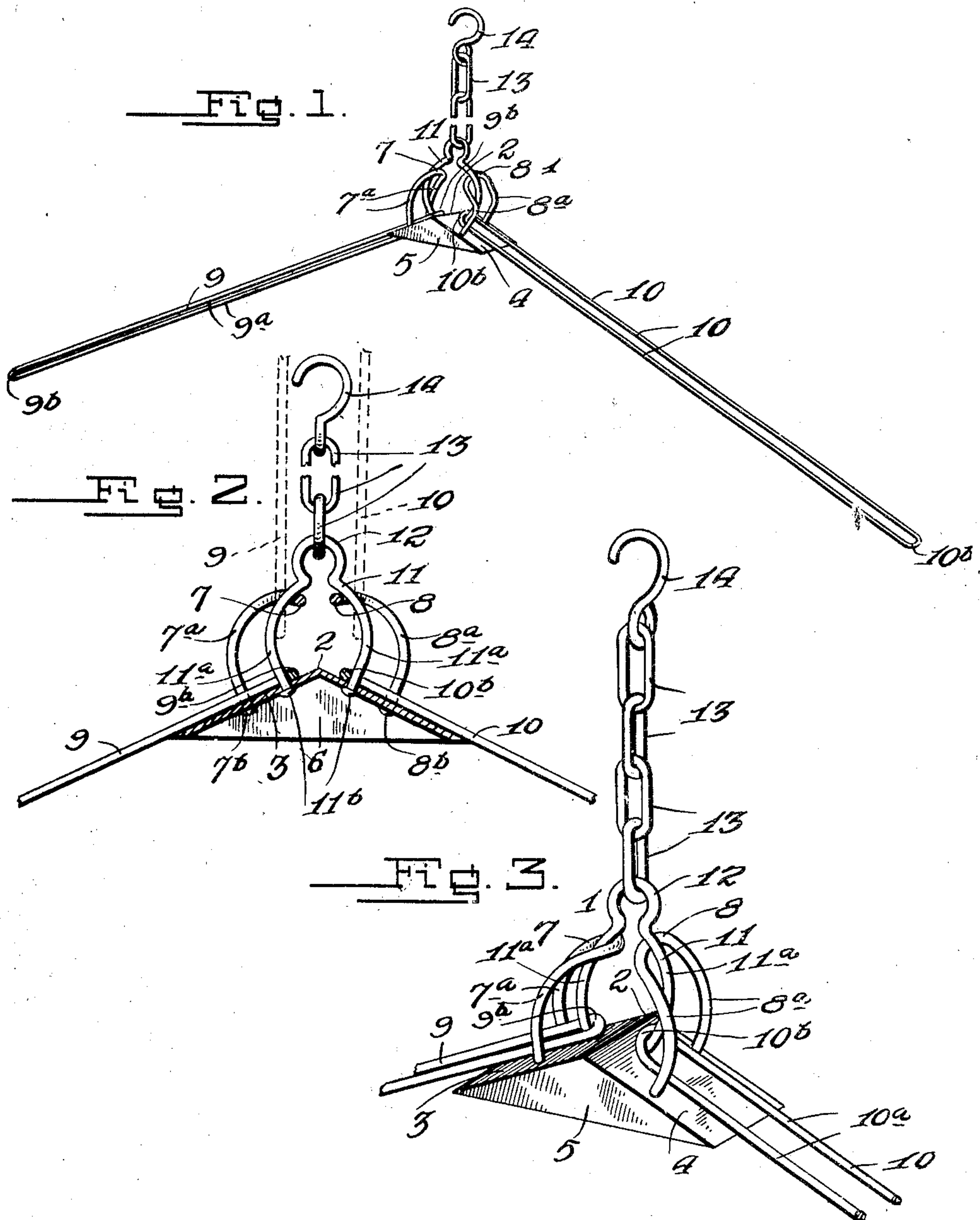


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL T. WATANABE, a citizen of Japan, residing at Port Deposit, in the county of Cecil and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to improvements in garment hangers, and has for its object to provide a garment hanger, which is exceedingly simple in construction, light in weight and cheap to manufacture, and can be readily folded into a small and convenient bundle.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will appear in the course of the following specification.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my garment hanger with the suspending chain shown as shortened. Fig. 2 is a side view of the device, partly in section, with the end portions of the loop-shaped arms broken off. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device (enlarged), with the end portions of the loop-shaped arms broken off.

