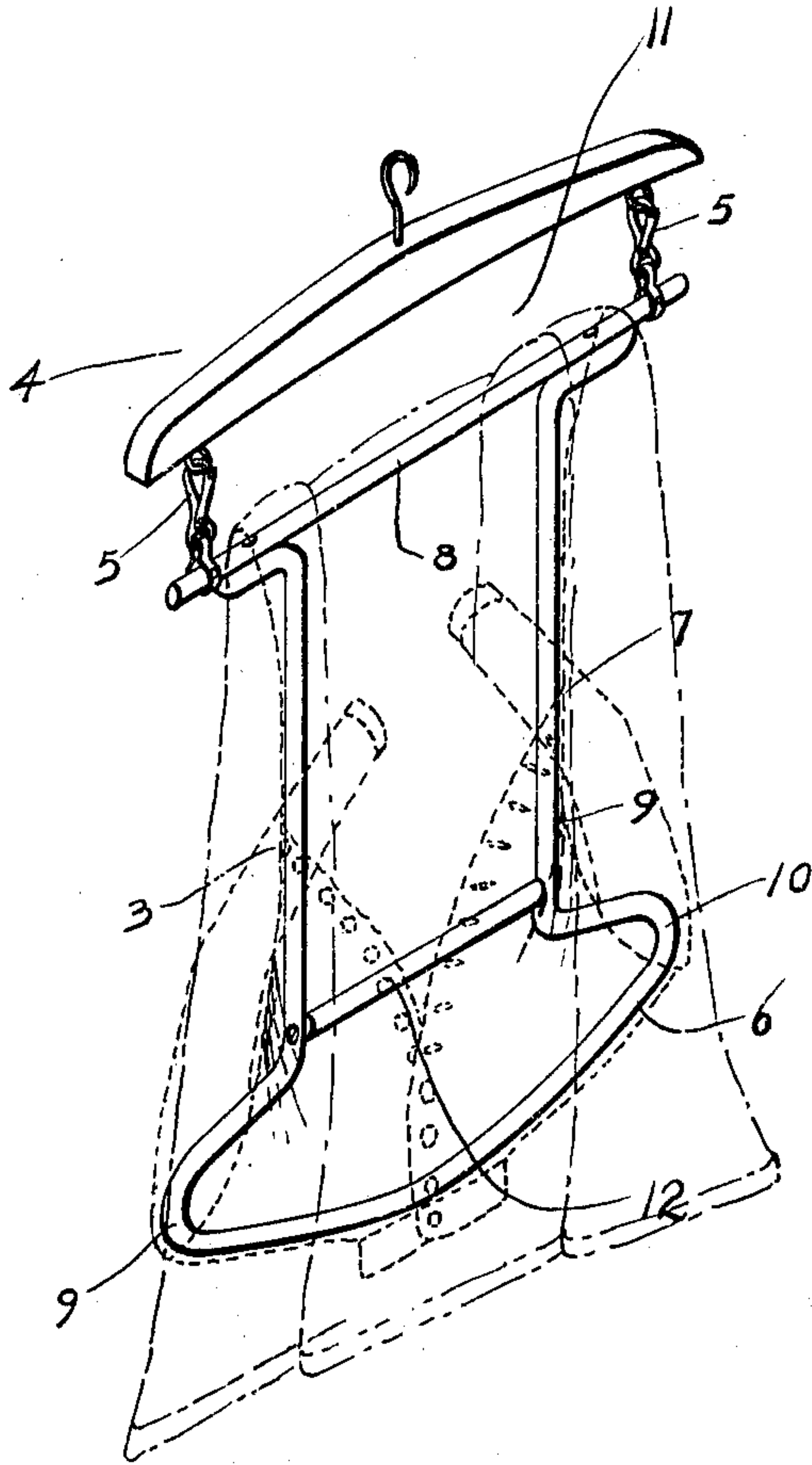


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY N. DRUCKER, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment hangers, and particularly to hangers for dresses and gowns.

An object of this invention is to produce a hanger, which will not tear the garment supported by it, and is particularly adapted for use in wardrobe trunks.

A further object is to produce a new and improved princess gown hanger, which is particularly adapted for use in wardrobe trunks.

These and other objects I attain by means of the hangers illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

In the drawings: the figure is a perspective view of a princess gown hanger, which forms an embodiment of my invention. A princess gown is shown in dotted lines in place on the hanger.

The hangers in wardrobe trunks must be light and because of the hard usage to which the trunk is subjected, they must be strong and so constructed, that they will not damage the garment, while the trunk is being carelessly or roughly handled. The hangers must also be so constructed, that they will not get out of shape themselves, nor permit the garment supported by them to become wrinkled or creased.

