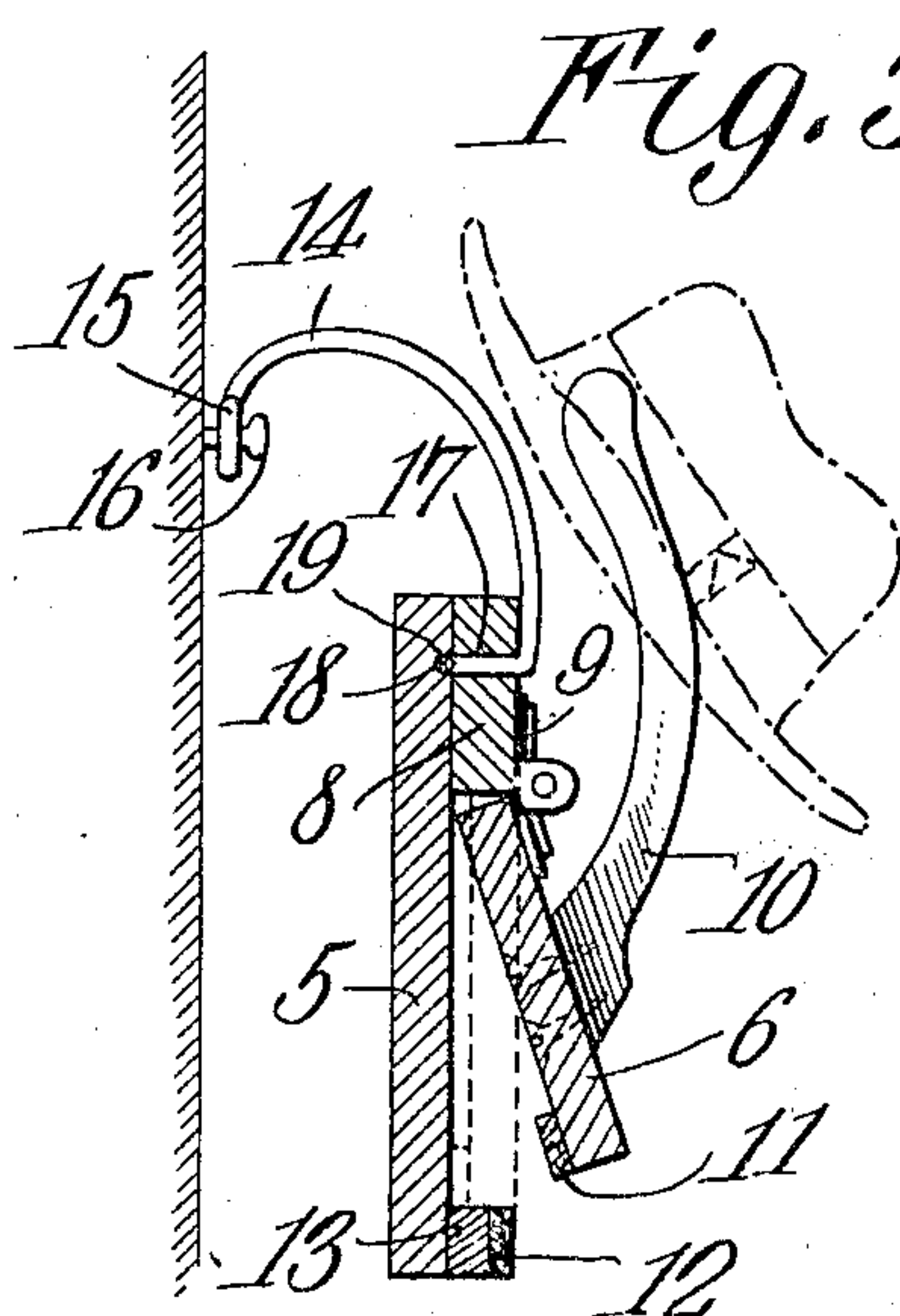
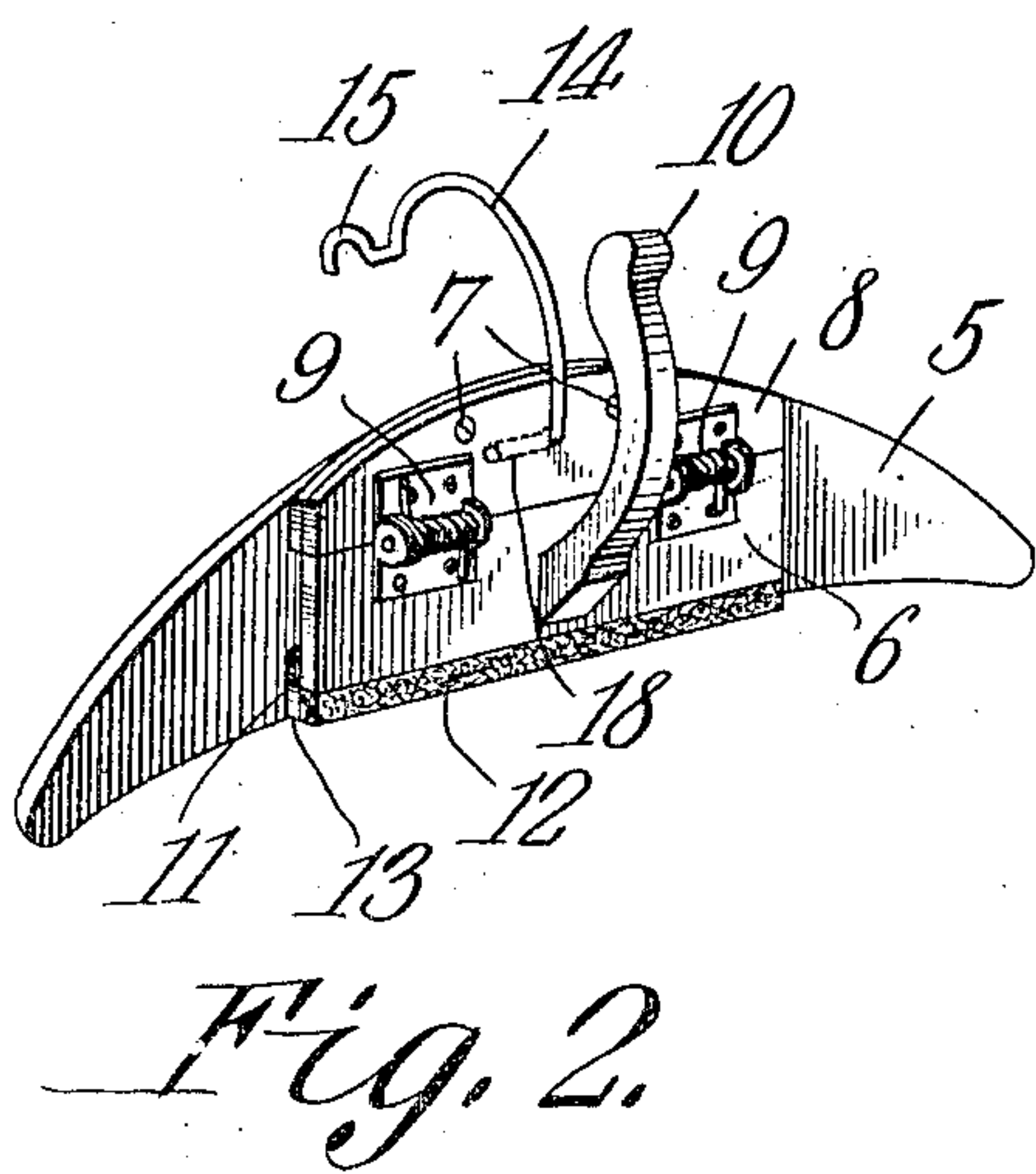
