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Fig. 1.

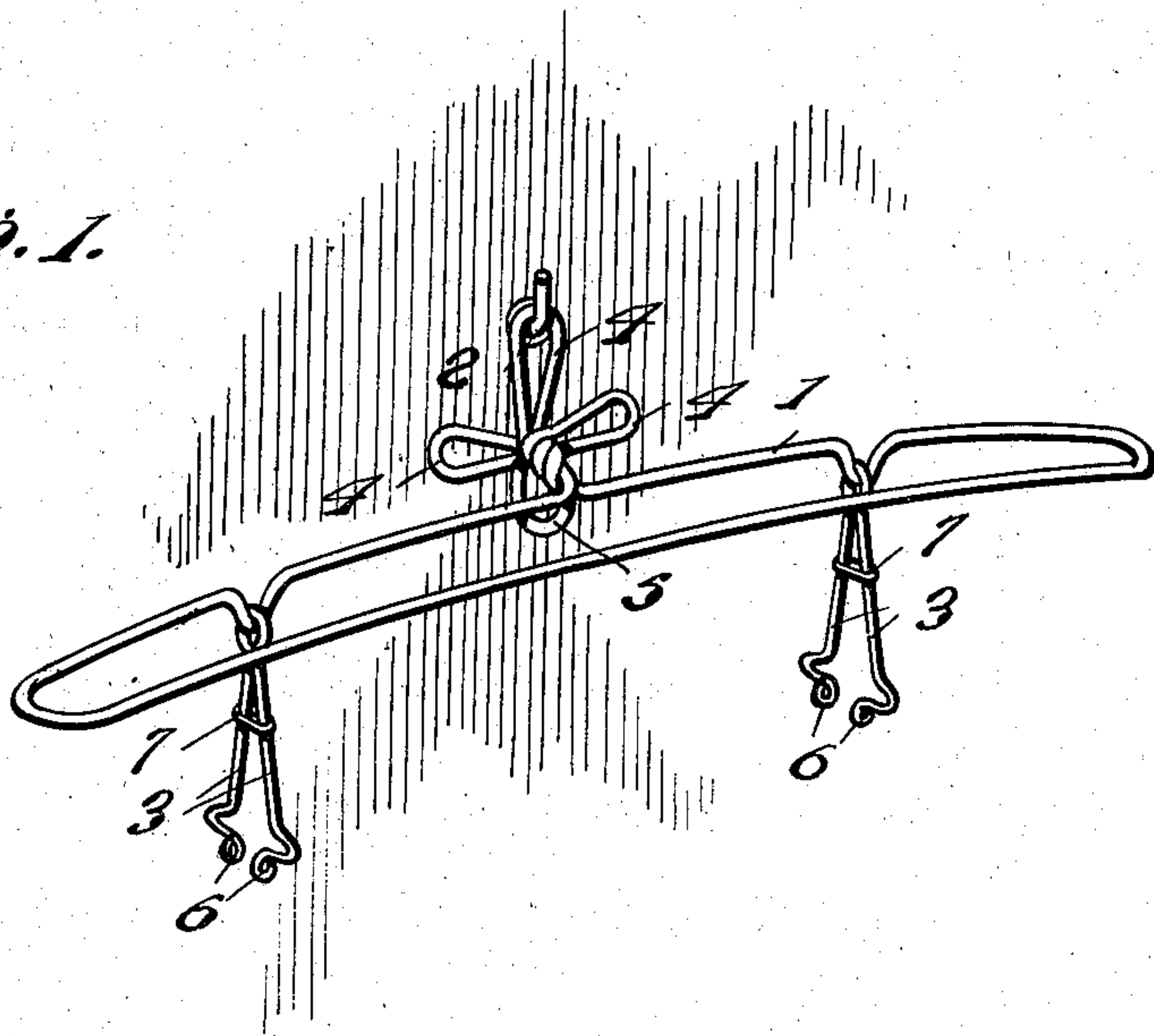
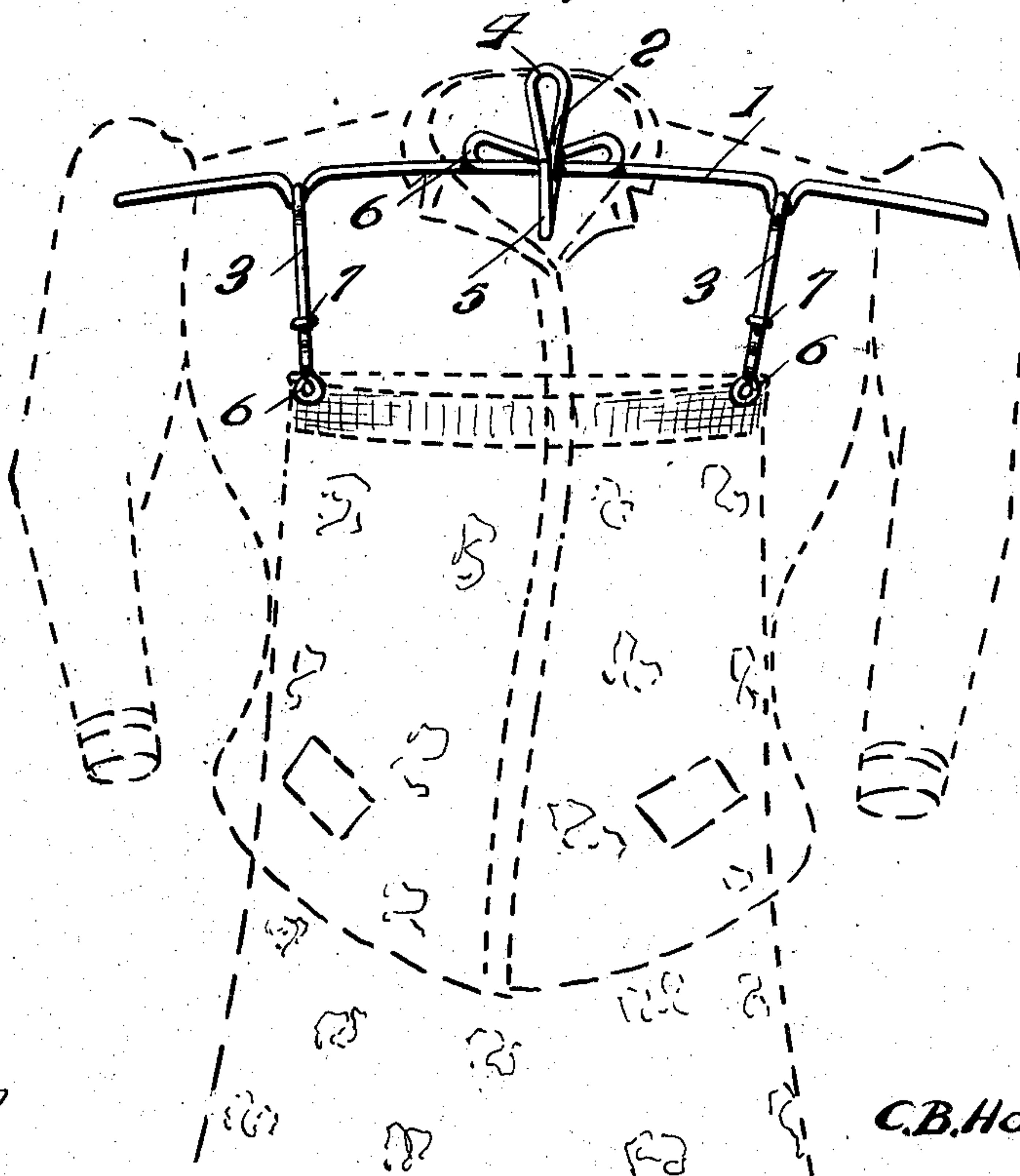


