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Fig. 1.

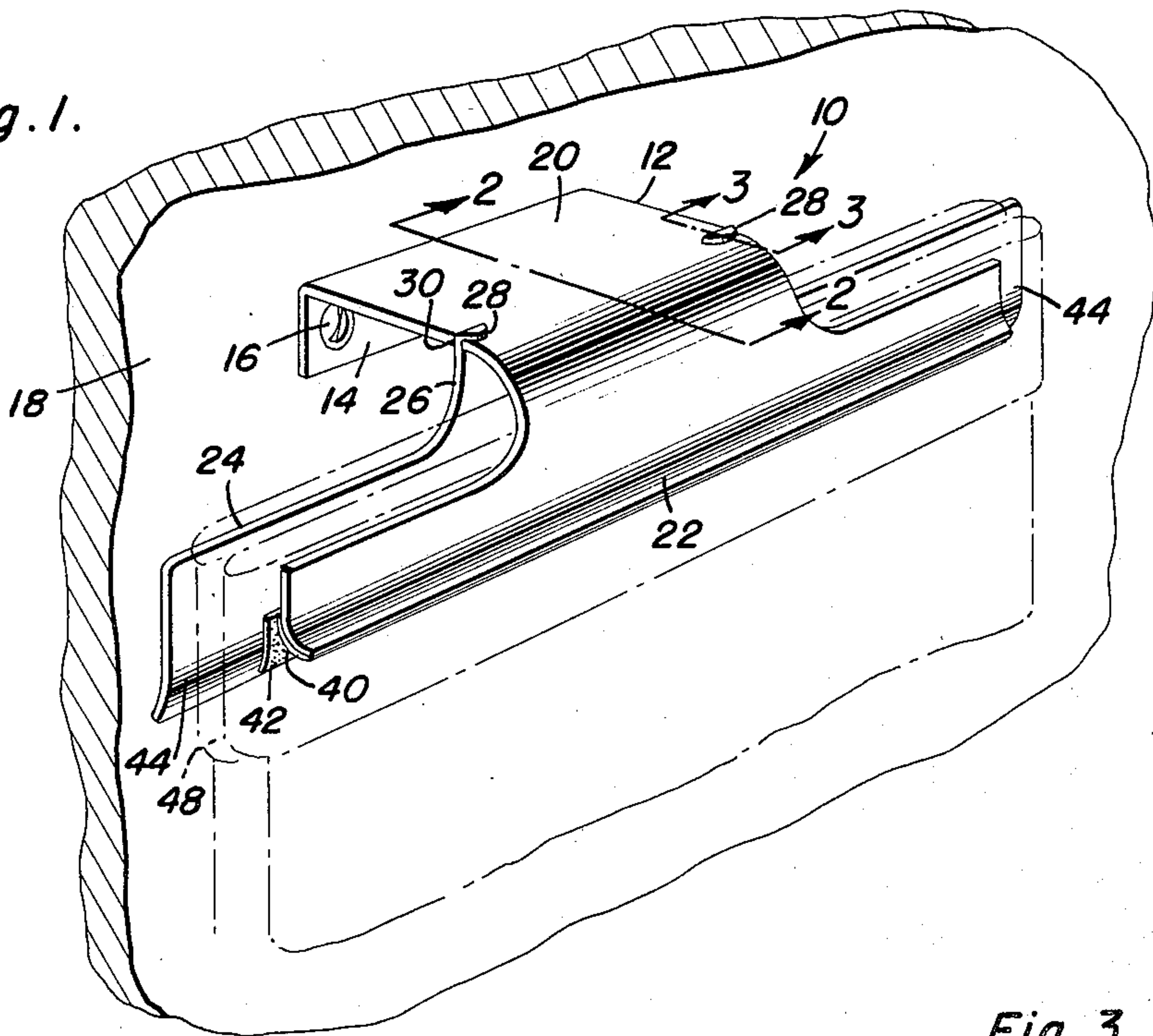


Fig. 2.

