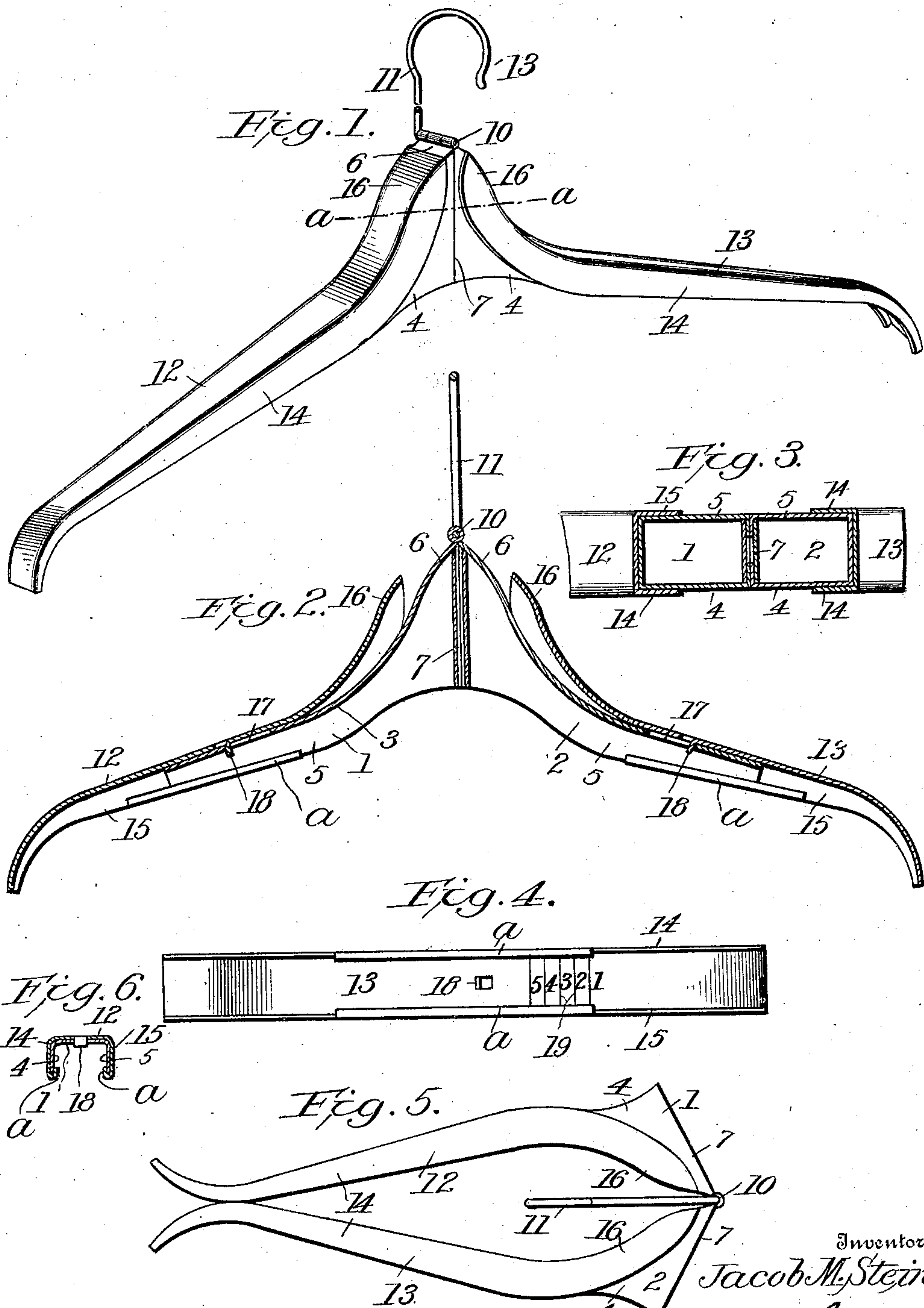


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB MOSES STEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment-hangers.

One object is to provide a hanger of the adjustable variety.

Another object resides in the provision of a light, strong, inexpensive, durable, simple, and adjustable device for the hanging or support of coats or other garments.

With the above and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter referred to, shown in the accompanying drawings, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of the invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating the supplemental arms in their extended positions upon the hanger proper. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line *a a* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an inverted fragmentary view of one of the supplemental arms, and Fig. 5 is a view of the hanger when folded. Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view through a main and a supplemental arm.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings, there is shown a foldable hanger composed, preferably, of sheet metal, although it is obvious that it may be composed of wood or any other suitable material.

Assuming that the hanger is composed of sheet metal, the reference characters 1 and 2 indicate arms, each being preferably channel-shaped, resulting in a top face 3 and front and rear faces 4 and 5. At the inner end of each arm the top face is inclined upwardly, as at 6, for a purpose presently explained, and each arm has its inner end so formed as to provide a broad flat abutting face 7 for a purpose hereinafter understood.

