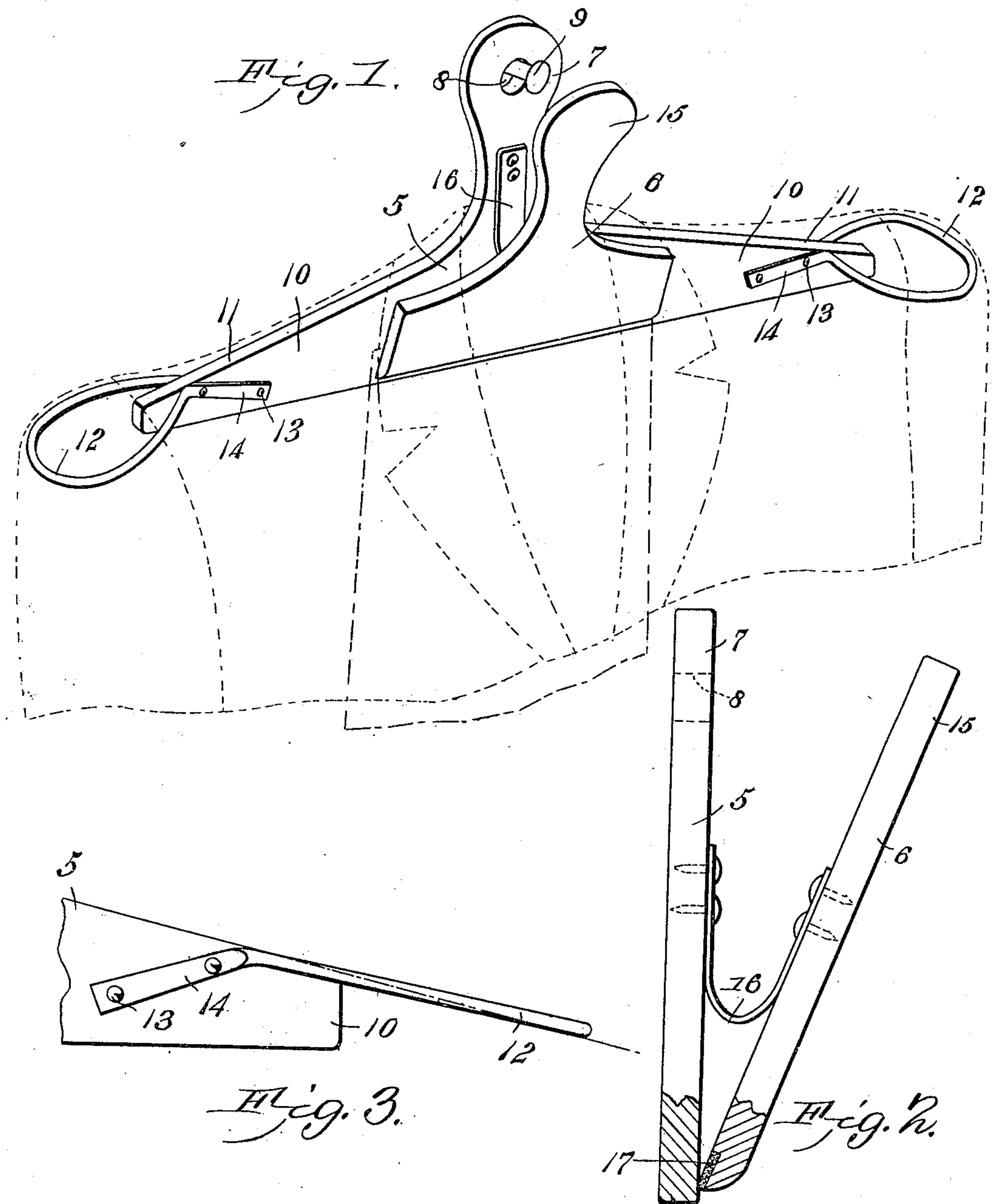


No. 825,369.

PATENTED JULY 10, 1906.

C. E. WILSON.  
SUIT HANGER.

APPLICATION FILED DEC. 26, 1905.



WITNESSES:

*E. J. Stewart*  
*L. A. Nixen*

Charles E. Wilson, INVENTOR.

By *C. A. Snow & Co.*  
ATTORNEYS



# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

CHARLES EDWARD WILSON, OF TALMAGE, CALIFORNIA.

## SUIT-HANGER.

No. 825,369.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented July 10, 1906.