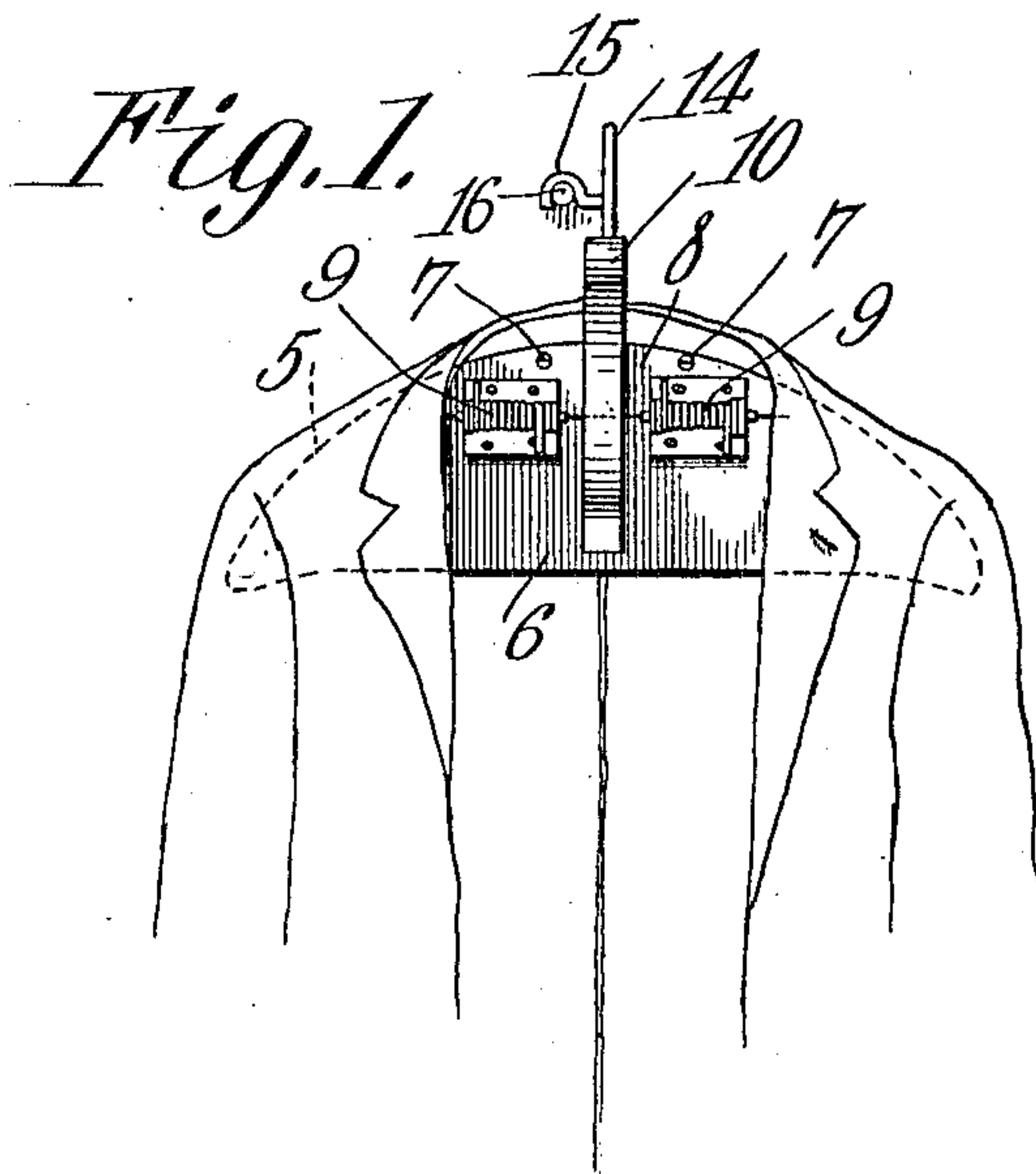


