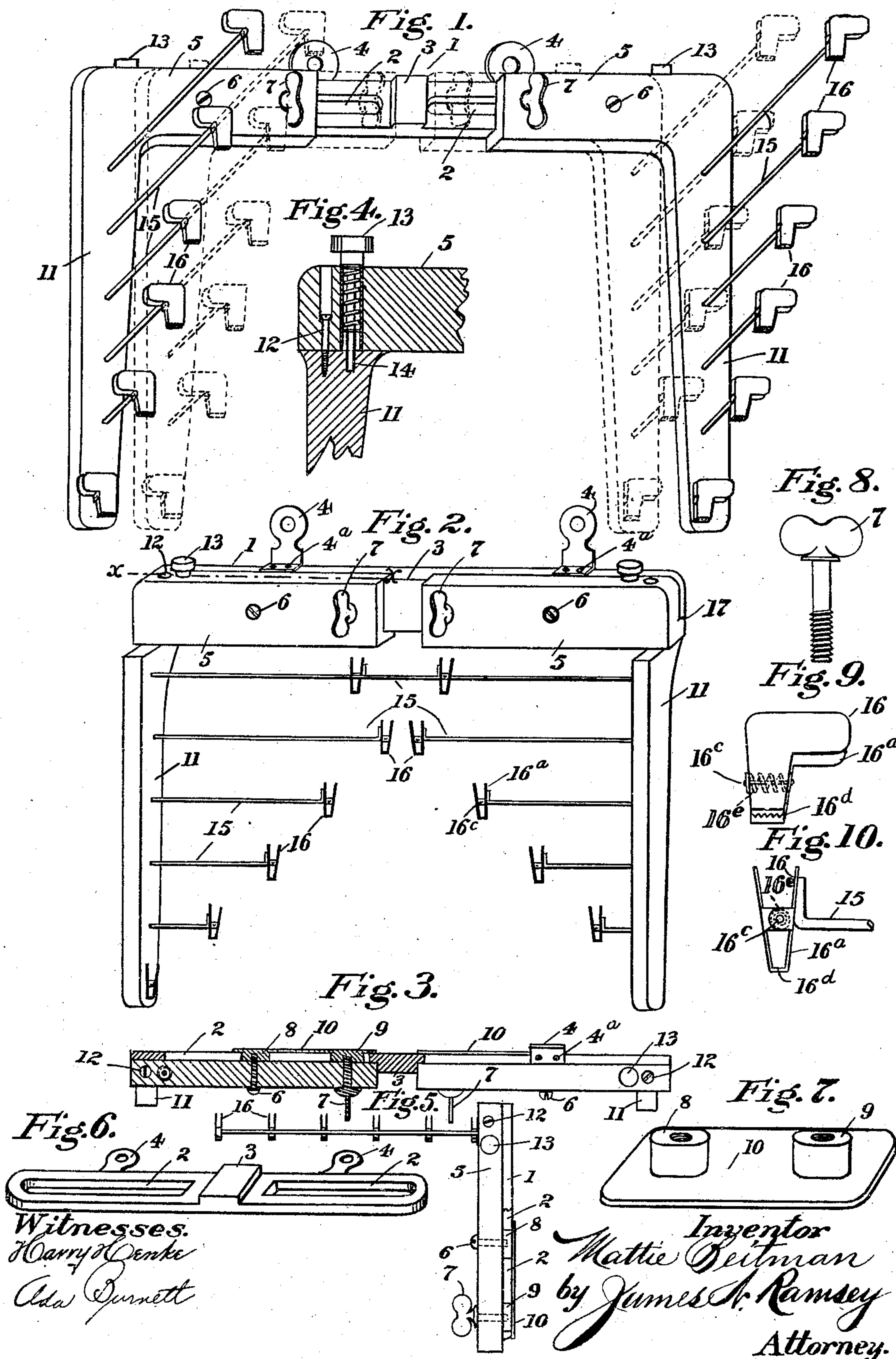


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MATTIE BEITMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to adjustable skirt-hangers.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient device for supporting skirts in compact and neat form when not in use, and which device is adapted to be conveniently adjusted to adapt itself to varying sizes of waist measurements and to be folded into compact form for packing into a trunk or traveling-case.

My invention consists in a base adapted to be secured in fixed position with adjustable arms and brackets mounted thereon, each provided with a series of graduated supports, each support having a clamp upon its outer end and each bracket being adapted to fold into compact form.

My invention also consists in the parts and in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In the drawings which serve to illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder secured to a wall in position ready for use, the dotted lines showing how it may be extended to adapt itself to different-sized skirt-bands. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same with the supports folded into compact form. Fig. 3 is a partial top and sectional view of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a section on the line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a top view showing the supports in open position ready to receive the skirts. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the base looking at it from the front. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of one of the sliding plates adapted to connect the base to the adjustable arms. Fig. 8 is a side view of one of the thumb-screws, adapted to engage said plate to secure the arms in adjusted position. Fig. 9 is a front view of one of the clamps, and Fig. 10 is a side view of Fig. 9.

I prefer to construct the device substantially as follows: A base 1, having slots 2 and stop 3 on its front side, is provided with ears 4, by which it is adapted to be secured in fixed position to a wall. Adjustable arms 5 are slidably mounted upon the front side of

screw 7, taking into lugs 8 and 9, respectively, of sliding plate 10. A depending bracket 11 is secured to the outer end of each arm by pivot 12 and is held in proper position with relation to the arm by means of a spring-actuated pin 13, held in the arm and adapted to enter socket 14 in the upper end of the bracket. Each bracket is provided with a series of graduated supports 15, projecting laterally from the front side thereof, the longest support being at the top and each of the others shorter than the one above it. Each support is provided upon its outer end with a clamp 16, having one jaw 16^a rigidly secured to an angular extension of the support and the other jaw secured thereto by pivot 16^b and the teeth 16^a of said jaws normally held in engagement with the fixed jaw 16^a by means of a coiled spring 16^c. Each jaw is provided with a lateral handle 16^d.

