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Fig. 1.

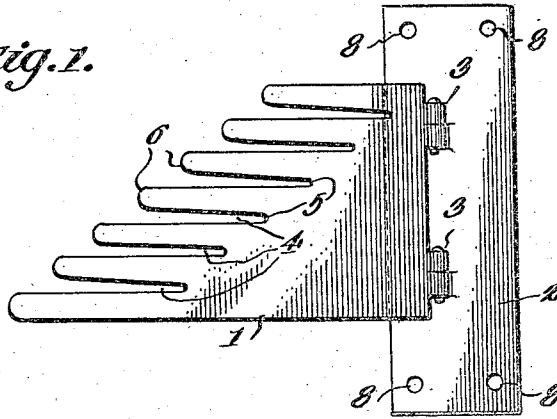


Fig. 2. 4b

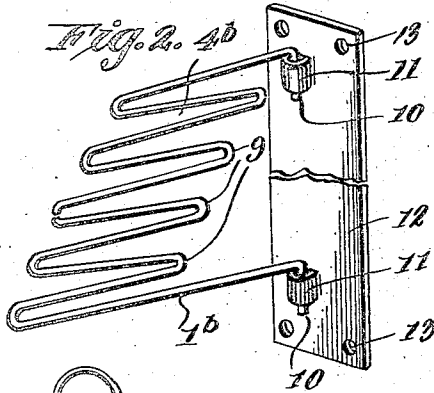


Fig. 3.

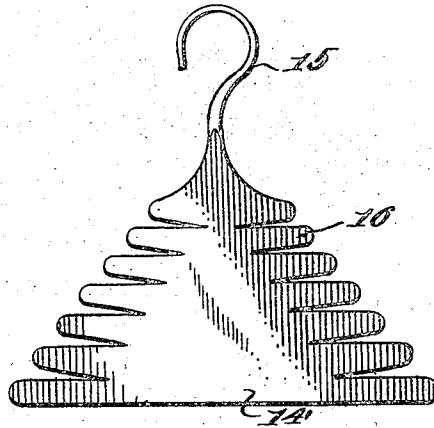


Fig. 4.

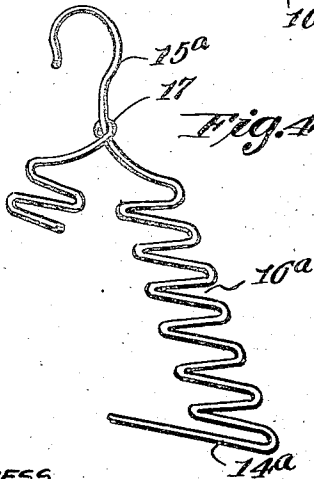
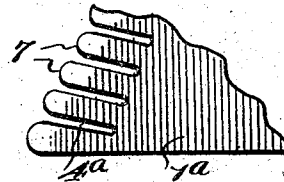


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to a hanger for towels and garment accessories such as neckties, garters, shoe-laces, belts, ribbons and the like, and has for one of its objects to provide a novel, simple and inexpensive device of this character which shall be adapted to suspend one or more articles in a manner to prevent the article or articles from being dislodged by any ordinary movement of the hanger or by other external disturbance, which shall be adapted to suspend one or more articles in a manner to permit the ready removal thereof, and which shall be adapted to suspend a number of different articles or a number of similar articles in such manner as to expose them to view and ready selection and to permit one of the articles to be easily removed therefrom without dislodging any of the other articles thereon.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the nature of which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of one form of the article hanger;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a modified form of the article hanger shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a view in front elevation of another form of the article hanger;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of the article hanger shown in Figure 3; and

Figure 5 is an elevational view illustrating a slightly modified form of the article receiving slots of the hangers.

