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Fig. 1.

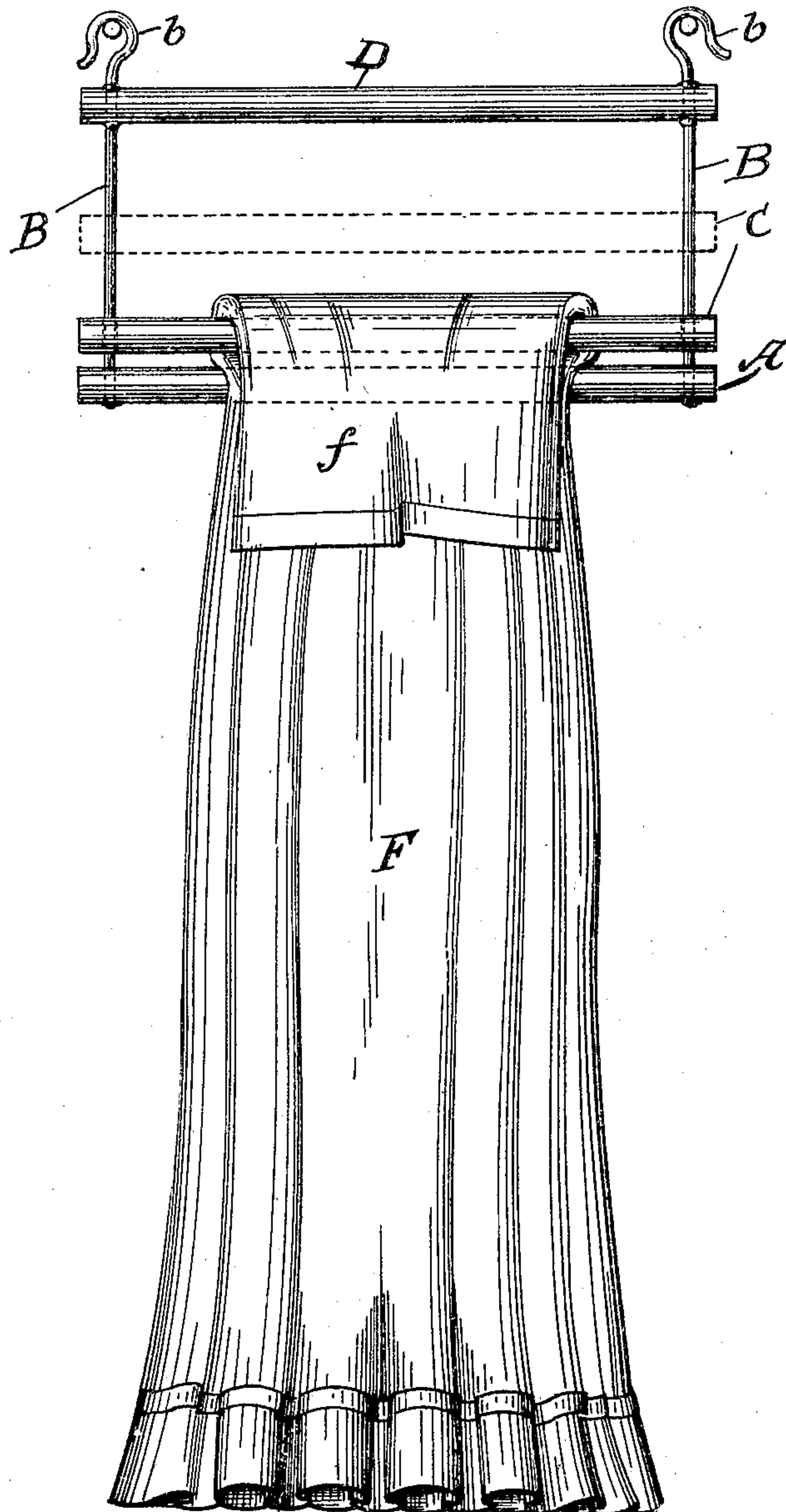
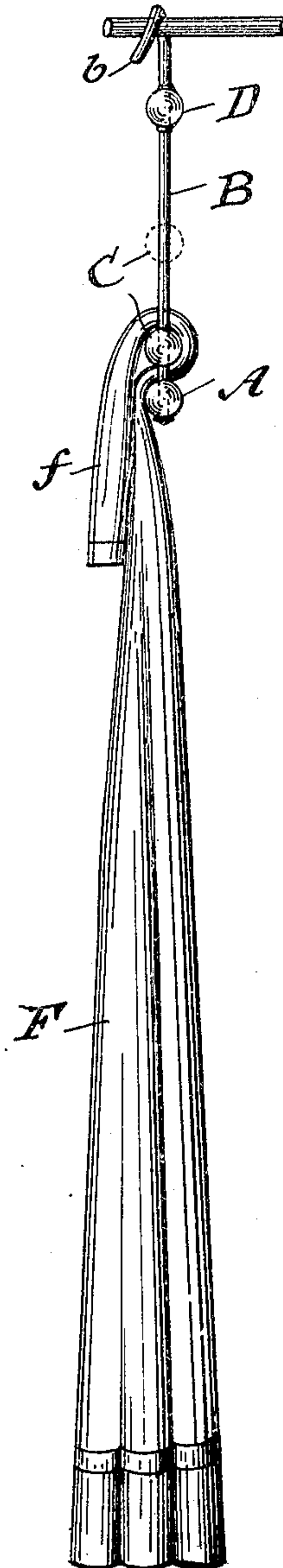


