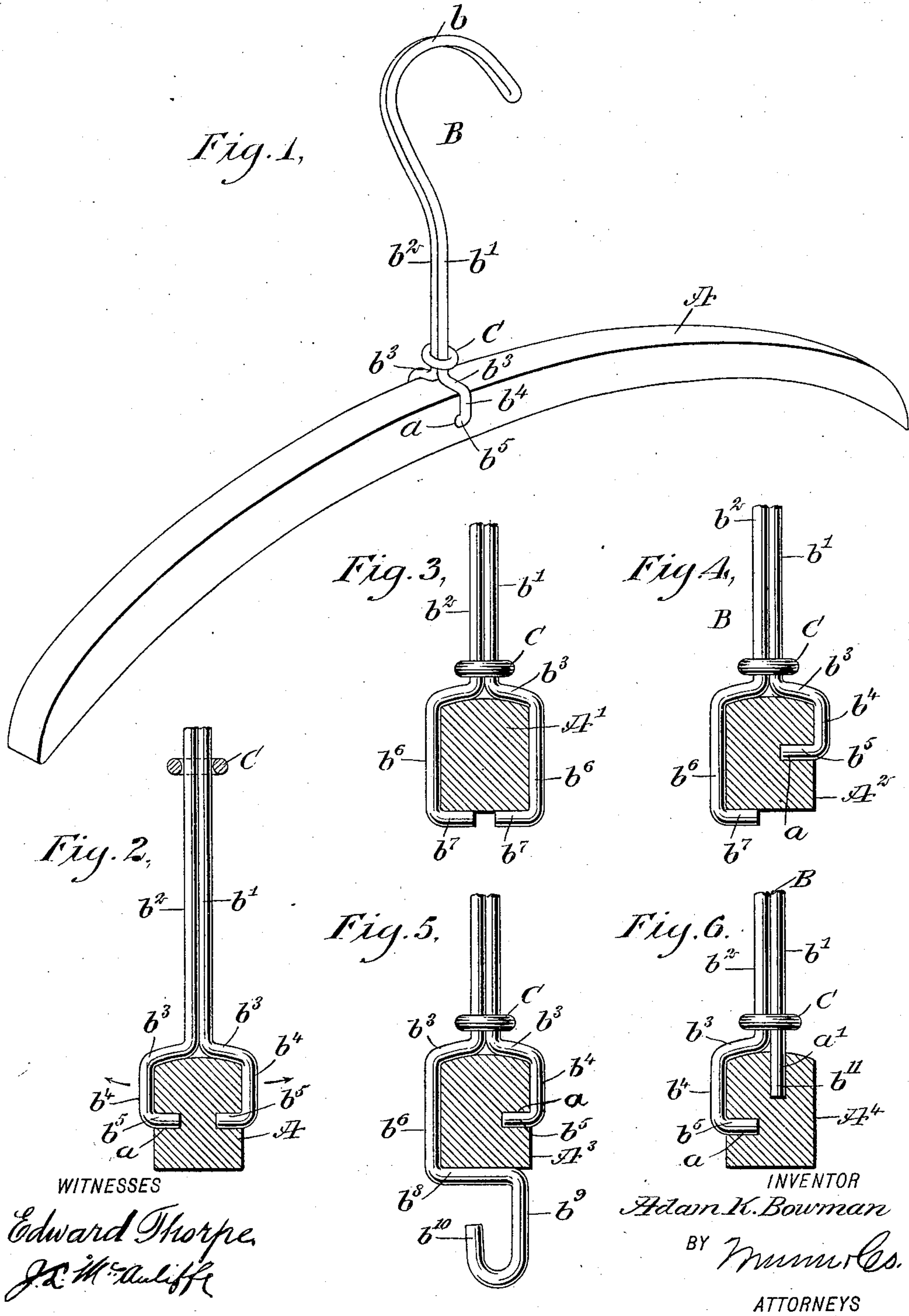


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADAM K. BOWMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Greensburg, in the county of Westmore-
land and State of Pennsylvania, have in-
vented a new and Improved Garment-
Hanger, of which the following is a full,
clear, and exact description.

The invention is designed more particu-
larly to improve that form of garment hang-
ers that consists of a hanger bar adapted to
support a coat, skirt or other garment, and
a suspension hook, the said hook in the hang-
ers as generally made, being fixedly secured
in place, which makes the hangers bulky,
and hence inconvenient for packing, etc.

The object of my invention is to provide a
hanger having a detachable hook, thus ma-
terially economizing space in the packing,
shipping and storing of the hangers.

Reference is to be had to the accompany-
ing drawings forming a part of this specifi-
cation, in which similar characters of refer-
ence indicate corresponding parts in all the
views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a gar-
ment hanger embodying my invention; Fig.
2 is a broken sectional end elevation of the
form shown in Fig. 1; and Figs. 3, 4, 5 and
6 are broken end views showing several dif-
ferent forms of the invention, the hanger
bars being in section, which figures will be
hereinafter specially referred to.

I have illustrated different embodiments
of my invention and will particularly de-
scribe the same and point out the invention
in the claims.

