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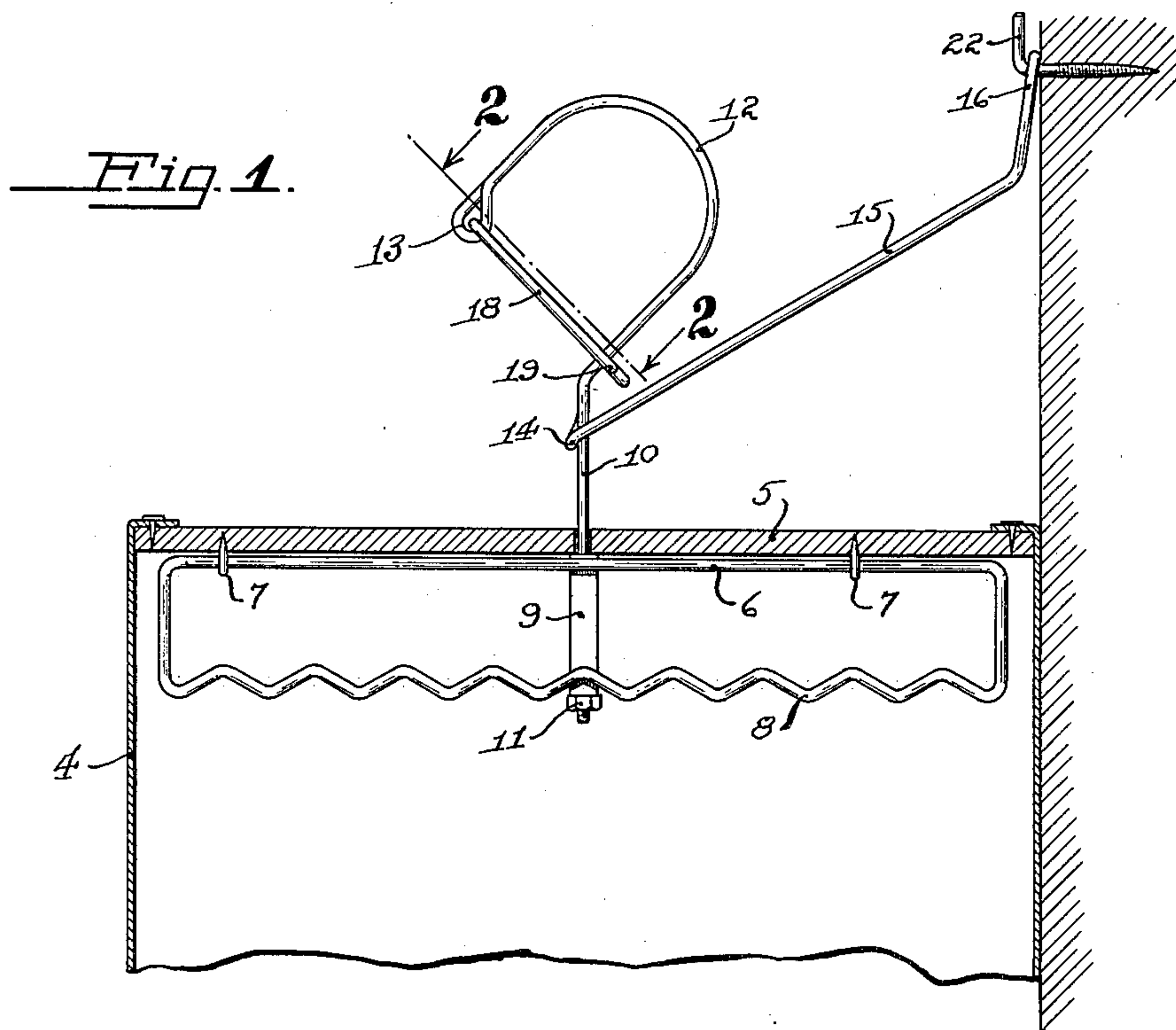