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK J. HAMILTON, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn, in the city of New York, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment-holders for use in wardrobe-trunks, clothes-presses, rooms, and other places where garments, neckties, and other articles of clothing are hung.

Particularly it relates to a garment-holder provided with an adjustable clamping member for the article of clothing by which the article may be clamped to the holder at any desired part of the garment or article of clothing whereby the garment or article can be folded at, in, or on the holder in such manner that the length of the depending part of the garment or article may be altered at will, so that a long garment, such as a lady's dress-skirt, may be hung in a relatively low space, such as a wardrobe-trunk, and without wrinkling, the garment-holder serving also as a compress to hold the skirt or other garment smooth and flat. The invention is therefore also well adapted to serve as a trousers-hanger, since it will compress the trousers at the creases and support them without wrinkling and so as to aid in keeping them properly stretched.

Referring to the drawings which accompany the specification to aid the description and which illustrate the garment-holder as used with a dress-skirt, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the garment-holder with the adjustable member in position to clamp a garment, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. The elevated position of the adjustable member is indicated by dotted lines in both said figures. Said garment-holder is preferably constructed as follows: A horizontal cylindrical bar A, preferably of wood, is fixed on vertical wire hangers B B, which pass up through the ends of said bar A, as shown, and are provided at their upper ends with hooks *b b*, by which the garment-holder may be suspended from suitable eyes, rods, hooks, or other supports in a wardrobe-trunk, clothes-press, room, or any other place, as desired by the

user. On said hangers B B is arranged an adjustable garment-clamp, which is preferably a round wooden bar C, through-bored with holes having a working fit on said hangers B B. To maintain said hangers B B in parallelism, I prefer to fix across them an upper bar D, which may be similar to said bar A or may be a metal bar suitably fixed on said hangers B B, and I may make said hangers so stiff as to dispense with the said top bar D.

The holder is used in the following manner: The adjustable bar C being suitably raised from the bar A, one end *f* of the garment F is drawn between said bars to any desired point. The movable bar C is then pressed down on the garment F and the said end *f* folded over the said bar C, as shown in Fig. 2. The weight of the garment (and especially when a number of garments are hung one against the other, as in a clothes-press or trunk) then draws the bar C the more firmly down on the garment and clamps it securely in the holder, while said bar C also acts as a press to smooth the garment. If very great security is needed, which will rarely be the case, the end *f* of the garment may be passed between the bars A C, so as to hang down over the bar A, while the rest of the garment passes up around and down over said bar C, so that its weight then directly presses the bar C down on the part of the garment which is on the bar A; but this manner of folding is seldom necessary. I may increase the grip of the said bars A and C on the garment by placing a narrow strip of rubber on the working side of each said bar.

Now, having described my improvements, I claim as my invention—

The combination in a garment-holder, of a stationary garment-supporting bar A, parallel wire hangers B B fixed to said bar A, an adjustable clamping-bar C movably guided on said hangers B B, and a positioning-bar D fixed on said hangers B B, substantially as described.

Signed at Brooklyn this 10th day of January, 1905.

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