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORNELIA B. HOTCHKISS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Watertown, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists of a novel and advantageous form of hanger particularly designed to support ladies' garments, but adapted to be used in various ways to hold garments of any kind.

One of the objects of the invention resides in the provision of a holder or supporting device of the above-mentioned type which will support the garment or garments carried thereby in spaced relation to a wall or other support to which the device may be attached, this obviating all likelihood of contact of the clothing with a damp wall or the like, which is objectionable for obvious reasons.

A further object of the invention is to secure a holder which will support both a coat or waist and skirt or similar articles of wearing-apparel in such a way that the same will not interfere with one another to cause wrinkling or crushing thereof, as is incident to the use of most garment-hangers at present commonly employed.

For a full understanding of the invention, of the merits thereof, and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment-hanger embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the hanger, dotted lines showing the garments suspended therefrom.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In the practical embodiment of the invention the hanger consists of a supporting-frame 1, from which projects laterally an attaching member or bracket 2. The supporting-frame 1 is designed to assume a horizontal position when the device is in actual use, and said frame carries pendent clamps or hangers 3. The frame 1 is designed to support a coat, waist, or similar article of wearing-apparel in the customary way, while the

clamps 3, which are loosely connected with the frame 1, are adapted to be engaged with a skirt or like article of apparel to support the latter when out of use. The loose mounting of the clamps 3 is advantageous, in that they are movable toward one another to engage with skirts or similar articles of different sizes. Furthermore, under some adaptations of the invention said clamps may be used independently of one another to carry separate articles of apparel.

In the specific construction of the invention the hanger is preferably made from wire to cheapen the cost of manufacture and to increase the practicality of the article materially. For this reason the frame 1 preferably embodies spaced parts made by bending a length of wire upon itself intermediate of its ends, the end portion of the wire being extended laterally to form the bracket 2, which is composed of three loops 4 preferably, one extremity of the wire projecting downwardly from the uppermost of the loops 4 and being joined with the lateral extensions connecting the frame 1 with the bracket 2 in such a way that it forms a brace 5. It will be observed that the form of the bracket-loops 4 is such that these loops radiate from a central point, projecting upwardly, laterally, and downwardly, and are adapted to have a very firm bearing against the support from which the hanger is suspended to hold the hanger in position. The hanger is therefore not likely to move into a position such that garments suspended thereon will be caused to come into contact with a wall, garment, or any adjacent part, which would cause wrinkling thereof. The side of the frame 1 from which the hangers or clamps 3 are suspended is preferably offset near the opposite ends of the frame to form seats in which the upper extremities of the clamps 3 are mounted. Each of the clamps 3 consists of a length of spring-wire bent upon itself between its ends to form spaced spring sides, brought together near the upper portions thereof, and then diverging when said sides are normally apart, the lower extremities of the clamps 3 being formed with suitable clamp members 6, adapted to be forced together by means of the loop 7, slidable longitudinally of the sides of each clamp.

When in use, a skirt or article supported by the clamps 3 will be arranged at least par-

tially within the space surrounded by the coat or article of wearing-apparel which is suspended upon the frame 1.

Having thus described the invention, what
5 is claimed as new is—

A garment-hanger comprising a horizontal frame, suspending means carried by the frame for connecting a garment therewith, and a bracket extending from the rear portion of the frame and comprising a plurality
10 of loops radiating from a central point, said

loops being adapted to form a firm bearing against a support from which the hanger is suspended, the uppermost of said loops being adapted to form a suspending member for
15 the bracket.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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