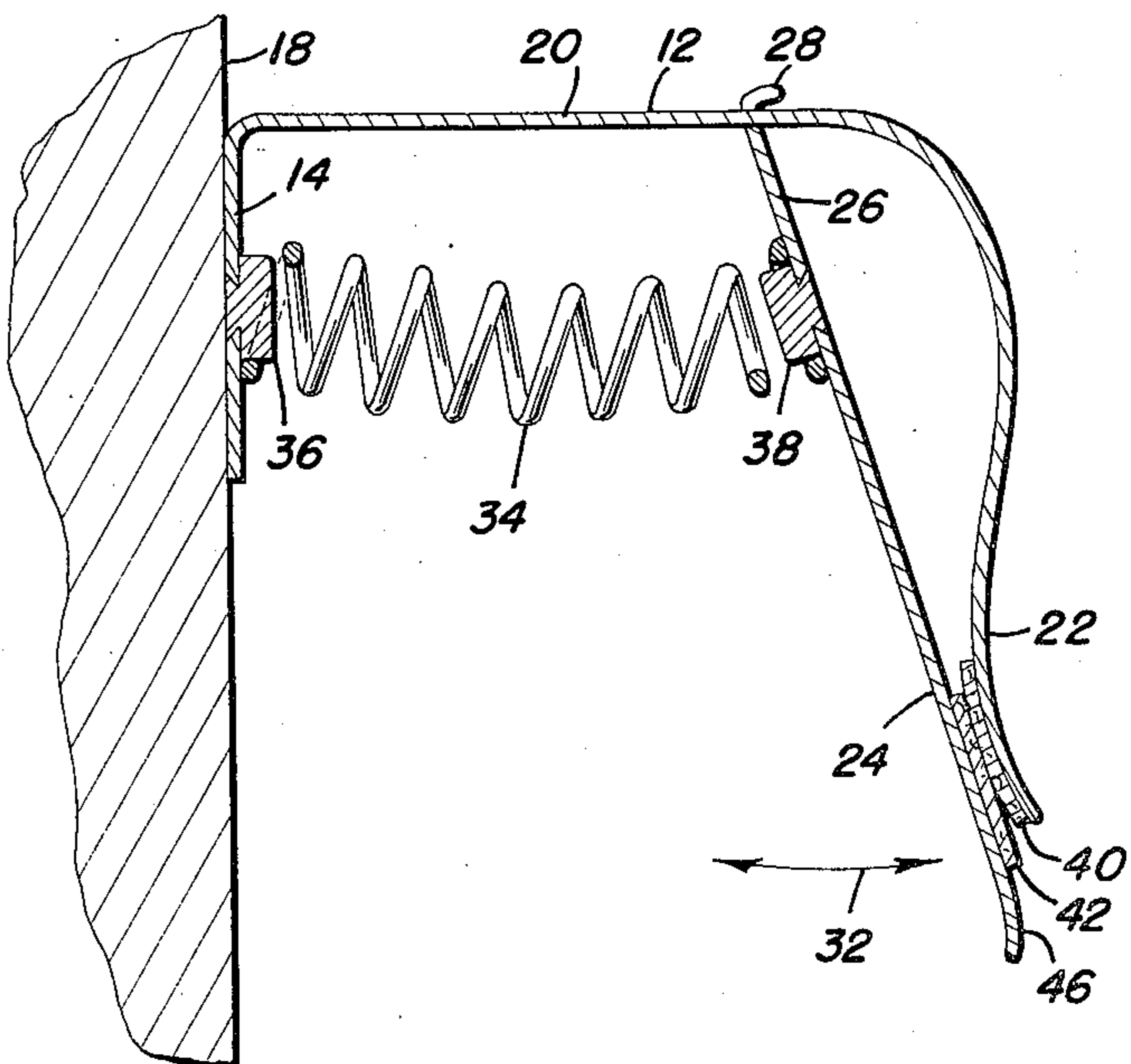
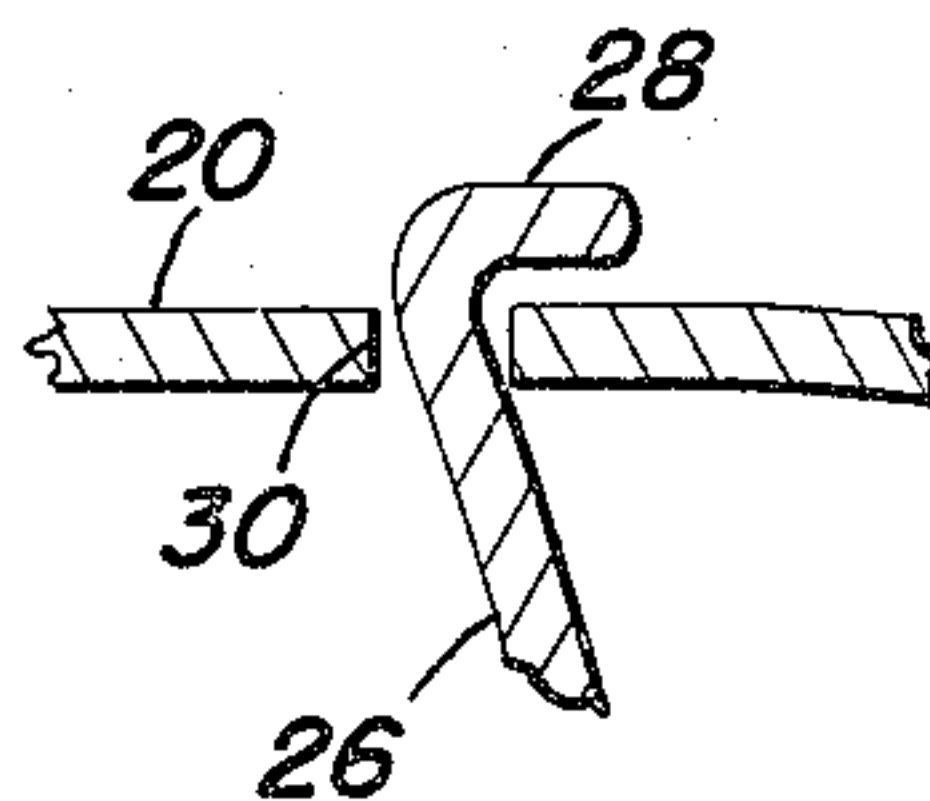


