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Fig. 1.

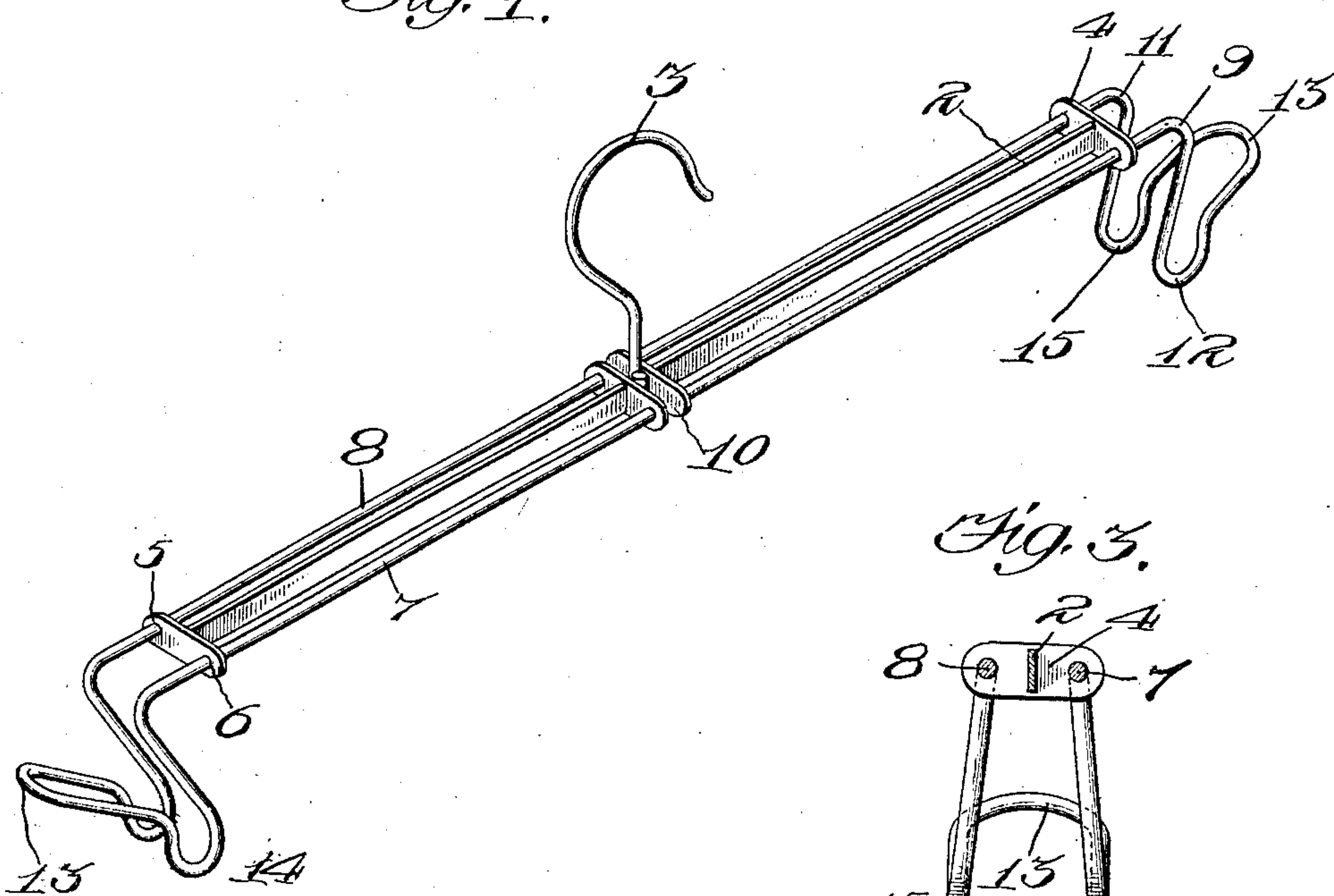


Fig. 3.