Referring to the drawings, which illustrate the preferred embodiment of my invention, 1 designates the garment hanger and 2 the body portion thereof. The body 2 is substantially the shape of an obtuse angle, considered longitudinally, the oppositely inclined sides 3 and 4 thereof serving as supports or rests for a purpose to be hereinafter explained. The ends of the sides 3 and 4 are closed by similarly shaped portions 5 and 6, thereby forming a neat and light casing open only at the bottom. Positioned transversely, one at about the center of each inclined side, are outwardly and oppositely curved or bowed, correspondingly U-shaped members 7 and 8. The lower portions of the arms 7^a and 8^a of each bowed U-shaped member project through apertures near each edge, the extreme ends of the arms being headed as at 7^b and 8^b to prevent their withdrawal.

Positioned one on each inclined side 3 and 4 are the end portions of elongated loop-shaped arms 9 and 10. The loop-shaped arms 9 and 10, which are correspondingly shaped, comprise spaced parallel sides 9^a and 10^a, respectively, the connecting ends 9^b and 10^b

of which are outwardly bowed. The inner end portions of the arms 9 and 10 are positioned, one respectively between each set of arms 7^a and 8^a of the bowed U-shaped members 7 and 8 and are held in such position by means of a longitudinally arranged suspension device 11, which comprises outwardly and oppositely curved or bowed arms 11^a, one of which passes over the center and between the arms of each of the outwardly bowed U-shaped members and within the inner outwardly bowed ends 9^b and 10^b of the arms 9 and 10, thus effectively holding them in position. The lower portions of the outwardly bowed arms 11^a pass through apertures in the inclined sides 3 and 4 and are provided with heads 11^b to prevent their withdrawal. The outwardly bowed arms 11^a of the suspension member are brought contiguous each other near their upper ends and are then curved outwardly and over to form a loop 12. Secured in the loop 12 is the lower elongated link 13 of a short chain made of a series of similarly shaped links, the upper or other end link of which is provided with a hook 14.

As shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, when the garment hanger is not in use, the arms 9 and 10 can be folded up vertically, and the hanger will then occupy but a small space, which feature will be appreciated by travelers.

As is readily apparent, the chain can be dispensed with, if desired since the hanger can be hung by the loop 12.

What I claim is:

1. In a garment hanger, a support, apertured garment supporting arms resting on said support when in a garment supporting position, and guides freely passing through the apertures in said garment supporting arms whereby said garment supporting arms are loosely mounted on said guides.

2. In a garment hanger, a support, garment supporting arms normally resting on said support, bifurcated members straddling said garment supporting arms, and guides upon which said garment supporting arms are movably mounted, said guides passing through and contacting with said bifurcated members.

3. In a garment hanger, a support, loop-shaped arms carried by said support, and a suspension device for said support, arms carried by said suspension device, the arms of

said suspension device being passed through said loop-shaped arms to hold them in position.

4. In a garment hanger, a support, loop-shaped arms carried by said support, abutments for preventing a lateral movement of said loop-shaped arms, and arms passing within said loop-shaped arms to hold them longitudinally with respect to said abutments.

5. In a garment hanger, a support, loop-shaped arms carried by said support, oppositely-bowed U-shaped members straddling said loop-shaped arms, and a suspension device provided with inwardly curved arms, said inwardly curved arms passing through and contacting with said bowed U-shaped members and passing within said loop-shaped arms whereby said loop-shaped arms are held from withdrawal.

6. In a garment hanger, a support, a bifurcated member mounted on said support and extending above the same, garment supporting arms slidably mounted on said bifurcated member, and means for preventing the displacement of said garment supporting arms.

7. In a garment hanger, a support, garment supporting arms resting on said support when in a garment supporting position, bifurcated members straddling said garment supporting arms, and means for preventing the displacement of said garment supporting arms.

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

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