The extreme upper inner faces of the arms are hingedly connected together in any suitable manner. The suspending-hook 11 has a portion 10, preferably forming the pintle of said hinged connection, and the leg of the hook may be twisted or bent to dispose the bill 13 in a plane parallel with the plane of the front and rear faces of the hanger.

It will now be understood that the inner

end of each arm is enlarged, preferably, from bottom to top and that the top face thereof tapers upwardly to meet the corresponding abutting face 7 and that at the extreme upper ends of the meeting faces of the abutting arms they are hingedly connected together in direct contradistinction to a pivoted or hinged connection at the bottom or side of the abutting ends, thereby obviating the use of separate fastening means to prevent accidental folding of the hanger.

In the use of the present hanger the abutting faces of the arms limit their downward movement with respect to each other, and as soon as the suspending-hook is engaged with a supporting-nail or the like, (not shown,) regardless of the position of the arms, the latter fall downwardly, each presenting its abutting face to the abutting face of the cooperating arm. These abutting faces therefore limit a downward movement of the arms with respect to each other, they lying normally in engagement with each other throughout their entire surfaces, effecting a broad abutting engagement.

When the arms are in their normal working position, they depend somewhat with respect to the intermediate ends of the arms, whose outer sides taper downwardly and support the garment out of contact with the suspending-hook. It will be seen that the arms depend upon the suspending-hook to prevent folding thereof, and, as shown in Fig. 5, the suspending-hook lies between the arms when the hanger is folded.

To render my improved hanger adjustable for different-sized coats or other garments, I provide the supplemental arms 12 and 13, each having longitudinal front and rear faces 14 and 15, adapted to embrace the front and rear faces of the arms, and also having a top face fitting snugly upon the top face of the arms. The top faces of the supplemental arms are substantially straight intermediate their ends, and the outer end of each tapers downwardly, with its inner end tapering upwardly, as at 15, to conform to the shape of the inner ends of the corresponding arms 1 and 2.

The supplemental arms are slidable upon the main arms, and in order to insure against lateral displacement of the former with respect to the latter I provide the aforesaid longitudinal face portions of the supplemental arms intermediate their ends with inwardly-turned flanges designed to engage the

inner faces of the front and rear faces of the main arms. To limit a sliding movement of the supplemental arms 12 and 13 upon the main arms 1 and 2, I provide each main arm with a short slot 17, designed to cooperate with the depending lug 18 of the corresponding supplemental arm. By reason of the inwardly-turned flanges the supplemental arms cannot be pulled upwardly from the main arms, and by reason of the slot 17 and lug 18 the supplemental arms cannot be accidentally disengaged from the main arms in a longitudinal direction.

I provide graduations 19 upon the inner face of the top portions of the supplemental arms to determine the degree of adjustment of the hanger and the said arms are designed to snugly embrace the main arm-sections so as to remain in adjustable positions without additional means for this purpose.

An important feature of my invention resides in the fact that the coat-collar will be held out of engagement with the suspending-hook whether or not the supplemental arms be adjusted upon the main arms. In a large coat the neck portion thereof is obviously larger than the neck portion of a smaller coat, and in accommodating the hanger to the larger coat the neck portion of the hanger is also increased in size and in such a manner as to hold the neck portion thereof away from the suspending-hook.

What is claimed is—

1. A garment-hanger comprising arms having their inner ends abutting, the arms being hingedly connected at their inner ends, a suspending-hook forming the pintle of the hinge, the arms cooperating with the suspending-hook to hold the arms in unfolded position and a supplemental arm adjustably mounted upon each of the aforesaid arms to adjust the length of the arms and the size of the neck portion of the hanger.

2. A garment-hanger comprising arms having their inner ends abutting and hingedly connected together, a suspending-hook forming the pintle of the hinge, the arms depend-

ing upon the suspending-hook to hold them in unfolded position, and a supplemental arm mounted upon each of the aforesaid arms to adjust the length of the arms and the size of the neck portion of the hanger.

3. A garment-hanger comprising arms having their inner ends abutting and hingedly connected together at their upper surfaces, the suspending-hook having a portion serving as the pintle of the hinge, and a supplemental arm mounted upon each of the aforesaid arms to adjust the length of the arms and the size of the neck portion of the hanger.

4. A garment-hanger comprising arms having their inner ends enlarged and hingedly connected together, a suspending means and a supplemental arm mounted upon each of the aforesaid arms to adjust the length of the arms and the size of the neck portion of the hanger.

5. A garment-hanger comprising arms having their inner ends enlarged and hingedly connected together, a suspending means, and a supplemental arm adjustably mounted upon each of the aforesaid arms, the inner end of each of the supplemental arms being directed upwardly to provide the hanger with an adjustable neck portion.

6. A garment-hanger comprising arms, and supplemental arms slidably arranged upon the aforesaid arms, the supplemental arms being constructed to provide an adjustable neck portion.

7. A garment-hanger comprising arms hingedly connected together, and supplemental arms adjustably carried by the aforesaid arms and provided with means at their inner ends to provide for an adjustment of the neck portion of the hanger.

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

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