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GARMENT HANGER.

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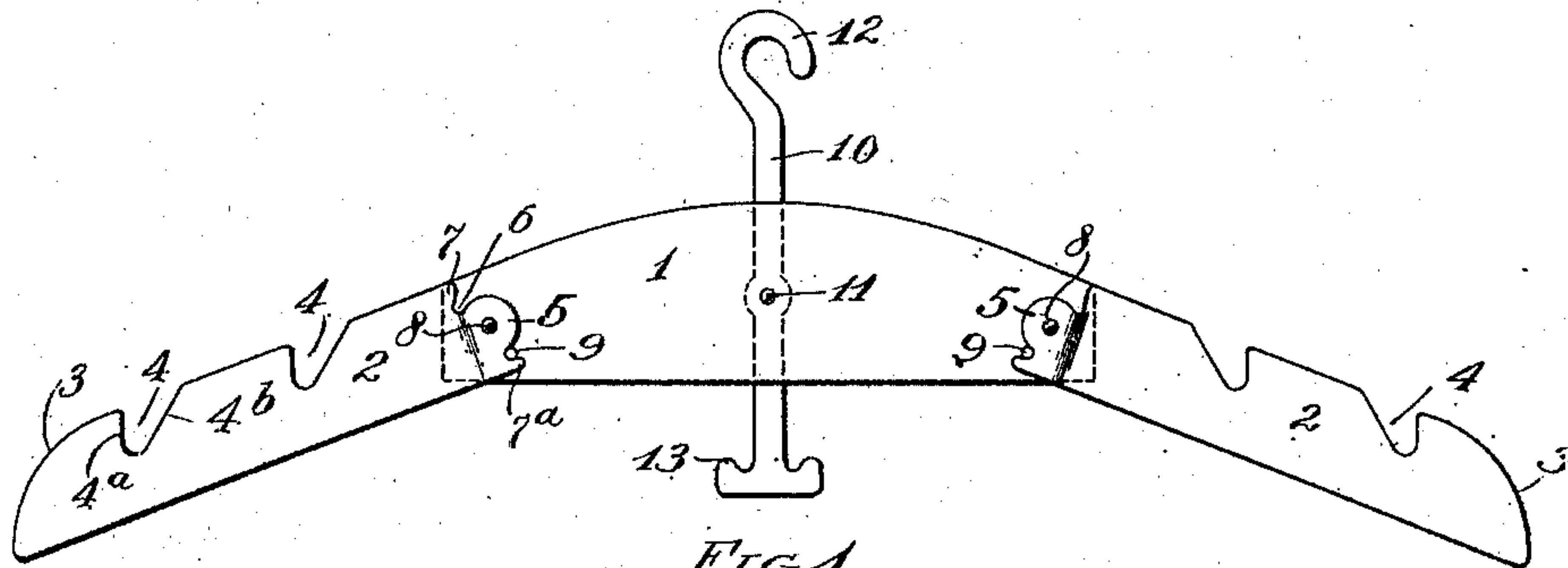