Each arm 5 is preferably cut away on its rear side adjacent the base to form a shoulder 17 for the lower edge of the base to bear against, and thereby assist in more firmly holding the arm in proper relation to the base.

The sliding plate 10 is secured upon the rear side of the base, and lugs 8 and 9, fixed on the front side thereof, project within the slots 2, bearing against the upper and lower walls thereof and receiving the set-screw and thumb-screw whereby the plate, base, and arm are held in proper relation to each other. The ears 4 are made right-angular in form, as shown, and are secured to the top of base by screws 4^a. The lower part of the ear preferably projects beyond the base and sliding plate to form sufficient room for said sliding plate to move freely lengthwise of slot 2. The upright part of the ear is provided with suitable openings 4^c, by which it is attached to the wall.

The manner of using and operating my device is substantially as follows: Fix the hanger upon a wall by means of the ears, then adjust the arms by loosening the thumb-screw 7 and shifting the arms lengthwise of the base 1 until the clamps of the graduated supports are brought the desired distance apart for the size of garment-band to be held by said clamps, then tighten the thumb-screw to hold the arms upon the base in said position. It will be observed that either arm may be shifted lengthwise of the base a considerable distance without moving the base from its fixed position upon the wall.

To hang a skirt, hook the band and double it to form a straight line, securing it at each side to the lowest clamp. Hang the next skirt to the next set of clamps in the same manner, and so on.

When it is desired to fold the hanger into compact form, adjust the arms to the position shown in Fig. 2 and tighten the thumb-screws; also, draw the spring-actuated pin 13 upwardly out of socket 14 and turn the brackets 11 inwardly, so that the graduated supports will extend toward each other, as shown in Fig. 3. The spring-actuated pin will project below each arm and hold said brackets from assuming their normal position. When in this position, the hanger is adapted to be conveniently placed in a small space in a trunk or traveling-case.

I have illustrated the hanger with twelve graduated supports, which are adapted to hold six skirts or other garments when attached in the manner above described; but if it is desired to hang a larger number of garments they may be folded at their bands and one skirt held by a single clamp, in which case twelve garments could be hung instead of six.

It will be apparent that my invention is capable of some modification without departure from the scope thereof, and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limited to the precise construction and arrangement as herein set forth; but

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In skirt-hangers, a base, arms adjustably mounted thereon, brackets secured to said arms, supports upon said brackets, and clamps upon said supports.

2. In skirt-hangers, a base, arms on said base adapted to be adjusted with relation thereto, a bracket on each arm adapted to be adjusted with relation thereto, and supports upon each bracket each provided with a clamp.

3. In skirt-hangers, a base, arms adjustably secured thereto, a bracket adjustably secured to each arm, and each bracket provided with graduated supports each having a clamp.

4. In skirt-hangers, a base, arms secured thereto, brackets adjustably secured to said arms, supports upon said brackets, and a clamp upon each support.

5. In skirt-hangers, a base, arms on said base, a bracket pivoted to each arm and a spring-actuated pin in each arm adapted to engage a socket in the adjustable bracket to hold the latter in the position desired.

6. In skirt-hangers, a base, ears on said base each comprising a right-angle member, the horizontal part of which extends beyond

the rear side of said base, arms on said base, and means to adjust said arms longitudinally of said base.

7. In skirt-hangers, a base having longitudinal slots therein, a stop upon the front side of said base, an arm secured to said base upon each side of said stop, and means for adjusting said arms toward and from each other upon said base.

8. In skirt-hangers, a base having slots therein, a sliding plate having lugs adapted to engage the walls of said slots and be moved lengthwise therein, an arm adapted to engage the front side of said base, a set-screw adapted to take through said arm into one of said lugs to hold said arm in sliding engagement with said base, and a thumb-screw adapted to take through said arm into the other lug of said sliding plate to secure said arm in adjusted position upon said base.

9. In skirt-hangers, a slotted base, a stop on said base between said slots, an arm on said base having the part cut away adjacent the base, a shoulder on said arm adapted to engage the lower edge of said base, and means for holding said arm in sliding relation with, and in adjusted position on said base.

10. In skirt-hangers, a base, arms thereon, brackets on said arms, graduated supports on said brackets, and clamps upon said supports.

11. In skirt-hangers, a base 1 having slots 2 and stop 3, ears 4 fixed on said base, sliding plates 10, each having lugs 8 and 9 adapted to engage the walls of said slot, arms 5, set-screw 6 and thumb-screw 7 engaging said arm and lugs to hold said arm and base in fixed and movable relation respectively to each other, brackets 11 each adjustably secured to arm 5 by pivot 12, spring-actuated pin 13 adapted to engage socket 14, graduated supports 15, and clamps 16 having handles 16^f, all combined and arranged substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

12. In skirt-hangers, a base 1 having slots 2 and stop 3, ears 4 fixed on said base, sliding plates 10, each having lugs 8 and 9 adapted to engage the walls of said slot, arms 5 each having shoulders 17, set-screw 6 and thumb-screw 7 engaging said arm and lugs to hold said arm and base in fixed and movable relation respectively to each other, brackets 11 each adjustably secured to arm 5 by pivot 12, spring-actuated pin 13 adapted to engage socket 14, graduated supports 15, and clamps 16 having handles 16^f, all combined and arranged substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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