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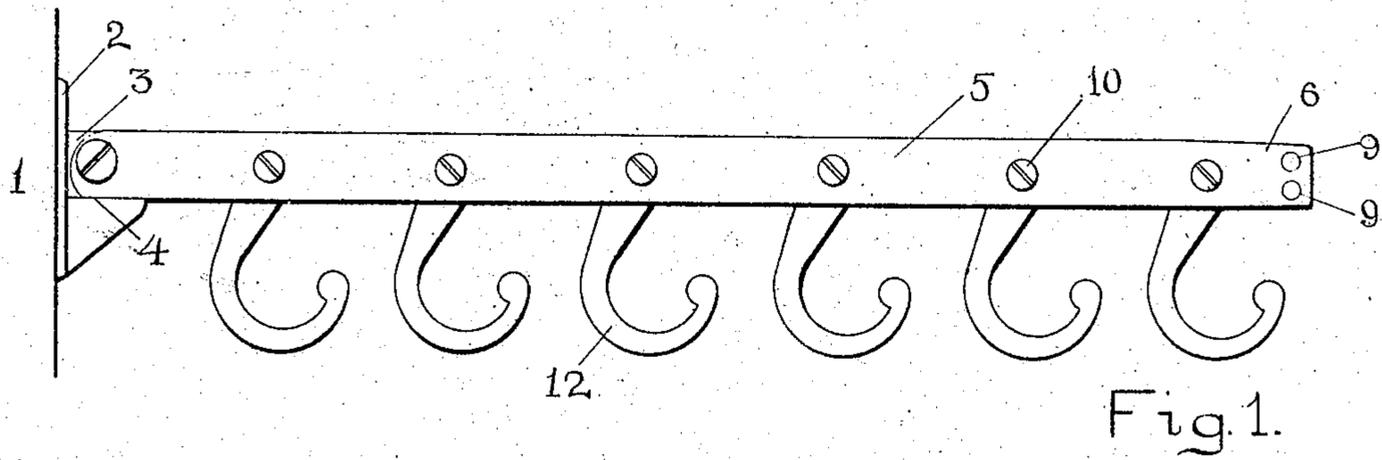


Fig. 1.

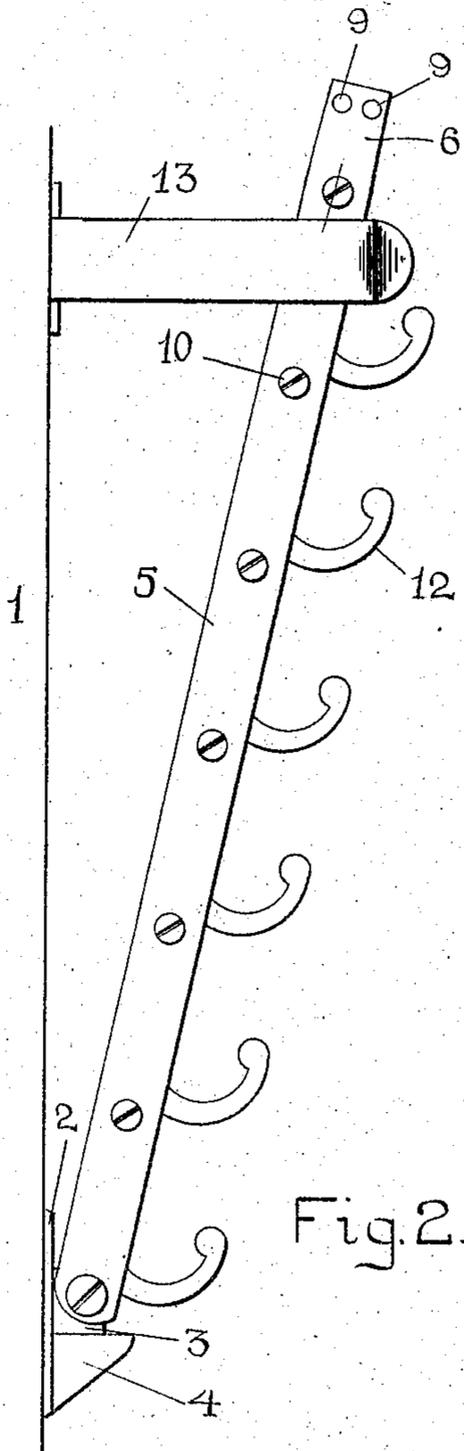


Fig. 2.

