7 upon opposite sides of the vertical loop 1.

Attached at its opposite ends to the transverse end portions of the braces 8 and 9 is the fabric strap 12, which at its central portion passes over the cross-arm 5 and is supported thereby.

Swiveled upon the upper end of the central portion of the frame is a hook 13, whose stem is coiled around the united strands of the loop 1, as at 14, thereby securing said hook in position, but enabling it to turn. The presence of the cross-arm 5 above the coiled portion of the hook retains the hook in place. In the central portion of the strap 12 is inserted an eyelet 15, through which the stem 16 of the hook passes, whereby said strap is retained in place upon the cross-arm 5 and the central loop of the frame is maintained in a vertical position.

The pintle 7 being adapted to slide freely in the way 6, the hanger may be readily folded by sliding the pintle upwardly in said way, as shown in Fig. 2, thereby causing the side braces to swing inwardly at their outer ends and lie upon each side of the loop 1, while the side portions of the strap 12 lie against said braces 8 and 9, reducing the hanger to a small compass. The hanger may be spread ready for use by simply drawing downwardly upon

the inner ends of the braces, so as to carry the pintle downward to the lower end of the loop 1, as shown in Fig. 1, when the strap will be extended in a manner to support a coat or similar garment, as will be understood.

To provide for suspending the trousers from the braces of the hanger, the brackets 17 are employed. These brackets are provided with eyes 18, adapted to slide upon the side bars of said braces, so that said brackets may be adjusted to any size of waistband. Said brackets are also provided with the depending loops 19, adapted to receive the buttons on the trousers, as shown, whereby the trousers may be supported. The weight of the trousers upon the lower ends of the brackets tends to swing them inward or toward each other, whereby their eyes 18 become cramped upon the bars of the braces, locking them against movement and holding the trousers extended.

Having thus fully set forth this invention, what is claimed is—

1. In a garment-hanger, the combination of the central loop, a pintle slidable in said loop, side braces having their inner ends journaled

on said pintle, a strap attached at its ends to the outer ends of said braces, a support at the upper end of the central loop, over which said strap passes, a hook swiveled to the upper end of said loop, an eyelet in the strap adapted to receive the stem of said hook.

2. In a garment-hanger, the combination of a central frame member having a longitudinal way therein, a pintle adapted to slide vertically in said way, side braces having their inner ends journaled on said pintle, the upper end of the central portion of the frame having a transverse cross-arm, a hook swiveled thereon below said cross-arm and a strap attached at its opposite ends to the outer ends of said braces and supported at its central portion by said cross-arm.

In testimony whereof we sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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