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## GARMENT-HANGER SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. WHEARY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hanger Supports; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple, economical, and cheap support for garment-hangers to be used in connection with clothes-closets or the like, it being especially applicable to trunks of the wardrobe type, said invention consisting in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter fully set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents an inverted plan view of a support for garment-hangers embodying the features of my invention, the said support being shown attached to the upper wall of a section of trunk. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the garment-hanger support, the trunk to which it is attached being in section; Fig. 3, a front view of same with parts of the support cut away and in section to better illustrate the details, and Fig. 4 a perspective view of said hanger detached.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A indicates a trunk, and B the hinged top, which is shown in the drawings as open, the trunk being set on end to serve as a wardrobe. A runway C is located in the trunk adjacent to an end wall *a* thereof, said runway consisting of a round rod having a fixed portion D extending centrally from the trunk bottom or rear wall, to which it is secured by a foot *b*. This fixed portion extends to a point slightly below the depth of said trunk, where it is connected by a rule-joint E to a rod extension F and is also supported adjacent said joint by a looped bracket G, which bracket has a foot *c*, that is secured to the upper end wall *a*, as shown. The rod extension F at its free end is bent and connected to a strap-support H, that is pivoted to the trunk-wall *a* by a stud *d* in axial alinement with the rule-joint, the said strap forming a loop, which terminates in a tail portion rearward of its pivot. The shape of the bracket G permits the

hooked ends of garment-hangers I, which are supported upon the runway, to freely pass said bracket as the hangers are slid back and forth, so that access may be had to any particular garment.

By the foregoing description it will be seen that when the trunk or other receptacle is closed the pivoted extension can be swung in so as to come flush with said trunk-body or receptacle, the garments upon their hangers all being upon the fixed portion of the runway, and when it is desirable to withdraw a certain garment it is only necessary to swing the extension outward to the position as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1. This aligns the runway-sections, and this forms a straight track upon which the hangers may be drawn out of the trunk-body, the weight thereto being partly supported by the tail portion of the strap to prevent sagging of the latter.

The essential feature of this invention is in the arrangement whereby the runway is formed with a hinge extension, it being understood that the details of attachment and supports may be varied to suit the condition of the receptacle to which said device is attached.

I claim—

1. An attachment for receptacles or trunks, consisting of a garment-hanger support having a fixed rod-section secured to the receptacle or trunk, a swinging rod-section in pivotal connection with the first-named section, and a strap secured to the free end of the swinging rod-section, said strap being pivoted to said receptacle or trunk in axial alinement with the pivoted connection between the fixed and swing rod-sections aforesaid.

2. An attachment for trunks, consisting of a runway composed of a fixed section secured to the trunk, a looped forward section in pivotal connection with the fixed section, the free end of said looped section being pivoted to said trunk in axial alinement with its pivotal connection to the fixed section aforesaid.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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