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Fig. 1.

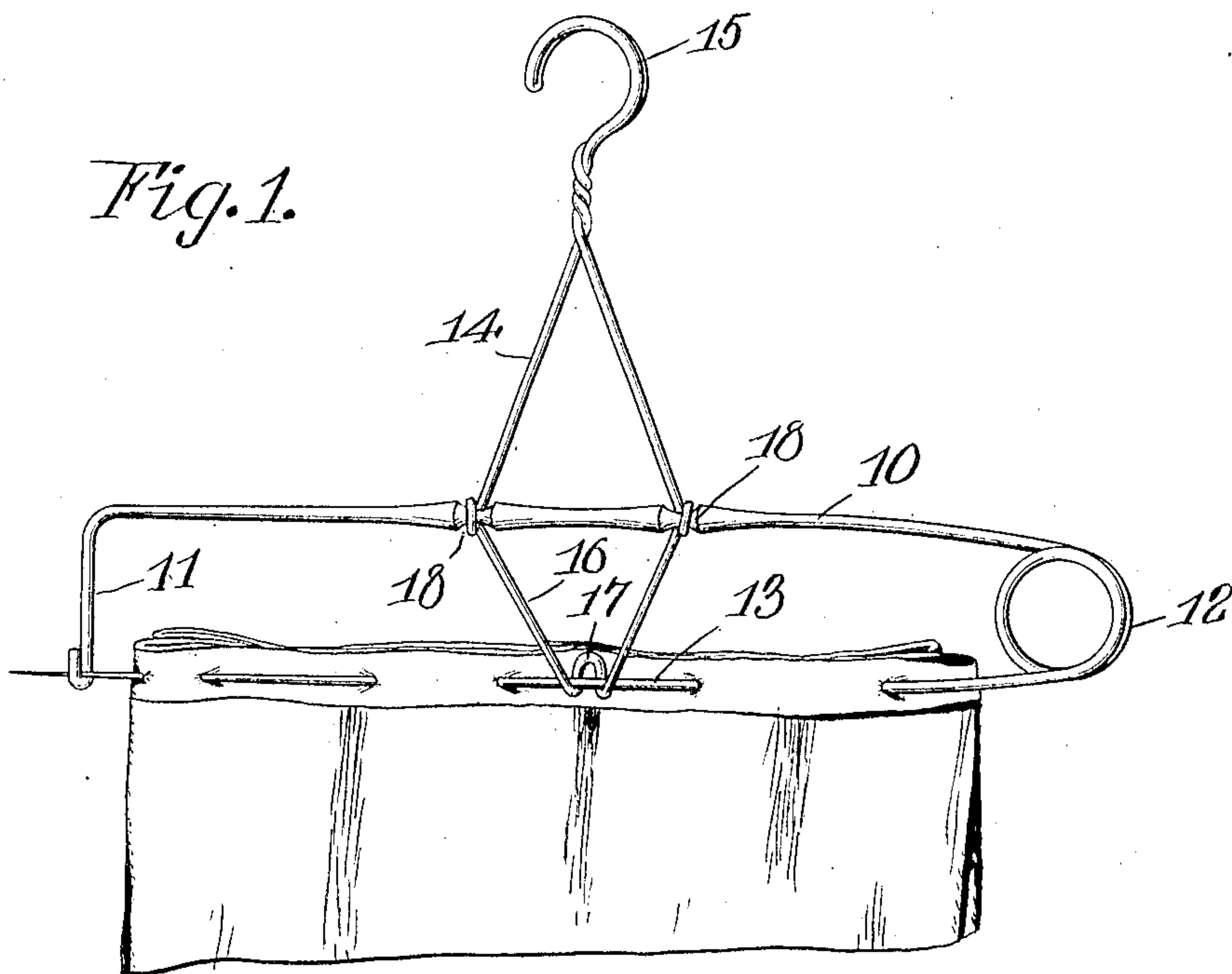
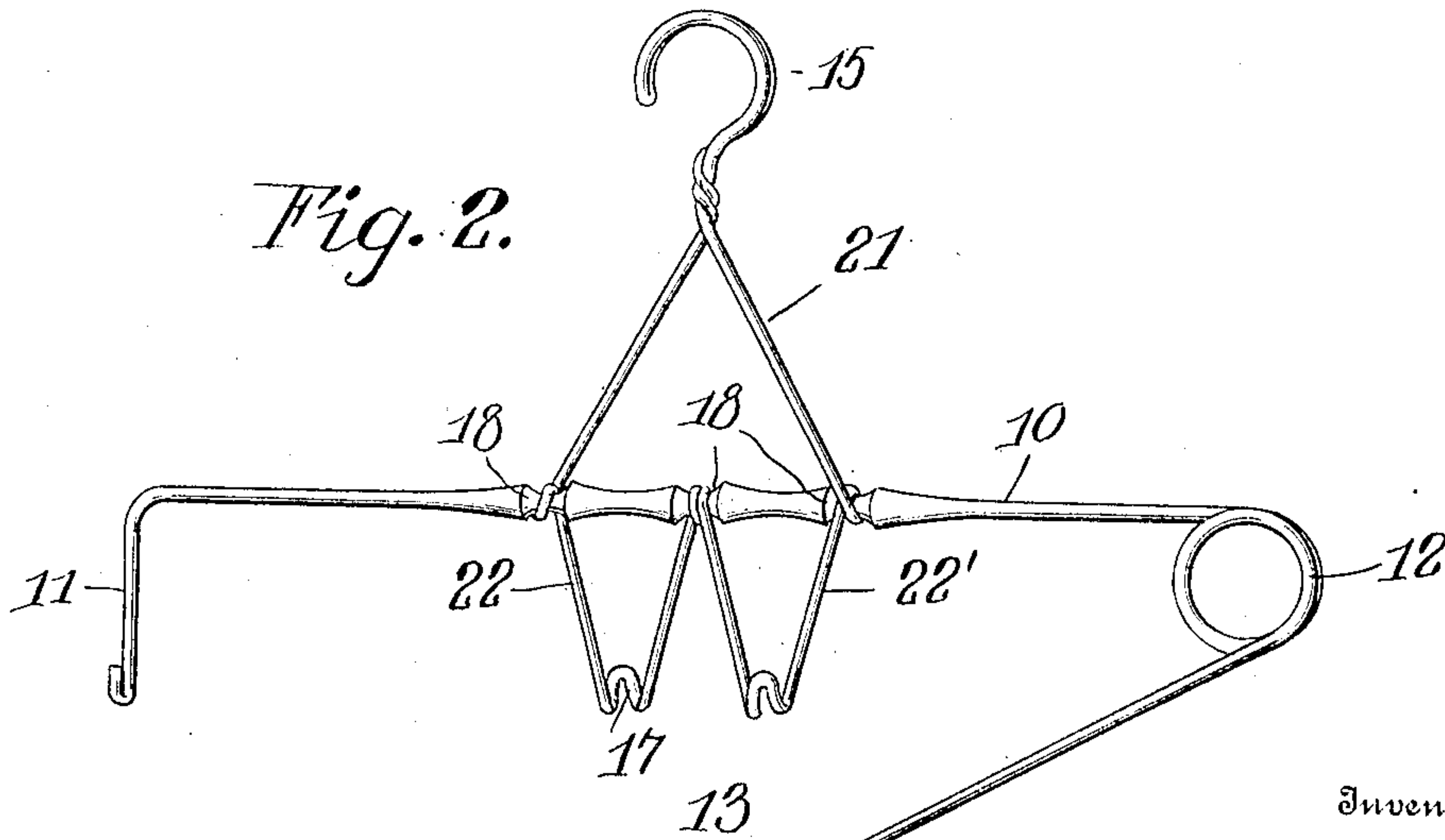


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ASHLEY EVELYN BAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Augusta, in the county of Woodruff and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pins, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices employed in supporting garments, lace curtains, portières, and the like, and has particular reference to devices which while made of comparatively light and flexible material may yet be made of considerable length so as to engage the article to be supported at a number of points, whereby such article will be held practically straight and even.