The hangers illustrated as embodying my invention are constructed entirely of wood. While the hangers are light, they are so constructed, that they will retain their shape and prevent the garment supported by them from being wrinkled or mussed.

Referring to the drawing, in which the hanger illustrated is adapted to support a princess gown, and also a coat or waist. The hanger is formed in two parts, a gown hanger 3 and a coat hanger 4, to which the gown hanger is secured by any suitable means, such as snap hooks 5.

The gown hanger 3 consists of three distinct portions, namely, a shoulder support 6, a bodice support 7 and a skirt support 8. The shoulder and the bodice supports are formed by a single strip of wood, so shaped that the shoulder support is adapted to fit into and support the shoulders of the dress

or gown, in a manner similar to an ordinary coat hanger. The chief difference between the shoulder support of my invention and that of an ordinary coat hanger, is that the coat hanger is likely to tear the garments by having its ends thrust or forced through the shoulder or sleeve portion of the supported garment. If the ends of the coat hanger are in any ways sharp and the hanger is employed in a wardrobe trunk, there is great danger of tearing the garment, as above described. By forming the shoulder and bodice supports in one piece, I overcome this difficulty, as the curves in the strip 9 at 10, between the shoulder and bodice supports, can be of relatively large radius, so that the support has no sharp ends, which are liable to injure the garment by being thrust through it. The bodice support 7 is formed of two parallel portions of the strip 9. These portions of the strip are located far enough apart, so that they form a support for the bodice of the dress, and keep it stretched or smooth, when the shoulders are in place on the shoulder support.

The skirt hanger 8 is formed of a single straight piece of wood, which is secured to the ends of the strip 9, immediately adjacent to the bodice support. This support 8 also forms a brace for the gown support, and the hooks 5 are secured to it, one clamp being secured near each end. A brace 12 is located between the parallel portions of the strip 9, near the shoulder support, and, with the skirt support 8, braces the gown hanger and renders it sufficiently rigid.

Any suitable coat hanger 4 may be employed with the gown hanger. I have illustrated a wooden coat hanger, provided with an ordinary support hook, and on its underside with rings adapted to engage the hooks 5. When the gown hanger is secured to the coat hanger by means of hooks 5, it hangs below the coat hanger with the shoulder support down. In adjusting a princess gown on the gown hanger, the hanger is inverted, so that the skirt support is at the bottom, and the shoulder support is then introduced into the shoulders and top portion of the gown in the ordinary manner of introducing a coat hanger into a garment. The bodice of the gown is then in place on the bodice support, and the skirt portion hangs below the hanger on one side of the skirt support 8. The skirt is then drawn through the space 11, between the skirt

support 8 and the coat hanger 4, and the gown hanger is turned to its normal position, as shown in Fig. 1, so that the skirt hangs over and is supported by the skirt support 8. The sleeves of the gown are preferably crossed and pinned, or in any suitable manner secured to the bodice, so that they do not become wrinkled. With this construction, the shoulders of the gown are held firmly in place on the shoulder support 6, and the bodice is supported by the parallel strips, forming the bodice support. The weight of the skirt holds the shoulders and bodice in place, and the skirt may be arranged in folds, so that it will not wrinkle. After the gown is in place, a waist or coat may be hung on the coat hanger 4.

The gown hanger is detachable from the coat hanger, for the purpose of simplifying the operation of adjusting the gown, and also for the purpose of removing the gown hanger, when it is not in use. When the coat hanger is removed from the gown hanger, the gown may be adjusted by inverting the gown support and inserting the shoulder support, as before described. The gown support is then turned to its normal position in such a manner, that the skirt hangs over and is supported by the skirt hanger 8. The gown support, with the

gown in place, is then secured to the coat hanger.

What I claim is:

1. A garment hanger consisting of a strip of wood bent into a loop, which is adapted to form a shoulder support, the ends of the strip terminating in arms adapted to form a bodice support, and a brace rod secured to the arms and adapted to form a skirt support.

2. A garment hanger consisting of a strip of wood bent into an oval shaped curve, adapted to form a shoulder support and having a retracted portion adjacent to the shoulder support, which is adapted to form a bodice support, and a rod secured to the strip and adapted to form a skirt support.

3. A garment support consisting of an oval shaped strip, adapted to form a shoulder support, parallel strips projecting from the oval shaped strip and adapted to form a bodice support, and a straight rod secured to the parallel strips at the end opposite to the shoulder support and adapted to form a skirt support.

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