In constructing a garment hanger in ac-
cordance with my invention, a hanger bar
A of suitable form is provided, this bar in
the instance illustrated being of the conven-
tional type found in coat hangers, skirt
hangers, etc., and in connection with said
bar a hook B is employed, the shank of
which is formed with clamping jaws, as
hereinafter described.

Referring more particularly to the form
shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the hook is formed
of a single length of wire bent on itself, the
two thicknesses being given the usual hook
form at the upper end, as at b , and the sep-
arable shank portions b' b^2 of the hook are
embraced by a sliding ring C. In order to
effect a detachable engagement between the
base of the hook and the garment bar A, the

lower ends of the separable shank portions
 b' b^2 are bent outward in opposite directions,
as at b^3 , and then downwardly as at b^4 , the
extreme lower ends b^5 being bent inward
toward each other and caused to enter holes
 a formed in opposite side faces of the bar A.
Thus the portions b^3 and b^4 embrace the
hanger bar A at three faces, and the sliding
ring C when in the lower position securely
holds the hook in engagement with the bar.
To detach the hook from the bar it is only
necessary to move the ring C to a raised po-
sition as in Fig. 2, which permits the shank
sections, including the described bent base
thereof, to be separated. In this way the
hooks may be neatly and securely wrapped
and separately assembled from the bars,
while the latter can also be assembled in the
most compact form.

In the form shown in Fig. 3, the shank
portions at the base are formed with the
same outward bends b^3 as previously de-
scribed, which overlie and embrace the top
surface of the garment bar A', while the
side members b^6 corresponding to the mem-
bers b^4 in Figs. 1 and 2, are extended to a
length to reach to the bottom of the bar A',
and the lower ends b^7 of each base portion
are bent inwardly to embrace the under
surface of the bar A', as clearly appears.

In Fig. 4 one side b^4 and its terminal
end b^5 correspond with the similar portions
in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, while
the opposite side of the base of the hook is
formed with the bends b^6 and b^7 shown in
Fig. 3. Thus it will be seen that Fig. 4 has
one side of the base portion of the shank
corresponding with Figs. 1 and 2, while the
other side corresponds with Fig. 3, the same
clamping ring C and the same top bends b^3
being found in this last described construc-
tion for clamping the hook to the hanger
bar A².

In the form shown in Fig. 5, one side of
the base portion has the described bends b^3 ,
 b^4 and b^5 as found in Figs. 1, 2 and 4, while
the opposite side has the described bend b^3 ,
the bend b^6 extending along one side to the
bottom of the bar A³ similar to Figs. 3 and
4, so that this portion b^6 corresponds with
one side of Figs. 3 and 4. At the lower end
of the member b^6 the wire at that side of the
hanger bar is bent as at b^8 to extend across
nearly the whole bottom surface of the bar
A³; it is then extended downwardly as at b^9 ,

and then upwardly in hook form as at b^{10} , whereby the lower portion may be employed as an auxiliary garment hook.

In the form shown in Fig. 6, the hanger bar A^4 is formed with a vertical hole a' , and one transverse hole a as in Figs. 2, 4 and 5, these holes being therefore in lines at about right angles to each other. The hook B in this form has the base portion of its shank formed as follows: One side has the bends b^3 , b^4 and b^5 described in connection with other figures, the terminal end b^5 entering the hole a , and the companion shank b' is extended straight down as at b^{11} , to enter the vertical hole a' . The raising of the clamping ring C with this construction permits the bent side to be moved outward, so that the member b^5 may be disengaged from the bar A^4 , whereupon the portion b' can be withdrawn in a vertical direction.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent,—

1. A garment hanger, comprising a garment-receiving bar, and a detachable suspension device comprising a hook having a shank formed with separable jaws, said jaws consisting of members clasp ing the bar at the top and at the side faces of the bar.

2. A garment hanger having a detachable suspension device comprising a hook having a shank formed with separable jaws, the jaws consisting of members offset from the shank and ranging approximately vertically, to embrace side faces of the hanger, said members having ends projecting toward each other.

3. A garment hanger, comprising a hanger bar for a garment and a suspension hook detachably secured to said bar, the shank of the suspension hook being composed of separable members, and jaws extending in the form of oppositely projecting bends at the

base of the shank, each jaw having further bends producing members approximately parallel with each other and with the shank, and also having bends producing members projecting in directions toward each other, and the said shank having a sliding ring thereon.

4. A garment hanger, comprising a hanger bar for the garment and a suspension hook formed with a longitudinally-divided shank, the members of which are bent outward in opposite directions, then forwardly to provide approximately parallel members, and then inwardly, the said shank having a sliding device thereon to hold the divided shank portions in close relation.

5. A garment hanger, comprising a hanger bar for the garment, and a suspension hook formed with a longitudinally divided shank, the members of which are bent outward in opposite directions, then forwardly to provide approximately parallel members, and then inwardly, the said shank having a sliding device thereon to hold the divided shank portions in close relation, the inwardly projecting ends being received in holes formed in the hanger bar.

6. A garment hanger, comprising a hanger bar for receiving a garment, and a detachable suspension device, the base of which is provided with a pair of members each having portions at approximately right angles to each other, the said suspension device embracing the hanger bar at three exterior surfaces.

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

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