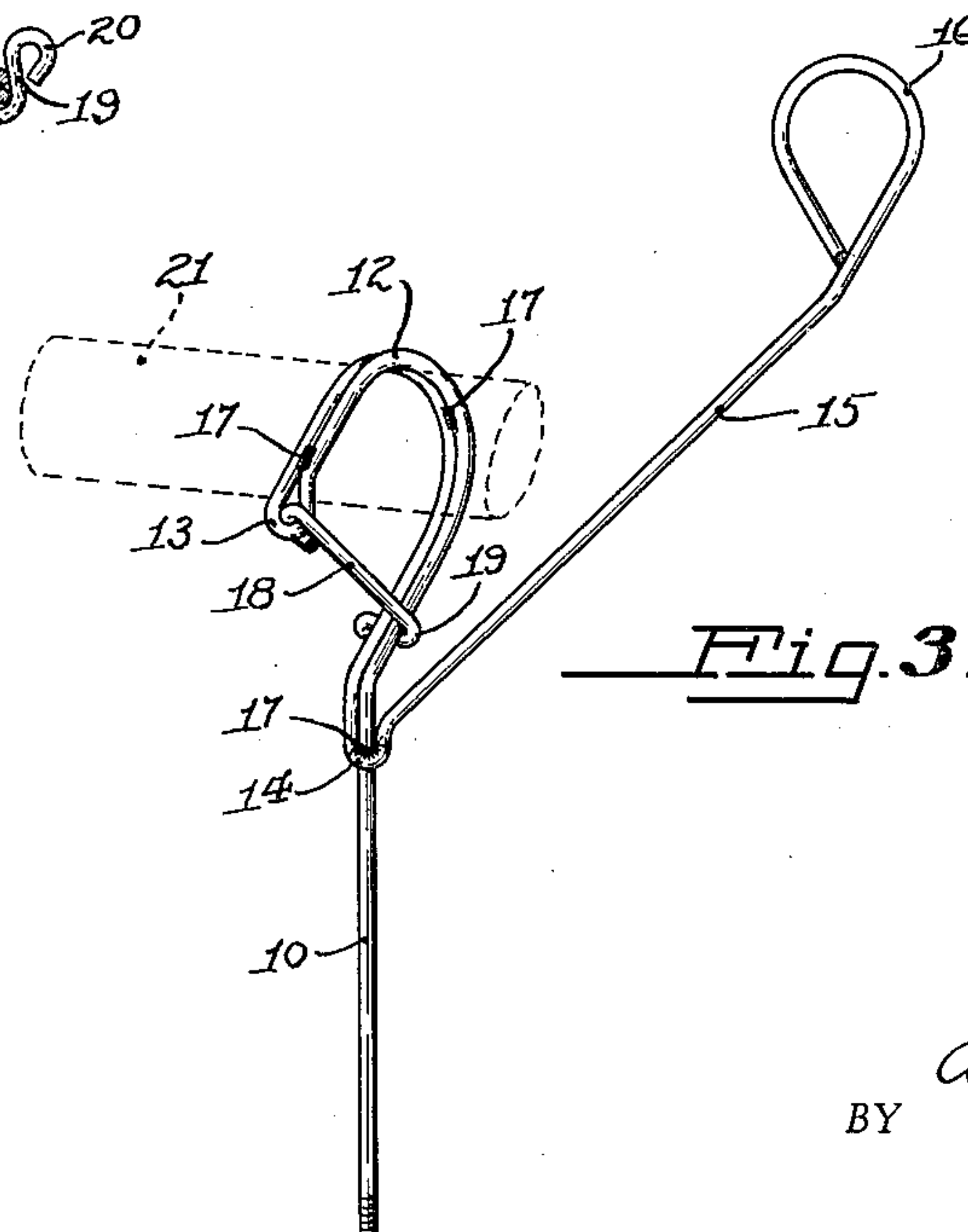
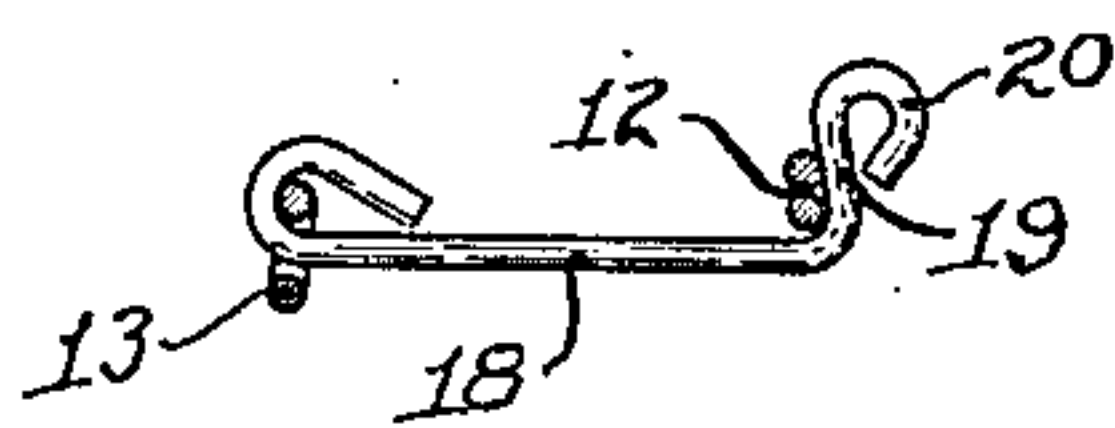


