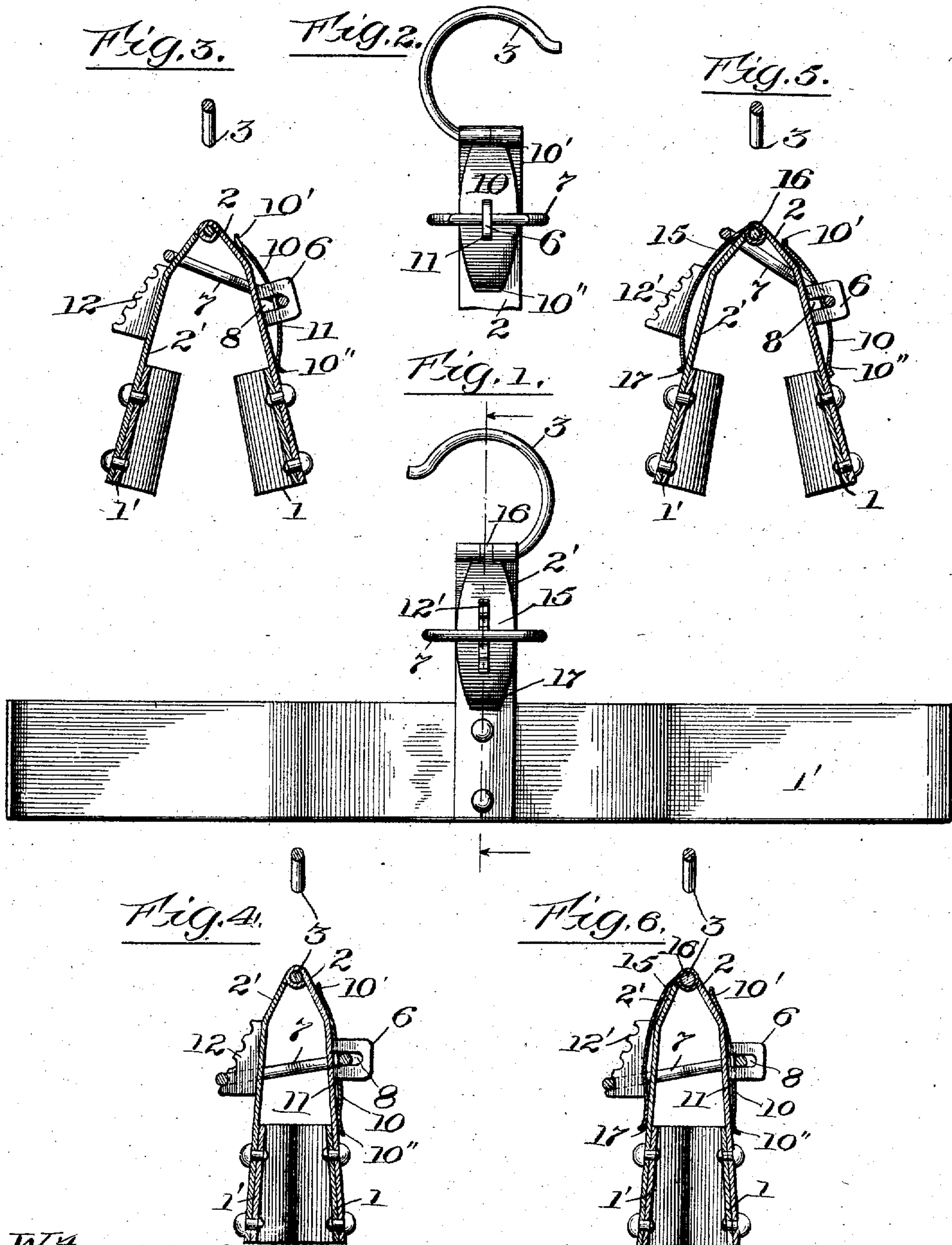


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARION H. CAZIER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for suspending clothing when not in use and particularly to that class of garment supports or hangers in which the lower portions of a pair of trousers legs, or a suitable portion of any other garment, may be clamped between jaws suitably shaped and suspended. To produce the best results in this class of hangers a certain amount of spring pressure should be brought to bear upon the fabric and provision should also be made that the device may accommodate itself to inequalities and varying thickness of material in the garments to be suspended. This has been done heretofore by using spring clamping jaws, spring suspending members therefor, or a combination of both. But there are conditions under which it is desirable to have both the supports and the jaws rigid or inflexible and yet to provide the advantages of yielding or spring pressure upon the garment fabric. And at times it may be desirable to provide devices for the purpose indicated having spring jaws or supports, or both, with greater resiliency or range of adjustment.

It is the object of my invention to meet these conditions and thereby to produce improved garment supports or hangers which shall be cheap in construction, simple and effective in operation, automatically adjustable to different thicknesses of garment material to which they may be applied, and which will shape and press the garments, as well as occupy the minimum amount of space whether in or out of use.

The principles of my invention may be illustrated by means of the drawings forming a part of this specification. In these—Figure 1 represents a front view of a garment hanger with one form of my invention applied thereto—Fig. 2 is a rear view of the suspending portion; Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional views of one form of my invention showing the same respectively open and closed—Figs. 5 and 6 are similar views taken on the dotted line of Fig. 1 and showing ad-

ditional details of construction, said figures being represented respectively as open and closed.