FIG. 1

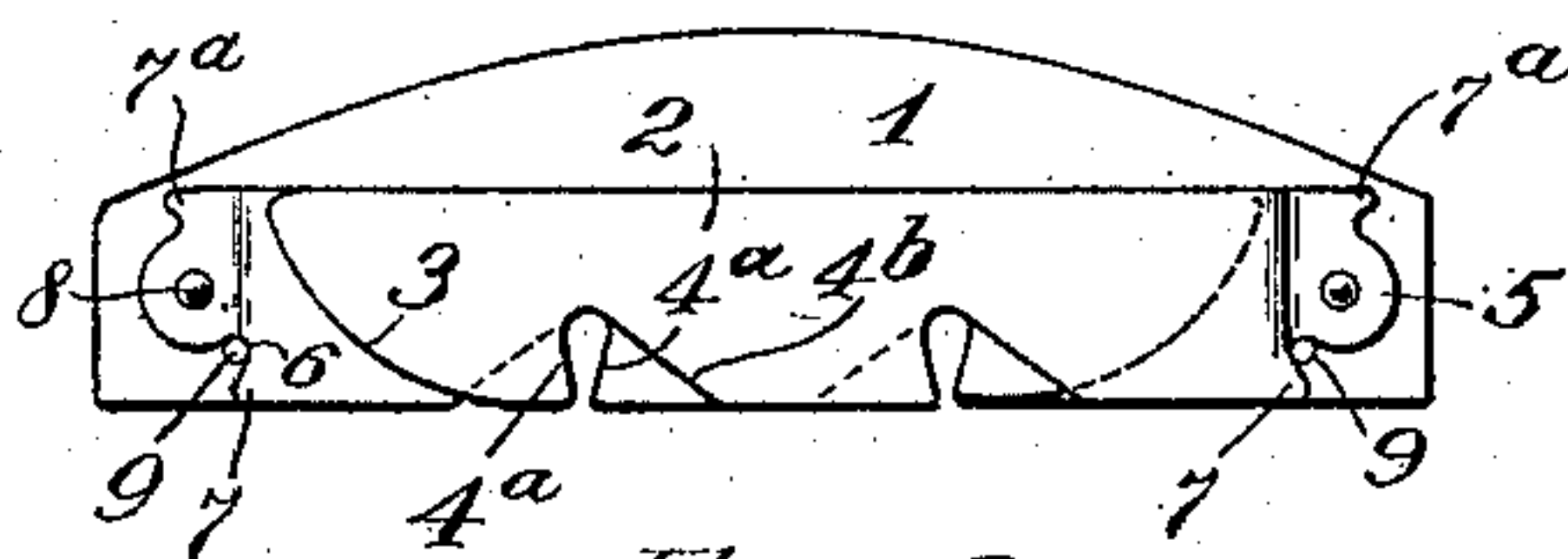


FIG. 2

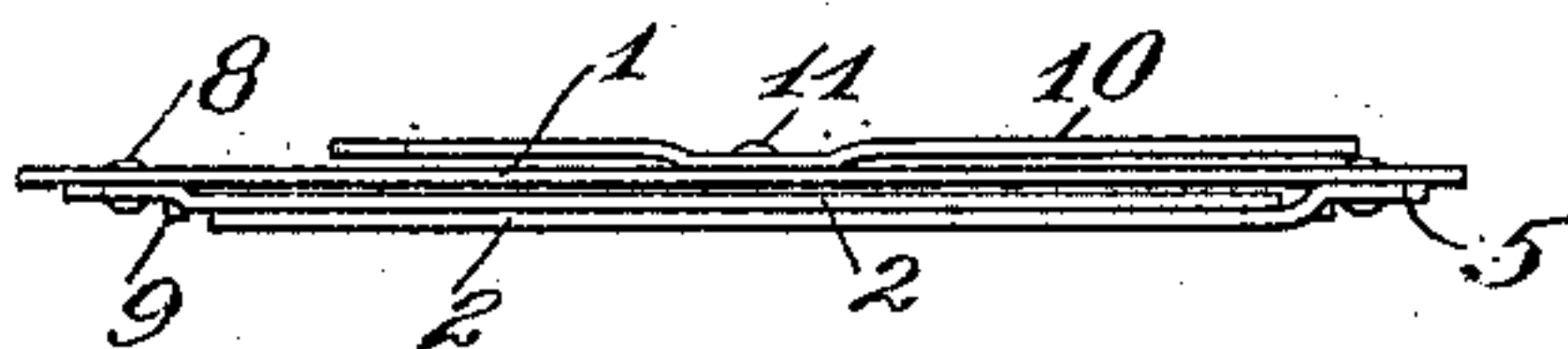


FIG. 3

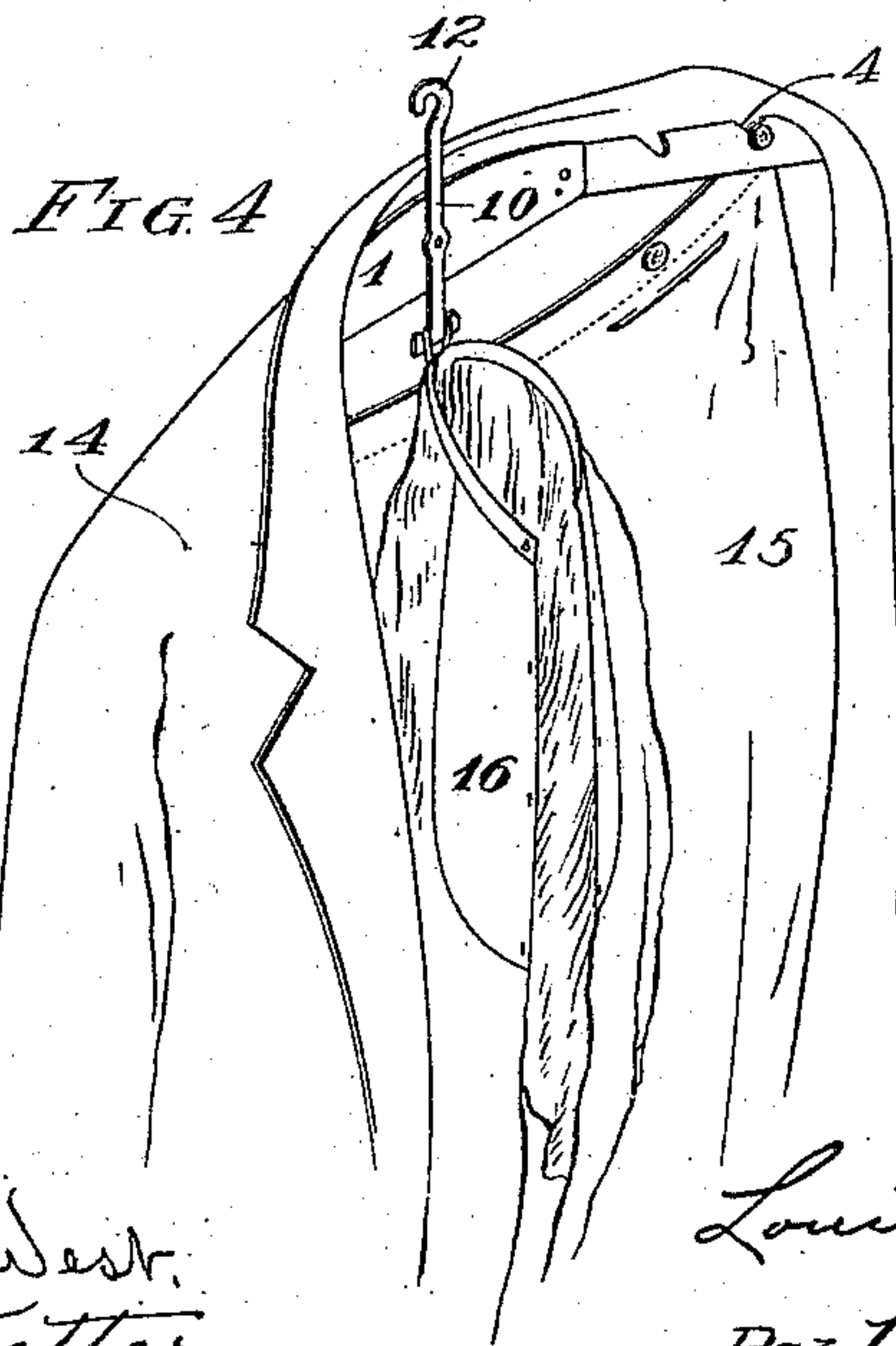


FIG. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS P. WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to garment hangers and more especially to hangers of the collapsible type, which may be folded up so as to occupy a minimum space. Hangers of this type are in great demand with the traveling public, as, when collapsed, they occupy but small space, rendering them extremely convenient of transportation.

It is the object of this invention to produce a hanger of the type described which shall be extremely simple in construction, economical of production, which, when not in use, may be folded up so as to occupy a minimum of space, and which will be durable and efficient in operation.

Generally speaking, the invention may be described as consisting of the combinations of elements embodied in the claims hereto annexed and illustrated in the drawings forming a part hereof, wherein—

Figure 1 represents an elevation of a garment hanger constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the same in expanded condition; Fig. 2 represents a similar view showing the hanger collapsed or folded for transportation; Fig. 3 represents a top plan view of the closed or collapsed hanger; and Fig. 4 shows a perspective view of my hanger, illustrating the manner in which the same may be employed for supporting various garments.