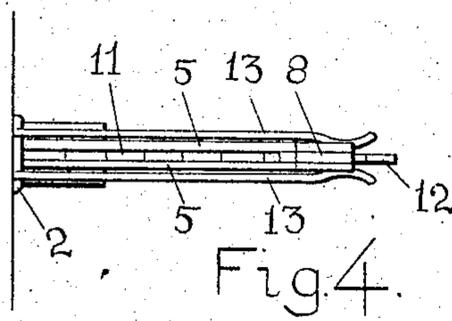


Fig. 4.

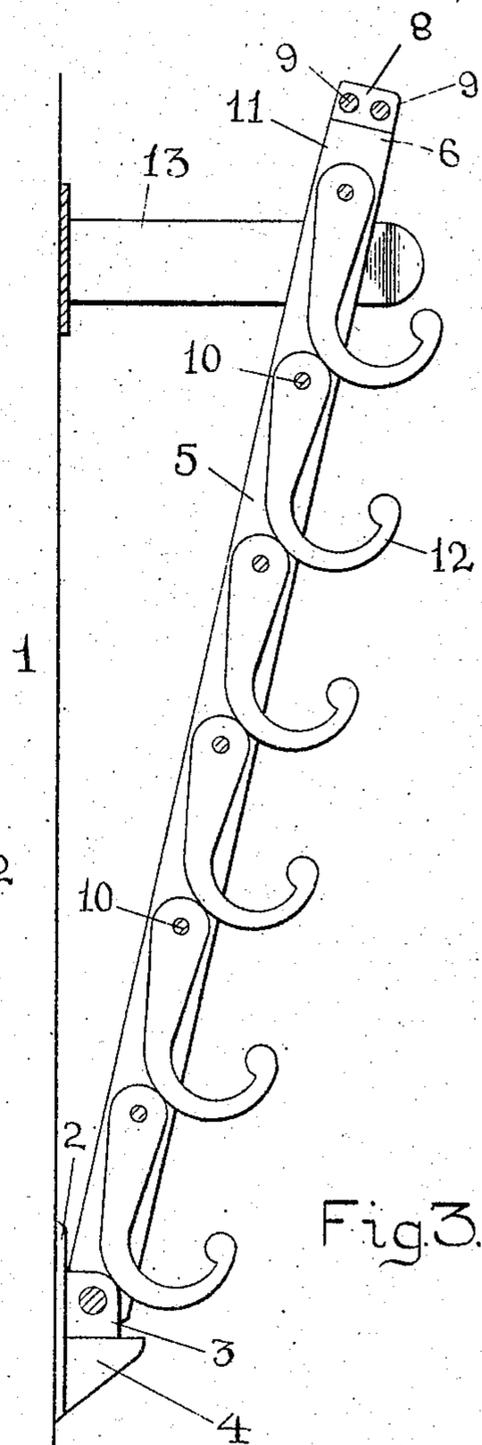


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD C. WHITNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification accompanied by drawings forming a part of the same, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved garment-hanger, showing it attached to a wall and projecting horizontally therefrom. Fig. 2 is also a side view of my improved hanger, showing it attached to a wall and raised into an oblique position from the position shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows my improved hanger in a similar position to that shown in Fig. 2, but with one of the two side bars removed, showing the position of the hooks; and Fig. 4 is a top view of my improved hanger shown in the position of Fig. 2.