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in garment hangers, and the principal object of the invention is to facilitate convenient, expeditious and efficient hanging of garments, particularly trousers, and the like.

An important feature of the invention resides in the provision of means for expeditiously applying garments to the hanger and removing the same therefrom, while some of the advantages of the invention lie in its simplicity of construction, in its pleasing appearance, and in its adaptability to economical manufacture.

With the above more important objects and features in view, and such other objects and features as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially of the arrangement and construction of parts as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention in situ on a wall;

Figure 2 is a sectional view thereof, taken substantially in the plane of the line 2—2 in Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional detail, taken substantially in the plane of the line 3—3 in Figure 1.

Like characters of reference are employed to designate like parts in the specification and throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the invention consists of a garment hanger designated generally by the reference character 10, the same embodying in its construction a stationary member 12 including a vertical flange 14 which is attachable by suitable screws 16 to a support such as a wall 18, while a horizontal top 20 extends forwardly from the upper edge of the flange 14 and is extended at the front thereof to provide a downward continuation constituting a transversely elongated, stationary jaw 22.

A coacting movable jaw 24 is disposed between the stationary jaw 22 and the flange 14 and is provided with an upward extension 26 which, in turn, is equipped at the upper edge thereof with a pair of forwardly angulated or arcuated tongues 28, the latter being movably seated in a pair of notches or slots 30 provided in the lateral edge portions of the aforementioned top 20, as will be clearly apparent.

By virtue of this arrangement the movable jaw 24 is swingable toward and away from the stationary jaw 22 as indicated at 32 in Figure 2,

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and a compression spring 34 is interposed between the movable jaw 24 and the flange 14 for the purpose of urging the movable jaw against the stationary jaw 22. If desired, suitable spring seats or bosses 36, 38 may be provided on the flange 14 and the extension 26 of the movable jaw 24, respectively, for the purpose of preventing displacement of the spring, while elongated pads or strips 40, 42 may be affixed by adhesive, or the like, to opposing surfaces of the two jaws 22, 24, respectively, as is best shown in Figure 2.

The movable jaw 24 is substantially longer and wider than the stationary jaw 22 so that it projects at the bottom and at both ends beyond the corresponding bottom and ends of the stationary jaw, as is indicated at 44, 46 in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. Accordingly, when the invention is placed in use, the cuffs of a pair of trousers 48, or a similar garment, may be simply applied to the projecting portions of the movable jaw 24 and by exerting rearward pressure thereon, the movable jaw may be swung backwardly away from the stationary jaw 22 against the resiliency of the spring 34, after which the pressure on the garment may be relaxed while the cuffs of the garment are raised to a position between the pads 40, 42 and the movable jaw 24, under the action of the spring 34, will then swing forwardly toward the stationary jaw and the garment will be frictionally engaged and firmly retained between the two jaws until it is removed by simple, downward jerking.

It is believed that the advantages and use of the invention will be clearly understood from the foregoing disclosure and, accordingly, further description thereof at this point is deemed unnecessary.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. In a garment hanger, the combination of a stationary member including a vertical flange attachable to a support, a horizontal top extending forwardly from the upper edge of said flange and provided in side edge portions thereof with notches, and a transversely elongated stationary jaw extending downwardly from the front of said top, a coacting movable jaw disposed between the stationary jaw and said flange,

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a plurality of arcuate tongues projecting upwardly from said movable jaw, said tongues being movably seated in said notches whereby the movable jaw may be swung toward and away from the stationary jaw, and a compression spring mounted on said flange and the movable jaw for urging the latter toward the stationary jaw to frictionally hold a garment therebetween.

2. The device as defined in claim 1, wherein said movable jaw is transversely elongated and projects at both ends beyond the stationary jaw.

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