Describing the parts by reference characters, 1 represents the central base portion or member of the hanger, the same comprising a sheet metal body having its upper edge curved downwardly on each side of and from the central portion thereof. Near each end of the base member 1 is pivoted an extension 2. Each of these extensions is also preferably of sheet metal and has its outer end curved, as shown at 3, the better to conform to the garment supported thereby and each is provided in the upper portion thereof with a suitable number of notches 4, each notch comprising a substantially vertical wall 4^a and a wall 4^b which, when the parts are unfolded to form the

hanger, are inclined upwardly and toward the central or body member of the hanger. The inner end of each extension 2 is provided with a connecting portion 5 by means of which it is pivoted to the base 1. This connecting portion projects from the central portion of its extension 2 and is preferably provided with an arcuate periphery, the periphery of such connecting portion being somewhat greater than 180 degrees. At its opposite ends, this arc-shaped connecting portion merges with recesses 6 outside of which are located the shoulders 7, 7^a. 8 denotes a rivet or other like pivotal support, by means of which each of the extensions 2 is pivoted to the central base member, the rivet extending through the center of curvature of the rounded connecting portion 5, and 9 denotes a stop, which is preferably a pin carried by the base member 1 adjacent to each outer end thereof and adapted to fit in the recesses of each extension and engage the shoulders 7, 7^a.

10 denotes a support by means of which the hanger may be suspended, said support being pivoted to the central base member of the hanger on the opposite side of the base from the extensions 2, as shown at 11. The support is provided at one end with a hook 12 and at its opposite end with projections 13 located on each side of the body portion of the support and adapted to sustain a garment. The body of each extension 2 is offset from its connecting portion 5, thereby reducing the amount of the bearing surface between each extension and the body 1, and one of the extensions 2 will have its body portion offset sufficiently farther than the other to permit the folding of one extension within the other, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

When not in use, the extensions 2 will be folded in the manner shown in Figs. 2 and 3 and will be retained alongside of the base member 1 by the engagement of the stops 9 with the shoulders 7. The parts will preferably be so arranged that, when folded, the lower edges of the extensions will be substantially in line with the lower edge of the central base member 1. The supporting member 10 will be folded lengthwise of the base member 1, as shown in Fig. 3, and, being of no greater length and width than said base member, will not project therebeyond. Furthermore, the width of the extensions is such that, when folded, no portion of said extensions will project beyond the base mem-

ber 1, with the result that a very compact construction is provided, whereby the hanger will occupy no greater area than the area of the central portion or base member 1, rendering the hanger exceedingly compact and convenient of shipment or transportation. It will be noted that, when the extensions 2 are in their unfolded position with the shoulders 7^a in engagement with the stops 9, the upper edges of such extensions form each a continuation of the adjacent upper edge of the central member 1, the whole hanger having a practically continuous upper edge for the support of a garment.

In Fig. 4 I have shown the manner in which the hanger may support garments. In this figure a coat 14 is shown as supported by the hanger, one shoulder of the coat being partly removed to show the manner in which the trousers 15 may be supported by inserting the buttons on the waistband into the notches 4. A shirt 16 is shown as suspended by its loop from the lower end of the support 10. While the hanger is shown as supporting men's garments, it may be utilized with equal advantage for the support of women's garments.

Owing to the very slight thickness of the support when unfolded for use, it may be used with great advantage on sleeping cars, the support 10 being applied either to the partition between the berths or to the curtains.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A garment hanger comprising a flat metallic central base member, a pair of flat metallic extensions, each of said extensions being provided with a connecting portion which is offset from the body of the member and one of said connecting portions being offset farther than the other, means pivotally connecting the extensions to opposite ends of the central base member, on the same side thereof, stop members carried by the central base member and by each extension and arranged to support the extensions alongside the central member when the extensions are

folded and to support them, when unfolded, so that the upper edges thereof will form continuations of the upper edge of the central base member, and a combined support and hanger pivoted to the base member on the side opposite the extensions and adapted to be folded alongside the central base member and of a length not exceeding the length of the base member.

2. A garment hanger comprising a flat metallic central base member, a pair of flat metallic extensions pivoted to opposite ends of the central base member and on the same side thereof and adapted to be folded outwardly to constitute extensions of said base member and to fold inwardly alongside of said member, each of said members being provided with a connecting portion which is offset from the body of the member and one of said connecting portions being offset farther than the other and each of said extensions being provided in its upper surface with notches, means pivotally connecting the extensions to opposite ends of the central base member, on the same side thereof, members carried by the central base member and by each extension and arranged to support the extensions so that the upper edges thereof will form continuations of the central upper edge of the central base member when the extensions are unfolded and will retain said extensions alongside said base member when the extensions are folded, and a combined support and hanger pivoted to the base member on the side opposite the extensions and of a length not exceeding the length of the base member and having at one end means whereby the hanger may be suspended from a suitable support and having its other end provided with a garment supporting projection.

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

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