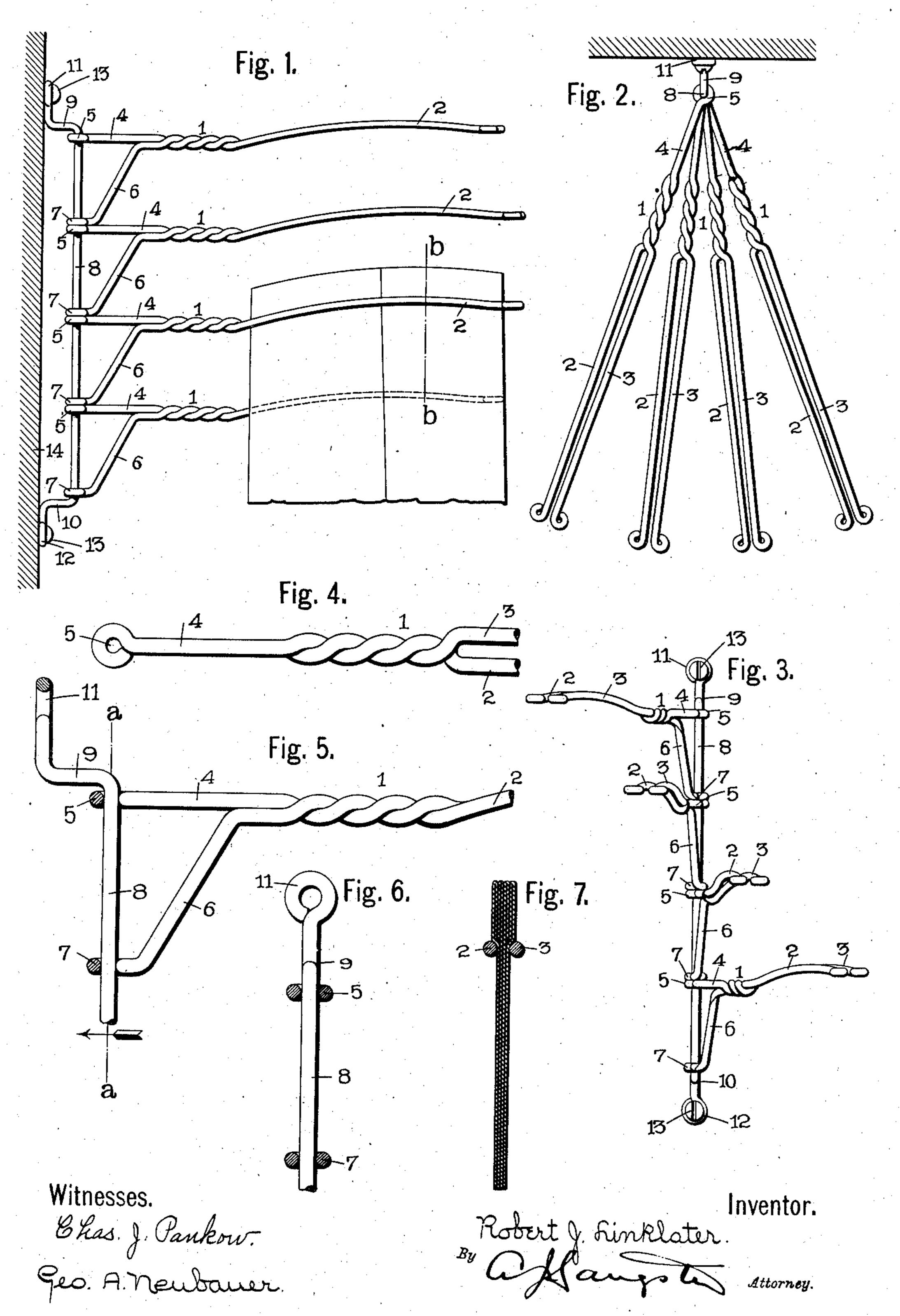
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT J. LINKLATER, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing in Buffalo, in the county of Erie and 5 State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trousers-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved multiple trousers-hanger in which a plurality of individual trousers-holders are arranged in a vertical row.

One of the features of the invention has reference to the curving of the holding portions of the hanger to correspond to the curve of the lower portions or ends of the garment, whereby the garment is sustained throughout its width and hangs perfectly from the support.

Another feature has reference to the arrangement of a number of individual holders on a single vertical support or pivot to simplify the construction and so that they may be swung laterally thereon independently of each other.

The principal objects of the invention are to provide for perfect support of the garment in unwrinkled condition, to enable the garment to be easily and quickly hung in place or removed therefrom, and to conveniently support a number of trousers in a comparatively small space and so that any pair may be quickly removed or replaced.

The invention also relates to certain other features and details of construction, which will be hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved device attached to a wall and with a fragment of the lower portion of a pair of trousers supported thereby. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the improved device. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the improved device. Fig. 4 is an enlarged top plan view of a fragment of one of the supports. Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary side elevation of the device. Fig. 6 is a fragmentary section on line a a, Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is an enlarged section through one of the supports and a fragment of a garment sustained thereby on line b b, Fig. 1.