The invention more specifically involves a means whereby in the devices generally above indicated the intermediate portion of the member which engages a garment or other article being supported will be effectively braced, and such bracing means bearing a peculiar relation to the other portions of the device.

For a full understanding of the invention, including its mode of operation, reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of one form of the invention shown as being applied to a lady's skirt, it being understood however, that such illustration is merely indicative of one application of the invention, and Fig. 2 is another embodiment of the invention.

Similar parts of the several views are indicated by corresponding reference characters.

My invention comprises two parts. The main part is composed of a body portion 10 having at one end an offstanding catch 11, at the other end a loop or coil 12, and the latter terminating in a long, slender, and sharp pin member 13. The pin member, by reason of the fact that it is designed to penetrate the fabric at a number of places, should be sharp and slender for the reason that such operation will be the more easily performed and also for the reason that the garment or fabric will be damaged to the least amount.

The other main part of my device comprises a hanger member 14, having a suspension means such as a hook 15 at its upper portion, and made as an integral part of the hanger member and extending on the other side of the body 10 is a brace member 16 terminating in a catch 17. The hanger and

brace member is mounted for free rotation upon the body portion 10, and said body is provided with suitable means whereby the aforesaid member may be free to turn thereon but will be prevented from longitudinal movement thereof. As one convenient means for effecting this result, the body 10 is herein indicated as being provided with reduced portions or indentations 18 within which the hanger member is coiled as indicated. The catches 11 and 17 receive the pin member 13 when the device is in operation.

The form of the invention disclosed in Fig. 2 is similar to that above described in its general aspects but differs mainly in that it is designed to be a longer structure, to embrace the article to be supported at a greater number of points, and therefore made to include more intermediate braces than the form above described. The body portion of the device is provided therefore with a greater number of depressions and the hanger and brace member 21 is given a plurality of turns or loops around the body portion, the number of such turns or loops depending upon the length of the pin and the use to which it is to be applied. One of said brace loops 22 depends on one side of the body and the other 22' depends on the other side thereof. These brace loops being constructed of suitable light and flexible material may therefore embrace the fabric or garment upon opposite sides and are adapted for this reason to receive the pin member 13 on opposite sides of the article supported. As in the former figure the hanger member is adapted for free rotation upon the body member.

The several parts of the invention may be made of any suitable materials, the body portion with its coil and pin member should be made of suitable spring metal such as steel. The hanger or brace member may be made of comparatively light and flexible wire and coiled or bent substantially as illustrated. It will be noted that the point of the catch 11 extends laterally in the direction opposite to that of the point of the catch 17 whereby the device may be the more effectively secured in place. It is also to be noted that the hook 15 lies in substantially the plane of the entire structure whereby the device takes up less room in actual use or when being carried in a suit case or trunk, the hook portion in such in-

stance being adapted to be turned over upon the opposite side of the body portion 10 if desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:—

1. A device of the character described, comprising a body portion having a catch at one end and a pin member to coöperate therewith, and an integral hanger and brace member pivoted for free rotation on the body portion and provided at one end with a catch to receive said pin member and at the other end with supporting means, means being provided to retain the pivoted member midway of the body portion.

2. In a device of the character set forth, the combination of a rigid body portion hav-

ing a plurality of depressions constituting journals and having an end catch and pin member to be received by said catch, the point of the catch projecting laterally from the plane of the body and pin, and an integral hanger and brace member looped around said body portion and pivoted on said journals, said pivoted member comprising a supporting hook on one end and a brace loop on the other, said brace loop having a catch projecting in a direction opposite to that in which the first mentioned catch projects.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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