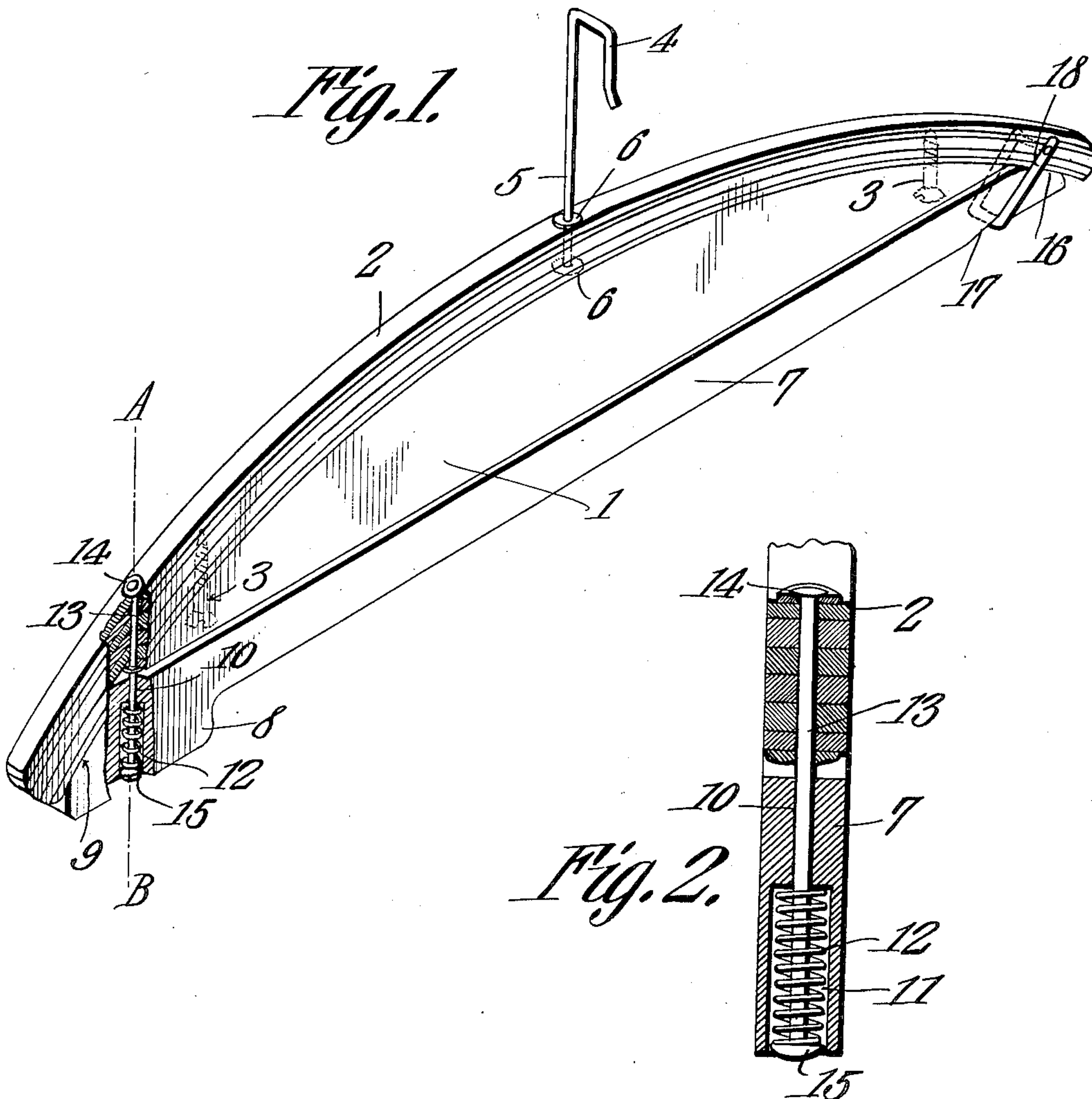


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. WHEARY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Clothes-Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to clothes hangers and its object is to provide a device of this character particularly designed for use in wardrobe trunks and the like and which is so constructed as to hold a coat, a vest and pair of trousers, the supporter being designed to adjust itself automatically to trousers made of both light and heavy weight fabrics so as to firmly grip them.