Further describing my invention with reference to the drawings in which like characters of reference denote like parts throughout: 1 and 1' represent the clamping jaws of a garment hanger; 2 and 2' are suspending members therefor flexibly connected at their upper portions which may be by a hinged construction, and in that shown a portion of the suspending hook 3 acts as a pintle.

6 is a lug attached to the suspending member 2. 7 is a link secured to the suspending member by means of the said lug and having movement therein within the limits of the slot 8. A bow spring 10 fits over the lug 6. A slot 11 provides means for the passage of the lug. The free ends 10' and 10'' of said spring rest upon the suspending member 2 so that the normal position of the link 7 is at the outer portion of the lug 8 under the stress of the spring 10. A notched projection 12 is secured to the suspending member 2 so that it is centrally opposite the lug 6. The said projection is wedge shaped and broader at its lower portion than at its upper portion so that when it is desired to close the clamping jaws upon a fabric placed between them the successive notches provide steps or gradations to which the jaws may be moved. As the jaws are closed upon compression the link and the jaws act against the pressure of the spring 10, which is exerted to hold the goods in place with an elastic pressure and to provide for variations of thickness.

Additional resiliency may be provided as shown in Fig. 1, 5 and 6 in which a bow spring 15 is provided with an eye 16 by which it may be hinged to the hook-pintle 3, leaving the other end 17 free to slide upon the suspending member 2'. A notched projection 12' may be mounted on the said spring. By this method of construction increased range of movement and resiliency may be obtained if desired.

I have described my invention and illustrated the principles thereof by reference to practical and operative examples. The same are not confined in their use to any particular garment or class of garments, and

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent the following:

1. In a garment hanger, a plurality of

clamping jaws, a plurality of suspending members severally attached to said jaws and having a hinged connection with each other, a locking device attached to one suspending member and adapted to clamp the other, and a spring adapted to act independently of said hinged connection interposed between the locking device and one of the suspending members.

2. In a garment hanger, a plurality of rigid clamping jaws, a plurality of rigid suspending members severally attached to the jaws and having a hinged connection with each other, a locking device attached to one suspending member and adapted to clamp the other, and a spring adapted to act independently of said hinged connection interposed between the locking device and one of the suspending members.

3. In a garment hanger, a plurality of clamping jaws, a plurality of rigid suspending members severally attached to the jaws and having a hinged connection with each other, a locking device attached to one suspending member and adapted to clamp the other, and a spring adapted to act independently of said hinged connection interposed between the locking device and one of the suspending members.

4. In a garment hanger, a plurality of rigid clamping jaws, a plurality of suspending members severally attached to the jaws and having a hinged connection with each other, a locking device attached to one suspending member and adapted to clamp the other, and a spring adapted to act independently of said hinged connection interposed between the locking device and one of the suspending members.

5. In a garment hanger having a plurality of rigid jaws, and a plurality of suspending members severally attached thereto, and having a hinged connection with each other, the combination of a locking link and a spring adapted to act independently of said hinged connection interposed between the link and the suspending members.

6. In a garment hanger, the combination of clamping jaws, suspending members therefor, a link on one of the members having a loose connection therewith and adapted to bear on the other member, and a spring normally adapted to hold the link out of engagement with the first member.

7. In a garment hanger the combination of clamping jaws, suspending members therefor, a link on one of the members having a loose connection therewith, a projection on the other member to form a bearing for the link, and a spring normally adapted to hold

the link out of engagement with the first member.

8. In a garment hanger the combination of clamping jaws, suspending members therefor, a link on one of the members having a loose connection therewith, a notched wedge shaped projection on the other member to form a bearing for the link, and a spring normally adapted to hold the link out of engagement with the first member.

9. In a garment hanger the combination of clamping jaws, suspending members therefor, a lug on one suspending member having a slot therein, a link having movement in the slot, a spring to keep the link normally out of engagement with its member, and a projection on the other member adapted to be engaged by the link.

10. In a garment hanger the combination of clamping jaws, suspending members therefor, a lug on one suspending member having a slot therein, a link having movement in the slot, a spring to keep the link normally out of engagement with its member and a wedge shaped projection on the other member adapted to be engaged by the link.

11. In a garment hanger the combination of clamping jaws, suspending members therefor, a link on one of the members having a loose connection and normally out of engagement therewith, and a spring borne projection adapted to bear upon the other member and be engaged by the link.

12. In a garment hanger the combination of clamping jaws, suspending members therefor, a link on one of the members having a loose connection and normally out of engagement therewith and a projection normally held out of engagement with the other member and adapted to be engaged by the link.

13. In a garment hanger, the combination of jaws suspending members therefor attached to each other by a hinged connection, a link to clamp the suspending members, and a spring adapted to act independently of said hinged connection interposed between the link and the suspending members.

14. In a garment hanger, clamping jaws, suspending members hinged together, a spring secured to the hinge pintle, and a locking member normally held out of engagement with one of the suspending members by said spring.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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