Similar reference-figures refer to similar parts in the different views.

The object of my invention is to provide a garment-hanger which may be kept in a horizontal position and from which a series of hooks may depend, so that a number of garments may be suspended from it, but yet may be kept separate from each other, and when it is desired to occupy less space with the suspended garments I provide means whereby the garment-hanger may assume and be held in a position slightly inclined from the vertical, the hooks being so attached to the garment-hanger that they, with the garments hanging therefrom, always remain in a vertical position.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 denotes a wall to which the garment-hanger is attached.

2 is a plate attached to the wall 1 by any suitable means, such as screws in countersunk holes. (Not shown.) From this plate 2 a bracket 3 projects, provided on each side with horizontal shoulders 4, and to the bracket 3 are pivoted bars 5 5, united at their free ends at 6 and resting when in a horizontal position on the shoulders 4, as shown in Fig. 1. I have shown the bars 5 5 held parallel to each other and the desired distance apart by the

bracket 3 at one end of the wall 1 and by a block 8 (shown in Figs. 3 and 4) and rivets 9 9 at the opposite end. The bars 5 5 are provided with pins 10, extending across the space 11 between the bars, and on these pins 10 are suspended the hooks 12.

At a convenient distance above the plate 2 I attach to the wall in any convenient manner a pair of blade-springs 13 13, being so shaped that the bars 5 5 on being elevated will enter between said springs 13 13 and be held from downward movement, as shown in Fig. 4. The hooks 12 and any garments hung therefrom when the bars 5 5 are elevated swing on the pins 10. The hooks 12 are of such a length with reference to the distance between the pins 10 that when the bars 5 5 are raised, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, each hook will strike the hook next below it and be thereby prevented from swinging beyond a vertical position, as shown in Fig. 3.

My garment-hanger is attached to the wall in any desired place and allowed to remain in a horizontal position for convenience in attaching or removing garments therefrom and to bring the garments hung thereon into a compact space and near the wall.

I do not confine myself to the method shown of holding the bars 5 5 in an oblique position—that is, the blade-springs 13 13; but any convenient manner of retaining the bars 5 5 in the position shown in Fig. 2 may be employed.

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

1. A garment-hanger consisting of a member with hooks pivotally suspended therefrom, means for pivotally connecting said member to an upright surface, and means for engaging said pivoted member in an oblique position.

2. A garment-hanger consisting of a member pivoted to an upright surface with hooks pivotally suspended therefrom, means whereby said pivoted member may be supported in an oblique position, and means for supporting said pivoted member in a horizontal position.

3. In a garment-hanger, the combination of a bar, hooks pivotally suspended therefrom, a bracket attached to an upright surface and

pivoted to one end of said bar, means for supporting said bar in a horizontal position and means whereby said bar may also be held in an oblique position.

5 4. In a garment-hanger, the combination of a member pivoted to an upright surface with hooks pivotally suspended therefrom, means for pivotally connecting said pivoted member to an upright surface, means for engaging
10 said pivoted member in an oblique position, and means for limiting the swing of said pivotally-connected hooks as said pivoted member is held in an oblique position.

15 5. In a garment-hanger, the combination of a bar with hooks pivotally suspended therefrom, means for pivotally connecting said bar at one end to an upright surface, and means for engaging said bar in an oblique position.

6. In a garment-hanger, the combination of

a bar with hooks pivotally suspended there- 20 from, a bracket attached to an upright surface and pivoted to one end of said bar, a horizontal shoulder on said bracket, whereby said bar is supported horizontally, and means for engaging said bar in an oblique position. 25

7. In a garment-hanger, the combination of a bar with hooks pivotally suspended therefrom, means for pivotally supporting said bar on an upright surface, means for supporting said bar in a horizontal position, and a pair of 30 blade-springs attached to said upright surface above said pivotal connection, whereby said bar is engaged and held in an oblique position.

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