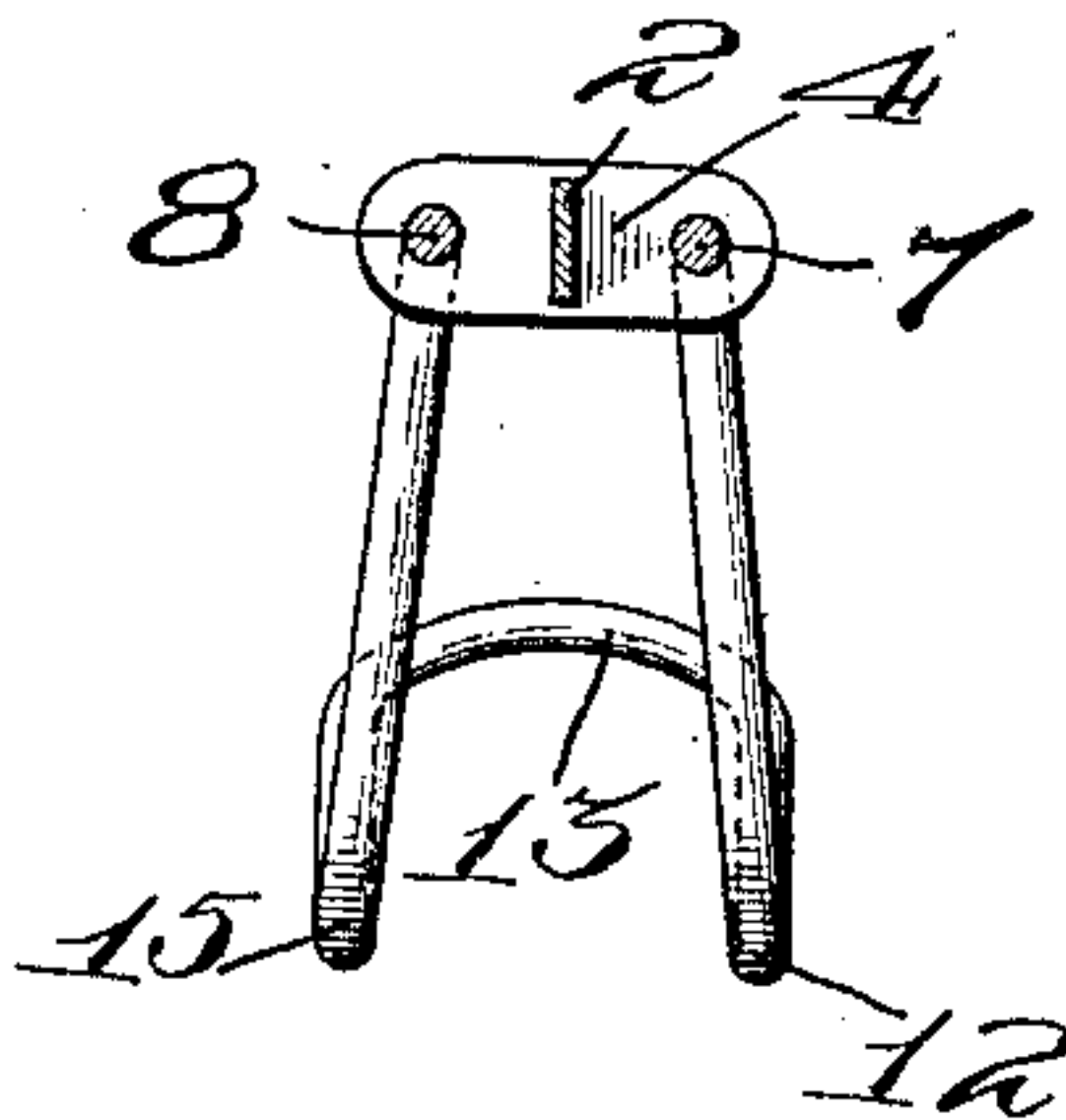
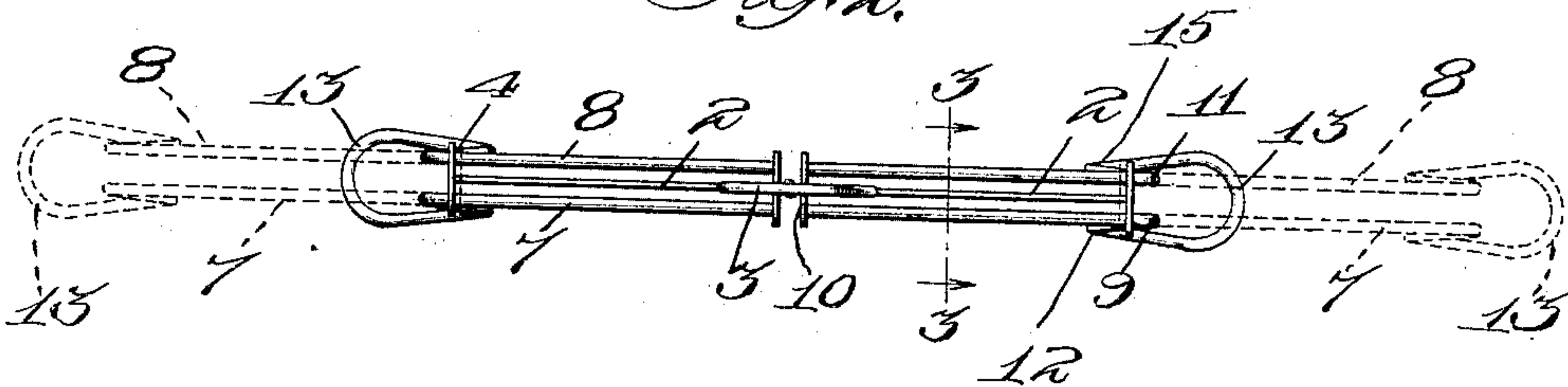


