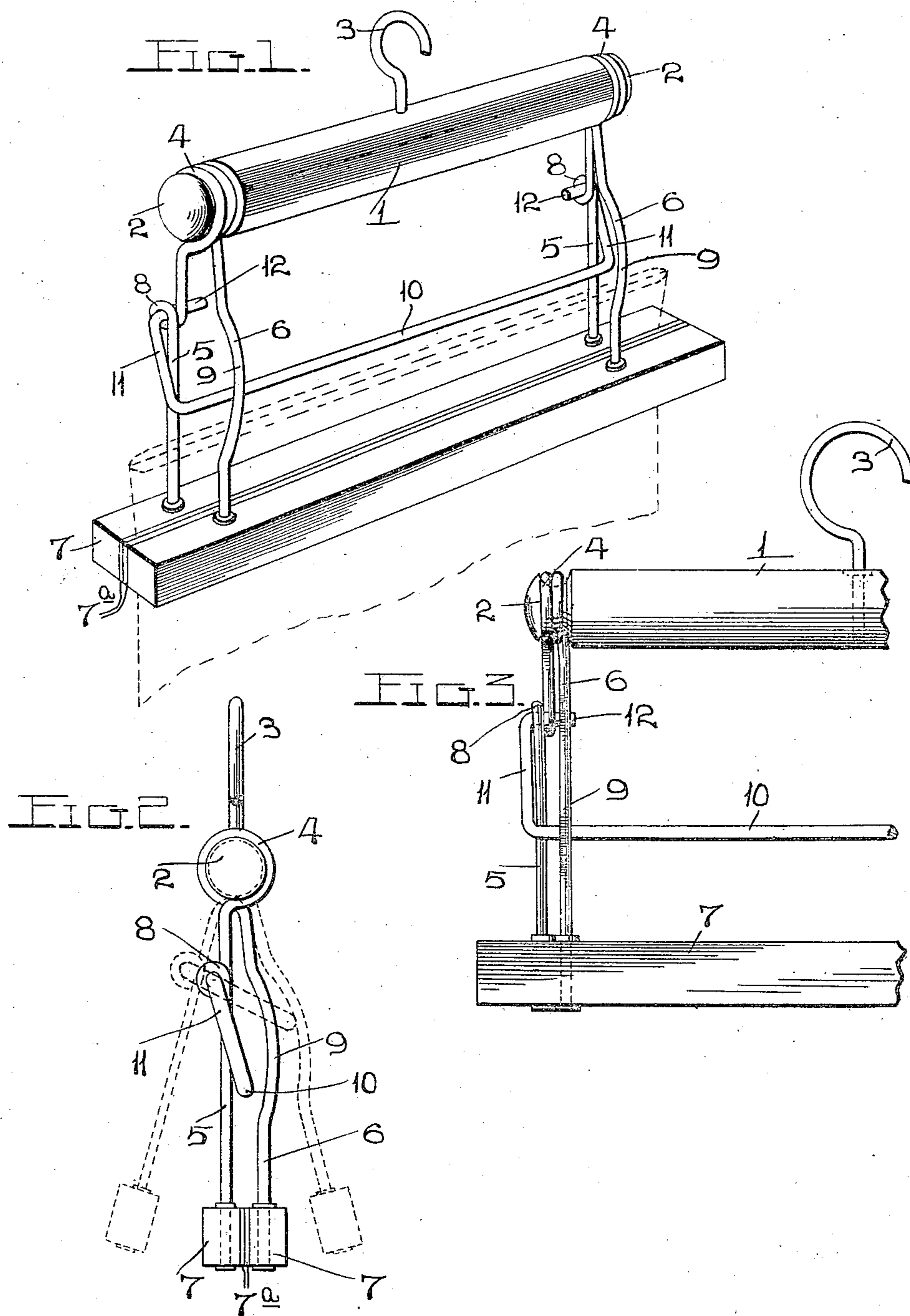


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE W. BRENIZER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to a garment hanger, and the object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive device for engaging the end or a portion of a garment for the purpose of suspending and supporting the same.

My invention consists in a pair of spring pressed clamping members, and means whereby said members are easily and quickly separated in order that the garment may be engaged between the clamping faces of said members.

To the above purposes, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment hanger of my improved construction; Fig. 2 is an end view of the hanger with the clamping members shown spread apart in dotted lines; Fig. 3 is a front elevation of one end of the garment hanger.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings:—1 designates a hanger handle, preferably constructed of wood, the ends 2 of which are reduced in diameter, and seated in the center of said handle is a hook 3, by means of which the entire device is suspended upon a nail, hook, or similar fixed member.

Arranged upon the reduced ends 2 of the handle 1 are spring coils 4, formed of wire, the ends 5 and 6 of which extend downwardly a suitable distance below the handle 1, and said lower ends being seated in a pair of clamping members 7, in the form of straight bars, the meeting faces of which are faced with felt, or rubber, as designated by 7^a. Formed in each of the ends 5 is a loop 8, and formed in each of the ends 6, immediately below these loops 8, are the segmental bends, or curved portions 9.

10 designates a spreader bar, which is positioned between the ends 5 and 6, and the ends of said spreader bar are bent upwardly, as designated by 11, and thence inwardly, as designated by 12, and said inwardly bent portions are journaled in the loops 8 formed in the ends 5.

The resiliency of the spring coils 4 tends to throw the

lower portions of the ends 5 and 6 together, and thus the clamping members 7 are held together with yielding pressure; and when a portion of a garment is engaged between said clamping members, said garment is very rigidly held and maintained in a proper position.

When it is desired to separate the clamping members to engage or disengage a garment, the handle 1 is manually engaged and the spreader bar 10 is engaged by the fingers and pulled upwardly, which action causes said spreader bar to engage against the curved portions 9 of the ends 6, and this action overcomes the resistance offered by the spring coils 4, thus moving the lower portions of the ends 5 and 6 apart, and consequently separating the clamping members. This action is quickly and easily accomplished, and, as soon as the pull or pressure upon the spreader bar 10 is released, the resiliency of the spring coils 4 causes the clamping members to instantly close.

The facings 7^a on the clamping members 7 form frictional faces for said members 7, and prevent discoloration to garments supported by the hanger.

A device of my improved construction is simple and inexpensive, is easily and quickly opened, and forms a very convenient hanger for all forms of garments, and the like.

I claim:—

1. A device of the class described, constructed with a handle, springs arranged on the ends of the handle, clamping bars carried by the lower ends of the springs, and a spreader bar arranged between the ends of the springs for separating the same.

2. A device of the class described, constructed with a handle, spring coils arranged on the ends of the handle, the ends of which spring coils are extended, clamping bars fixed on the extended ends of the spring coils, and a spreader bar arranged between the extended ends of the spring coils.

3. In a device of the class described, a handle, spring coils arranged on the ends thereof, the ends of which spring coils are extended, a spreader bar hinged to one pair of the extended ends and adapted to bear against the opposite pair, and clamping members fixed to the extended ends of the coil springs.

4. A device of the class described, comprising a handle, springs arranged on the ends thereof, clamping bars carried by the lower ends of the springs, and a spreader bar pivotally connected at its ends to one pair of springs and adapted to engage against the opposite pair of springs to force the clamping bars apart.

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

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