Fig. 2.



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The present invention relates to garment inclosing and protecting bags, and more particularly to a supporting hanger therefor, and constitutes an improvement upon the device forming the subject matter of United States Letters Patent No. 1,799,190, issued April 7th, 1931.

The objects of the present invention are to provide a garment hanger which can be hung either upon a wall hook or upon a rod or pole such as is commonly used in clothes closets, and further to provide means for locking the hanger upon the pole so that it will not jump or fall therefrom under the manipulation necessary to open and close the bag and to place garments therein or remove them therefrom. A still further object is to provide a hanger which is light, simple and inexpensive to manufacture, strong and durable in use, and attractive in appearance.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following specification, which should be read with the understanding that the form, construction, and arrangement of the several parts may be varied, within the limits of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth therein.

A preferred embodiment of the invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side view, partly in section and partly in elevation, showing the hanger hung from a wall hook.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, showing the locking and reinforcing link.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hook portion of the hanger, showing it hung from a horizontal pole.

In the drawing, the reference numeral 4 designates a garment bag, which is secured to and hung from a wooden top 5. Fig. 1 shows said top in transverse section, its horizontal dimensions being about 8 by 20 inches. The top 5 rests upon a rectangular wire loop 6, and is secured thereto by staples 7. The weight of the bag 4 keeps said top in horizontal position. The lower bight 8 of the wire loop is bent into undulations, and pro-

vides a bar upon which the garments are hung by means of the ordinary garment hangers, not shown. The central portion of the wire loop 6 is provided with a socket member 9 which has apertured horizontally bent ends rotatably fitted upon the stem 10 of a hook or hanger member, and secured thereupon by a nut 11.

The hanger member is made of a single piece of stiff wire. One end forms the stem 10 upon which the rectangular loop 6 is rotatably mounted, and it is thence carried up and bent into the form of a curved hook 12. At the toe of said hook, the wire is bent back upon itself, forming an eye 13, and is thence carried back around the hook to a point 14 at the upper end of the vertical stem 10, where it is looped part way around said stem and thence carried diagonally upwardly and rearwardly to form an extension 15. At the end of said extension is an eye 16. The two contiguous bights of the wire are spot welded or otherwise secured together at several points 17, especially at the loop 14 and the toe eye 13.

A reinforcing and locking link 18 is hinged in the eye 13, and has its free end bent at slightly more than a right angle to form a hook adapted to engage the stem of the main hook 12 at about the point where it begins to curve. The extreme end of said link is preferably curled back upon itself, as shown at 20, in Fig. 2, to form a smooth and rounded end for the locking hook 19.