The article hanger comprises, as shown in Figure 1, a main or body portion 1 which may be made from a solid blank of metal, wood, composition or any other suitable material. The body 1 is in the form of a right-angle triangle in elevation, and is connected at its inner or vertical edge to a bracket 2 by hinges 3. The body 1 is provided with a plurality of article receiving slots 4 which extend inwardly from its inclined or sloping outer edge. The slots 4 are arranged one

above the other, and they may be horizontally arranged, as shown in Figure 1, or arranged at a downward and inward inclination, as shown in Figure 5, in which latter figure 1^a designates the body and 4^a the slots. The slots 4 gradually decrease in width in the direction of their inner or closed ends 5 so as to bring about a clamping action on the articles as they are inserted in and moved inwardly into the slots. This clamping action on the articles prevents their accidental displacement from the body 1. When the slots 4 are arranged at a downward and inward inclination, as shown in Figure 5, they may be of uniform width throughout their length, due to the fact that the inclination of the slots prevents the accidental displacement of the articles. The outer ends of the slots 4 and 4^a are curved in opposite directions, as shown at 6 and 7, respectively, and the outer portions of the bottom walls of the slots extend outwardly beyond the outer ends of the upper walls of the slots, whereby to provide the slots with wide entrances in order to permit the ready insertion of the articles into the slots. The slots are arranged in echelon from the top to the bottom of the bodies 1 and 1^a along the sloping sides of the bodies so that the suspended articles will not overlap or merely overlap in part and thus be exposed to view and easy selection. If desired, two or more of the bodies 1^a may be supported by the bracket 2, as will be apparent.

The bracket 2 may be secured to a door, wall or other suitable support by screws, rings, hooks or the like, and it is provided with openings 8 for the reception of the elements employed to secure it to the support.

If desired, the body of the article hanger may be made from a single length of drawn metal such as wire, as shown in Figure 2. The wire from which the body, which is here designated 1^b, is made is bent intermediate its ends to provide loops 9, and the ends thereof are bent to provide pintles 10 which are pivotally associated with lugs 11 struck up from a bracket 12. This bracket is provided with openings 13 through the medium of which it may be secured to a support by rings, hooks

or screws or the like. The slots 4^b formed in the body 1^b by the loops 9 are similar to the slots 4, and they are also arranged in echelon from the top to the bottom of the body along the sloping free edge thereof for the purpose stated. These slots 4^b may be arranged similar to the slots 4^a of the form of the invention shown in Figure 5.

If desired, the article hanger may comprise a body 14 having opposite sloping edges, as shown in Figure 3, and this body may be suspended from a hook, rod or the like by a hook 15 secured to the upper end thereof. This body is provided with two series of article receiving slots 16 which extend inwardly from the opposite sloping edges thereof and are arranged in echelon from the top to the bottom of the body along the sloping edges for the purpose stated. While this form of article hanger is shown as made from a solid blank of metal, wood, composition or the like, it may be made from drawn metal, such as wire, as shown in Figure 4. The length of wire from which the modified form of the hanger is made is bent between its ends to provide a triangular body 14^a having slots 16^a. One terminal of the wire is bent to provide a hook 15^a, and the other terminal of the wire is bent about the shank of the hook, as at 17. The slots 16 and 16^a may be similar to the slots 4 or 4^a.

It should be apparent from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, that the slots of the hangers are so relatively arranged, and of such formation, that the articles may be readily inserted therein or readily withdrawn therefrom, that the articles will not become accidentally displaced, and that the articles will be so exposed as to permit a ready selection to be made.

While I have described and illustrated the preferred forms of the invention, it is to be understood that such changes may be made when desired as are within the scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

A rack for supporting neckties and the like comprising a body member having its front edge inclined downwardly and outwardly at an angle to the vertical and having a series of substantially horizontally disposed slots opening out at said edge, said slots being of equal length and extending inwardly one beyond the other to so display the articles as to permit the ready inspection thereof, said slots having horizontal bottom walls and downwardly and inclined top walls to permit the articles placed in said slots to bind between said walls, and means for supporting the body in a raised position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.