A further object is to provide a garment hanger which is neat in appearance, cheaply manufactured, and which will occupy the minimum amount of space, there being no projecting parts tending to injure fabrics against which it may be brought into contact.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the hanger, a portion thereof being broken away. Fig. 2 is a section on line A—B Fig. 1.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates the segmental body of the hanger, the same being formed of a single piece of wood of suitable proportions, there being a bowed laminated top strip 2 upon the body 1 the ends of which extend beyond the ends of the body. Said body may be secured to the top strip 2 in any preferred manner as by means of screws 3 extending through the end portions of the body and into the strip, the heads of said screws being preferably arranged in counterbores (not shown). A supporting hook 4 is disposed above the middle portion of strip 2 and the stem 5 thereof is arranged within the strip 2 and is held against longitudinal movement by means of collars 6, this stem of course being capable of rotating within the strip.

The straight edge of the body 1 coöperates with a binding strip 7 to hold trousers in position within the hanger. This clamping strip 7 is preferably enlarged at one end as

indicated at 8, the end being beveled as at 9 so as to fit snugly against the adjacent projecting end portion of the strip 2. A passage 10 extends transversely through the enlarged portion and the lower end of this passage is counterbored as at 11 so as to receive a spring 12 extending around the lower portion of a pivot pin 13. Said pin extends through the strip 2 and is held against longitudinal movement by means of collars 14. A head 15 is formed at the lower end of the pin and constitutes a seat for the spring 12, the other end of the spring bearing against the inner end of the counterbored portion of the passage and said spring serving to hold the strip 7 normally drawn toward the body 1. That end of the strip 7 farthest removed from the enlargement 8 is beveled as shown at 16 so as to fit snugly against the under surface of the adjoining projecting end of strip 2 and a notch 17 is formed in the lower face of this end portion of strip 7 and is designed to be detachably engaged by a pivoted locking bail 18 which straddles the strip 2 and is pivotally connected to it.

The hanger herein described is designed to be used as ordinarily, the strip 2 and body 1 being insertible at its ends into the sleeve of a coat, so as to enable the shoulder portions of the coat to rest on the strip 2. The trouser legs are designed to be inclosed between the body 1 and the strip 7, it first being necessary to unfasten the strip 7 from the bail 18 and to swing said strip laterally with the pin 13 as a pivot. After the legs of the trousers have been placed upon the lower or straight edge of the body 1 said strip 7 is returned to position below the straight edge of the body 1 and the spring 12 will force it firmly against the trouser legs, so as to prevent them from slipping from between body 1 and strip 7. After the bail 18 has been returned into engagement with the notched body it obviously becomes impossible for the trousers to become accidentally detached from the hanger.

Importance is attached to the provision of the spring 12, because this enables the strip 7 to automatically adjust itself to fabrics of different thicknesses. It will be noted too that the pin 13 and all the parts mounted thereon are at all times so located as to cause no injury whatever to the adjoining fabrics.

The entire device forms a very compact bundle which will lie flat in a wardrobe trunk



or the like and is desirable because of its neat and attractive appearance.

It is of course to be understood that various changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of the invention.

What is claimed is:—

1. A garment hanger comprising a body, 10 a top strip thereon and projecting beyond the ends thereof, a clamping strip interposed between the end strip and top strip and mounted to swing laterally with relation to the body, resilient means fixedly connected 15 to the body and movably mounted in the clamping strip for holding said clamping strip drawn toward the body, said resilient means being concealed by the body and clamping strip, and means for holding said 20 strip against movement.

2. A garment hanger comprising a segmental body, a top strip thereon and having its ends projecting downwardly beyond the ends of the body, a support-engaging device 25 extending from the top strip, a clamping strip pivotally connected to the body

and interposed between the projecting ends of the top strip, means fixedly secured to the body for yieldingly holding said clamping strip drawn toward the body, and means for 30 locking the clamping strip against movement.

3. A garment hanger comprising a segmental body, a bowed top strip thereon and having its ends projecting downwardly beyond the end of the body, a clamping strip 35 pivotally connected with the body and mounted to swing laterally with relation thereto, means concealed within said strip for holding the same yieldingly pressed toward the body, and means connected to one 40 end portion of the top strip for detachably engaging the clamping strip to hold it against movement.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 45 my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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