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD KEEN MYERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Preston, in the county of Jackson and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Garment-Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment hangers and has for its object to provide a comparatively simple and inexpensive device of this character which forms the dual function of a coat and vest hanger and also serves as a means for preventing wrinkling or creasing of the trousers.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment hanger including pivotally united clamping members one of which is provided with an operating handle constituting a hook or support for a hat.

A further object is to provide a novel form of suspension hook by means of which the hanger may be conveniently suspended from a nail or other suitable support.

A still further object of the invention is to generally improve this class of devices so as to increase their utility, durability and efficiency as well as to reduce the cost of manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification: Figure 1 is a front elevation of a garment hanger constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of Fig. 1.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

The improved device comprises relatively stationary and movable clamping members 5 and 6 one of which is extended laterally beyond the opposite ends of the other to form a support for a coat or other garment to be supported. The upper edge of the stationary member or body portion 5 is curved downwardly on each side of the center thereof so as to conform to the shape of the shoulders of the coat while the opposite ends of the body portion are preferably curved or rounded so as to prevent tearing or otherwise injuring the garment when positioning the latter on the hanger.

Secured to the body portion 5 in any suitable manner as by screws or similar fastening devices 7 is a block or strip 8 preferably of the same length as the clamping member 6 and having its upper edge curved or rounded to correspond to the upper edge of the body portion 5 and preferably arranged flush therewith so as to present a smooth unobstructed bearing surface for the coat collar.

The movable clamping member 6 is pivotally united to the block 8 by means of suitable spring hinges 9 the normal tendency of which is to press the clamping member 6 inwardly towards the body portion 5 and thus securely grip the trousers or other garment inserted between the same.

Extending laterally from the exposed face of the movable clamping member 6 is an operating handle 10 having its intermediate portion curved or bowed outwardly and its upper or free end extended beyond the curved upper edge of the body portion 5 to form a hook or support for a hat.