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TIMOTHY F. O'CONNELL, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to garment-hangers, and especially to that class of hangers commonly suspended some distance above the floor and from or on which the garment hangs, usually from its upper portion.

My invention has in view the provision of a light, simple, durable, and inexpensive device adjustable for the more satisfactory accommodation of garments of varying size and adapted to ready retention in any adjusted position.

In attaining these and other ends my invention embraces, generally speaking, a central suitably supportable or dependable member, with members slidable thereon.

Further, it consists in a central supportable member and a member adapted to slide thereon, with yielding pressure exerted by one member upon the other member.

My invention consists, further, in a relatively stationary supportable member and members slidable thereupon, with spring-actuated means for retaining sliding members in adjustable position on stationary member.

My invention further consists in the various details of construction and in combination of parts, all as hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, illustrating a convenient embodiment of my invention, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, sliding members not extended. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same, dotted lines showing extended position of sliding members. Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, numeral 2 indicates a central bar or rod provided with any desired and suitably-secured supporting means, as the hook 3. To the extremities of bar 2 and at right angles thereto are securely affixed the plates or guides 4, each provided with two apertures 5

6, of sufficient diameter to permit the free reciprocation of the rods or legs 7 8 of the sliding members 9. These members 9 are preferably of wire, the central portion of which may be bent or fashioned into any desired shape, bringing the portions near each end together in substantially individually straight and gradually converging lines, the ends passing through the apertures 5 and 6 and being secured to the plate 10, which is centrally apertured to readily slide upon the bar 2. The conformity of the central portion of the member 9 is such as to normally maintain the outward divergence of the legs 7 and 8, which are sufficiently spaced to produce compression and to be gradually drawn toward each other in substantially parallel lines as moved inwardly through the holes in plate 4. I have employed a double curve, as indicated at 11 and 12, with a U-shaped center, as at 13, which acts as a spring and holds the legs a suitable distance apart, this form not being essential to the adjustable or to other features of my device, but as producing convenient hook-shaped or resembling extremities 14 and 15, which not only conveniently subserve the ordinary purposes of a hook attachment, but provide a most convenient means for supporting or hanging such a garment as a pair of trousers by the suspender-buttons, obviously, of course, by inserting or sliding one button vertically in one hook, or, in other words, slipping one hook between a button and the trousers and the other hook between the trousers and another button about half-way around the waistband, the adjustable feature accommodating the device to the distance between buttons and to varying sizes of trousers. In this manner, of course, two pairs of trousers may be simultaneously suspended on the opposite sides of the hanger.

It is obvious that the member 9 may readily be reciprocated upon the bar 2, the elasticity or spring action of member 9 permitting its inward or outward movement, while producing sufficient pressure and resulting in sufficient friction through compression or opposition to spring in passing through plate 4 to hold the member in any desired position.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a garment-hanger, a suspensive attachment in fixed relation to a central member; independently - movable, non-detachable members slidable upon said central member, each of said independently-movable members comprising two leg members; two respective ends thereof, having no relative movement; the opposite ends thereof having limited relative movement proportionate to the sliding movement of the member.

2. In a garment-hanger, a central member, with suspensive attachment in fixed re-

lation thereto, a pair of members slidable thereon and protected against removal therefrom, each of said members having two leg portions secured against relative lateral movement at one end, and flexibly connected at the other end.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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