When the device is hung upon a pole or rod as indicated at 21 in Fig. 3, the link 18 is locked over the shank of the main hook 12 as shown. This not only prevent the main hook from jumping or being thrown off the pole when the bag is manipulated, but also prevents said main hook from spreading, under the weight of the bag and its contained garments, by connecting its toe with its shank. The natural resilience of the wire holds the link 18 in place, and the weight of the bag and contents, tending to spread the main hook 12, increases the tension on said link and still further secures it. When desired, however, it can easily be re-



leased from the shank of said main hook 12, merely by pressing it sideways.

The diagonal rearward extension 15 with its eye 16 is provided to hang the device from a wall hook as shown at 22 in Fig. 1, in situations where a pole is not available. The length and direction of the extension 15 is such that the bag top 5 lies in a horizontal position with one of its longer edges resting against the wall. The weight of the bag and contents retains it firmly in this position. The bag thus hangs squarely, with its rear side against the wall. The hook 12 and link 18 have no function when the device is so hung. The extension 16 extending in the vertical plane of the hook 12 and rearwardly therefrom, is out of the way when said hook is hung upon a pole.

Thus my device is adaptable to the different conditions ordinarily met with in hanging garment bags, i. e. either a pole or a wall hook; and when hung upon a pole, it may be locked thereon by means of the link 18 to prevent accidental removal. Moreover, by making the main hook 12 of two bights of wire its strength can be made ample without necessitating the use of unduly heavy material, and it is still further strengthened when the link 18 is engaged with its shank. Finally, by making the device of a single piece of wire, I provide an inexpensive construction, and by using nickel plated or other suitably finished wire, a neat and pleasing appearance is assured.

I claim:—

1. A hanger for garment bags comprising a vertical stem portion connected with the bag for rotary movement in a horizontal plane, a hook portion adapted for engagement with a supporting pole, and a laterally extending portion having a bent end adapted for engagement with a wall hook, said portion being formed of a single length of wire bent back upon itself at the toe of said hook portion, said hook portion comprising two contiguous bights of the wire, and said stem and extension comprising single portions of said wire.

2. A hanger for garment bags comprising a stem portion connected with the bag, a hook portion adapted for engagement with a supporting pole, and a laterally extending portion having means at its end to engage a wall hook, said portions being formed of a single length of wire bent back upon itself to form an eye at the toe of said hook portion, said hook portion comprising two contiguous bights of the wire; and a locking link hinged in said eye and having its free end bent to provide separable engagement with said hook portion near the base thereof.

3. A hanger for garment bags comprising a substantially vertical stem portion connected with the bag, a hook portion formed at the upper end of said stem and adapted for

engagement with a horizontal pole, a locking link hinged to the toe of said hook and having its free end bent to provide separable engagement with said hook near the base thereof, and a lateral extension having means to engage a wall hook.

4. A hanger for garment bags comprising a stem portion connected with the bag and a hook portion at the upper end thereof, said portions being formed from a single length of wire bent back upon itself to form an eye at the toe of said hook, said hook comprising two contiguous bights of the wire; and a locking link hinged in said eye and having means at its free end to separably engage said hook near the base thereof.

5. A hanger for garment bags comprising a stem portion and a hook portion at the upper end thereof, said portions being formed from a single length of wire bent back upon itself at the toe of the hook, said hook comprising two contiguous bights of the wire and said stem comprising a single portion of said wire; a socket member rotatably fitted upon said stem; and a frame secured to said socket member, the bag being suspended from said frame.

6. A hanger for garment bags comprising a vertical stem; a hook formed at the upper end thereof; an elongated socket member rotatably fitted upon said stem; and a frame having connected upper and lower horizontal members secured to said socket member, the top of the bag resting upon said upper frame member.

7. A hanger for garment bags comprising a vertical stem; a hook at the upper end thereof; and a rectangular wire loop forming a frame having upper and lower members rotatably mounted upon said stem, the top of the bag resting upon said upper member and said lower member having undulations therein.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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