Application filed December 26, 1905. Serial No. 293,380.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES EDWARD WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Talmage, in the county of Mendocino and State of California, have invented a new and useful Suit-Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment-hangers, and has for its object to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device of this character by means of which an entire suit may be conveniently supported in open position when not in use, so as to retain the garment or garments in shape and prevent creasing or otherwise wrinkling the same.

A further object of the invention is to generally improve this class of devices so as to add to their utility and durability, as well as to reduce the cost of manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a suit-hanger constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is an end elevation, partly in section, of the same; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a portion of one of the supporting-arms and terminal spring-loops.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures of the drawings.

The improved device, which may be constructed of wood or other suitable material, consists of a body portion or stationary clamping member 5 and a movable clamping member 6, the former being provided with a vertical extension 7, having an eye or opening 8 formed therein, so that the device may be conveniently suspended from a nail or other suitable support 9.

The stationary member 5 is extended laterally to form a pair of supporting-arms 10, having their upper edges inclined or beveled in opposite directions, as indicated at 11, to conform to the shape of the coat or other garment supported thereon. Secured to the

free ends of the arms 10 are terminal loops 12, each preferably formed of a single length of spring-wire the ends of which are flattened and bent downwardly at an angle to the general plane of the loop and secured to the opposite sides of the supporting-arms, as by screws or similar fastening devices 13. The free ends of the loops 12 normally project a short distance above the longitudinal plane of the inclined edges 11, so that when the coat is placed in position on the hanger the weight of the sleeves of the coat will depress the loops to the position shown by the dotted line in Fig. 3, or, in other words, in alinement with the inclined edges 11. By having the terminal loops disposed in this manner the shoulders of the coat will be retained in their natural shape, while the spring action of the loops is just sufficient to grip the sleeves of the coat and prevent accidental displacement of the garment. It will also be noted in this connection that the flattened portions 14 of the loops extend diagonally across the sides of the supporting-arms and across the grain of the wood, thereby materially reinforcing the arms where subjected to the most strain.

The movable clamping member 6 is provided with an operating-handle 15, and the active face thereof is normally held in contact with the adjacent face of stationary member by a substantially U-shaped spring 16, interposed between the members and secured thereto by suitable fastening devices.

The active face of the member 6 is preferably provided with a strip of rubber, felt, or other flexible or yieldable material 17, adapted to engage the trousers and prevent accidental displacement of the same when supported between the clamping members, attention being directed to the fact that the active end of the movable member is spaced a short distance from the adjacent end of the stationary member to form an additional bearing-surface for said trousers.

In using the device the coat is first placed on the hanger and the latter supported on the nail 9, after which the handle 15 is pressed inwardly and the legs of the trousers inserted between the clamping-jaws, as clearly shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

The trousers may be readily removed from the hanger without first removing the coat by simply depressing the movable clamping member and withdrawing the trousers.



The device is equally adapted for supporting both male and female garments, the waistband of the skirt being clamped between the jaws when the device is used for the latter purpose.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that there is provided an extremely simple and inexpensive device admirably adapted for the attainments of the ends in view.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A garment-hanger comprising a stationary clamping member having oppositely-disposed inclined garment-supporting arms and provided with a vertical extension for supporting the hanger, a movable clamping member secured to and coacting with the stationary member and provided with an operating-handle normally spaced from the adjacent face of the vertical extension, spring-loops secured to the supporting-arms and having their closed ends normally disposed above the longitudinal plane of the inclined edges of the supporting-arms and their opposite ends flattened and extending diagonally across the opposite sides of said supporting-arms and secured thereto, and a spring interposed between the stationary and movable clamping members.

2. A garment-hanger comprising a stationary clamping member having oppositely-disposed inclined garment-supporting arms and provided with a vertical perforated extension for supporting the hanger, a movable clamping member coacting with the stationary member and having its active face rabbeted and normally in contact with the stationary member, the rabbeted end of the movable member being spaced from the adjacent longitudinal edge of said stationary member, a strip of yieldable material seated in the rabbeted face of the stationary member, spring-loops secured to the opposite sides of the supporting-arms at the free ends of the latter and having their closed ends normally disposed above the longitudinal plane of the inclined edges of said supporting-arm, and a flat spring interposed between the stationary and movable clamping members.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

CHARLES EDWARD WILSON.

Witnesses:

JAMES R. ELDER,  
GEORGE A. PATTEN.