In referring to the details of construction like numerals designate like parts.

The features of invention comprehended in this device consist in the curved feature of the holding portion of the hanger and the

supporting of a plurality of individual holders in different horizontal planes from a single vertical means, so that the trousers hang at different heights and in such a manner 60 that any one of the holders may be moved to conveniently hang or remove trousers therefrom.

The trousers-holder comprises a plurality of wires which in part are twisted together 65 for mutual support and in part extend parallel and are curved to correspond to the curve of the trousers-leg bottoms. The specific construction of the holder, as shown in the drawings, consists of two wires which are 70 twisted together at an intermediate point 1 and extend substantially parallel outward from the extremity of said twisted portion 1 to constitute two spring trousers-sustaining members 2 and 3. The members 2 and 3 75 are about equal in length to the width of the trousers-leg at or near the bottom and are curved to correspond to the curve of the top edge of the lapped portion of the trousers-leg bottom, so that the trousers-legs are sus- 80 tained throughout their width, and thus hung perfectly from the members. One of the wires extends inward in a substantially straight direction from the twisted portion 1 and constitutes a substantially horizontal 85 member 4, which is provided at its inner end with an eye 5, and the other wire extends for a comparatively short distance beneath the horizontal member 4 to support the same and then bends diagonally downward to form a 90 brace 6. The lower end of the brace is bent to extend substantially horizontally and is formed into an eye 7. A plurality of the individual holders are preferably employed, being pivotally supported from a single ver- 95 tical support, so that they may be turned or swung laterally thereon. This is preferably formed of wire and has a vertical main portion 8, the opposite ends of which are first bent at an angle to extend substantially hori- 100 zontal and constitute upper and lower supporting-shoulders 9 and 10 and then bent to again extend vertically and each curled upon itself at its extreme end to form upper and lower eyes 11 and 12, through which 105 suitable fastening devices, such as the screws 13, (shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3,) are fitted to secure the support to a wall or other suitable point 14, as shown in Fig. 1. The purpose of the diagonal brace 6 is to separate 110 the individual holders sufficiently from each other for convenient manipulation and also

strengthen and stiffen the supporting of the holders from the vertical supporting-wire by supporting the holders at two widely-sepa-

rated vertical points.

The trousers are supported in inverted position by fitting the lower ends of the legs between the members 2 and 3, being held in place by the double thickness of the lower extremities of the trousers-legs, caused by the folding of the bottoms thereof upon themselves, as shown in Figs. 1 and 7.

The advantages of this invention reside in the simplicity and cheapness of construction, in the fact that the individual holders are supported in a vertical row on a single vertical support and at different elevations, so that the trousers hang at different heights to permit the larger or body portions thereof to clear each other, and thus fit more closely to20 gether without wrinkling. The supporting of the trousers at different heights also enables the quick and convenient picking out and removal of any desired pair of trousers without disturbing the remainder.

I claim as my invention—

1. A trousers-hanger comprising two members which are intertwisted in an intermediate part for mutual support and extend parallel and in proximity from one end of the insaid members and curve in correspondence to the lower extremity of the trousers-leg between which the lower extremities of trousers are adapted to be slipped to suspend the trousers in inverted position from the hanger and extend at an angle from each other from the opposite end of the intermediate part to provide vertically-separated means of attachment to a suitable support.

2. A trousers-hanger including two wires having outer portions extending parallel and in proximity between which the lower extremities of trousers are adapted to be slipped to suspend the trousers in inverted position from the hanger, intermediate intertwisted portions for mutual support and inner por-

tions extending at an angle to provide separated means of attachment to a suitable support and provided at their inner ends with

eyes. 3. In combination, a vertical support and a plurality of individual trousers - holders mounted in a vertical row on said support, each of said individual holders being arranged at a different horizontal plane whereby the 55 trousers are supported at different heights and comprising two wires having outer portions extending parallel and in proximity between the lower extremity of trousers and slipped to support them therefrom in in- 60 verted position, intermediate portions which are twisted together for mutual support, and inner portions having eyes encircling the vertical support and which are separated to stiffen the supporting of the holders from the 65 vertical support, substantially as set forth.

4. In combination, a vertical support adapted to be attached to any convenient point, and a plurality of trousers-holders mounted on said vertical support in a verti- 70 cal row whereby said trousers-holders are in different horizontal planes and support the trousers at different heights, each of said holders comprising two wires having outer portions extending parallel and in proximity 75 between which trousers are adapted to be supported, intermediate intertwisted portions for mutual support, and inner portions one of which extends diagonally downward and inward from the intertwisted portions 80 and has an eye at its end encircling the support, and the other of which extends substantially horizontal inwardly and also has an eye encircling the support whereby each support is supported at two different points 85 to stiffen its support and also separate the holders sufficiently from each other for convenient manipulation.

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