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GARMENT-HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRIET M. POTTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Allendale, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to hangers for garments, and has for its main object to provide a hanger of simple construction suitable for use as an ordinary coat hanger, but particularly for use with women's garments such as light wraps, evening gowns, waists, and the like.

A further object is to provide a garment hanger with a perforated receptacle for containing perfume, disinfectant or anti-moth preparations, whereby the garment upon the hanger may be infused with the fumes from the contents of the said receptacle.

In the use of the various kinds of garment hangers heretofore in common use for suspending women's garments composed of light fabrics, laces and similar materials, a constant cause of dissatisfaction and annoyance arises from the fact that, unless the opening of the garment is buttoned or hooked or pinned together when placed upon the hanger, it tends to slide off and cannot be kept in proper position thereon. This results in injury to the garment, either by causing it to get out of shape because of not remaining hung in proper position; or by being soiled from slipping off the hanger and dropping upon the floor; or, if pins, hooks or other fastenings are used to keep the opening of the garment closed, the material is apt to be marred or torn at the places where the fastenings are located, even when the greatest care is taken in hanging the garment or in removing it from the hanger. It is a very common practice to use pins for this purpose, and it will be readily understood that where pins are used with silks or other easily marked fabrics, the appearance of a costly gown may be ruined in a short time by the marks made by the pins. And even when hooks or buttons are used, the greatest care is necessary in removing the garment from the hanger, in order to be sure that all the hooks or buttons are unfastened, as otherwise the material is apt to be torn.

The above described objections are overcome or avoided by my invention, which I

will now describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure I is a front elevation of a garment hanger embodying my invention; and Fig. II shows a top view of the same, with the ends of the bar broken off.

In the drawing A indicates the bar of a garment hanger of the usual construction, preferably of wood, which is provided with the usual suspending hook B, which is attached to the bar in any convenient manner, as, for example, by the plate C which is fastened to the lower end of the hook member B and attached to the bar A by means of the screws D, D. At the middle of the bar A I provide a hole passing clear through the bar from front to rear, said hole being of proper size to receive a cylindrical receptacle E, preferably made of a suitable metal such as brass or aluminum, the front end of which is equipped with a perforated screw-cap F and the rear end being also perforated, as shown in Fig. II. Attached to the cylinder E near its front end, by soldering or other suitable means, is a flat, spring-metal plate G, the central portion of which surrounds the cylindrical receptacle E, and the end portions of which extend a suitable distance on each side of the center to form clips H, beneath which the edges of the garment may be inserted for the purpose of holding the garment in place and preventing it from slipping off the bar. To assist the clips H in holding the garment, the disks or pads I, of felt, rubber or other suitable material, are placed upon the inner faces of the clips H, near the ends thereof. The said disks I not only aid very materially in preventing the garment from slipping out of the clips, but they also obviate the necessity of having the clips so stiff as to bear too hard upon the material of the garment and provide a suitable surface for contact with delicate materials.

As shown in the drawings, the form in which I prefer to embody my invention contemplates the formation of the cylindrical receptacle E and the plate G in effect integral, so that the whole structure can be attached to the wooden bar A by the same means, namely, the screws J, but it will be readily understood that the construction may be more or less modified without departing from the essence of my invention.

By this invention I have provided a gar-

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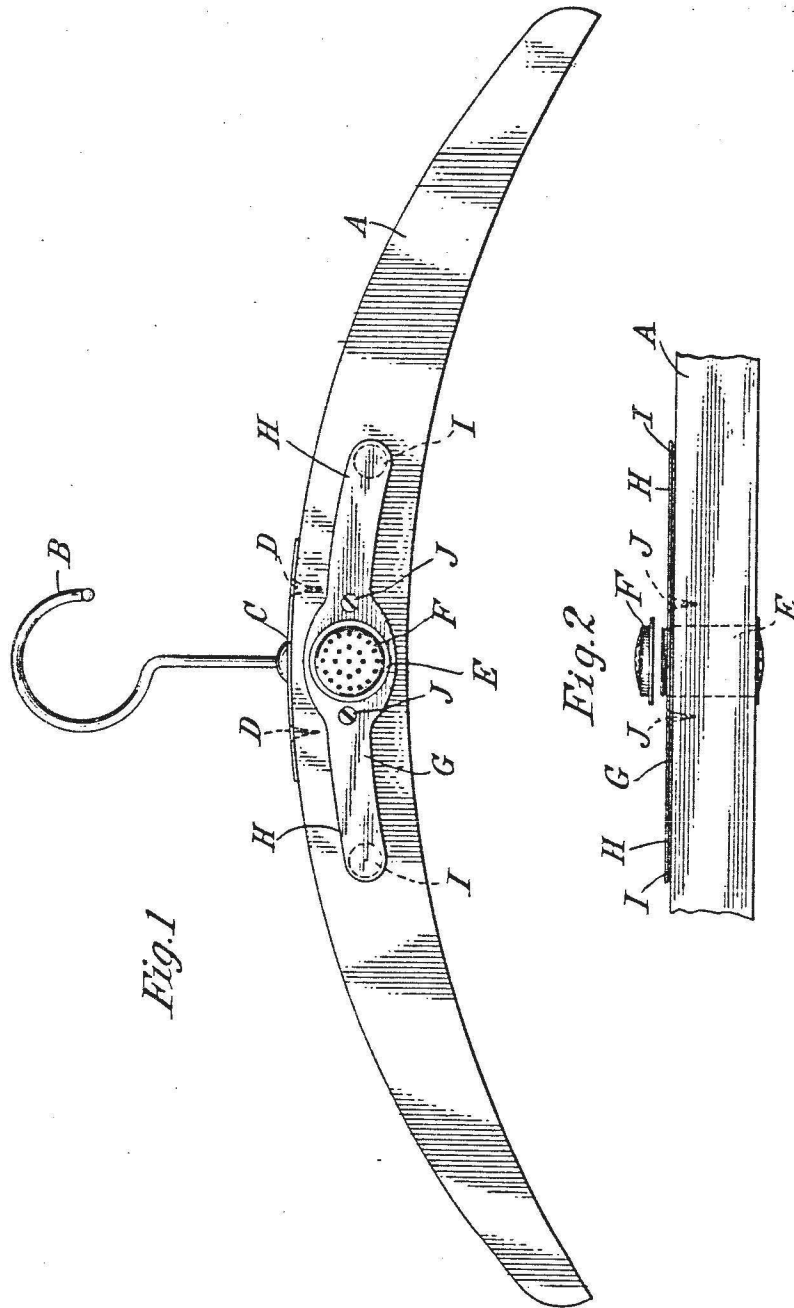


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

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ment hanger which, in a very simple and effective manner, overcomes the defects which I have above pointed out as existing in those heretofore in use; which can be easily and cheaply constructed; and which has proved in practical use to be of substantial utility.

What I claim is:

In a garment hanger, having a garment supporting bar, and suspending means therefor, in combination, a spring plate centrally attached to said bar and having a forked central portion, a perfume receptacle extending inwardly through an aperture in

the bar and supported therein by attachment to the aforesaid central forked portion of the spring plate whereby the receptacle may be removed by removing the spring plate from the bar, and disks of soft material adjacent the ends of the spring plate and attached thereto to prevent damage to garments under the spring clip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of the subscribing witness.

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