The lower or free edge of the movable clamping member 6 preferably terminates short of the adjacent lower edge of the body portion 5 and is provided on its rear face with a strip of felt, rubber or other yieldable material 11 adapted to bear against the trousers or other garment to be supported, there being a strip of similar material 12 secured to a bar or wooden strip 13 extending longitudinally of the body portion at the lower edge thereof. It will thus be seen that when the clamping member 6 is moved to operative position the trousers will be securely locked between the strips 11 and 12 and thus effectually prevent accidental displacement of the same. It will also be observed that when the trousers are removed the exposed face of the clamping member 6 will be disposed substantially flush with the yieldable strip 12 so that the front of the garment supporter will be devoid of projections to catch in the lapel of the coat.

As a means for suspending the garment supporter from a nail or other suitable support there is provided a suspension hook 14 having its intermediate portion curved to conform to the curvature of the handle 10



and one end thereof bent laterally and upwardly to form a loop or socket 15 adapted to engage a nail or support 16.

The fixed end of the wire forming the suspension hook 14 is extended inwardly through an opening 17 formed in the rigid block 8 and the end thereof bent laterally to form a retaining arm 18 which is embedded in a groove or recess 19 formed in the adjacent surface of the stationary member or body portion 5 thereby to effectually lock the suspension hook against accidental displacement.

Attention is called to the fact that by having the hook 14 curved outwardly to conform to the curvature of the handle 10 the hanger is spaced laterally from the wall so as to prevent the garment from coming in contact therewith while at the same time it permits the collar of the coat to bear against the curved upper surface of the body portion 5 at the block 8.

When it is desired to place the trousers in position on the hanger the operator grasps the suspension hook 14 with one hand and with the thumb of the same hand presses inwardly on the handle 10 thus tilting the movable clamping member 6 laterally against the tension of the spring 9 and permitting the insertion of the trousers. As soon as the pressure on the handle 10 is released the spring will automatically return the clamping member 6 to operative position in engagement with the trousers. It will thus be seen that the suspension device not only serves as a means for supporting the hanger on a wall but also serves as a hand grip to facilitate moving the clamping member 6 to open and closed position.

The device is extremely simple in construction and being formed of wood danger of soiling or otherwise injuring the garments by reason of rust and the like is effectually obviated.

It will of course be understood that the hangers may be made in different sizes and shapes and that the hook and other metal portions of the same may be nicked, japanned or otherwise coated to give the same a neat attractive appearance.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

1. A garment supporter including a body portion having its upper edge curved downwardly in opposite directions from the center thereof, a block rigidly secured to the body portion and having its upper edge curved to conform to the curvature of said body portion, a spring actuated clamping member pivotally connected with the block, and a suspension hook having one end thereof bent laterally to form a loop, and its opposite end extended through the block and embedded in the adjacent face of the body portion.

2. A garment supporter including a body

portion, a block rigidly secured to the body portion, a spring actuated clamping member pivotally connected with the block, a handle extending laterally from the movable clamping member, and a suspension hook having one end thereof provided with a laterally extending socket and its opposite end extended through an opening in the block and the terminal thereof bent at right angles to the vertical plane of the block and embedded in the body portion.

3. A garment supporter including a body portion, a spring pressed clamping member pivotally mounted on the body portion, a handle extending laterally from the clamping member and having its intermediate portion curved upwardly, and a suspension hook secured to the body portion and provided with a terminal socket, an intermediate portion of the suspension hook being bent in the direction of and curved to conform to the hanger.

4. A garment supporter including a body portion, a longitudinal bar secured to the lower edge of the body portion, a spring pressed clamping member mounted on the body portion and having its lower edge terminating short of the adjacent lower edge of the body portion, a strip of yieldable material secured to the bar and inner face of the clamping member, respectively, a handle extending laterally from the movable clamping member, and a suspension hook secured to the body portion and having its free end extended laterally to form a terminal loop.

5. A garment supporter including a body portion having its upper edge curved downwardly in opposite directions on each side of the center thereof, a longitudinal bar secured to the lower edge of the body portion, a block rigidly secured to the upper end of the body portion, a spring pressed clamping member pivotally connected with the block and movable to operative position between said block and longitudinal bar, a strip of yieldable material secured to the bar and inner face of the clamping member, respectively, a handle extending laterally from the clamping member and having its intermediate portion curved outwardly, and a suspension hook having one end thereof bent to form a terminal loop and its opposite end extended through an opening in the block and bent laterally for engagement with the body portion, the intermediate portion of the suspension hook being bent to conform to the curvature of the handle.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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