

Drafting Patent Claims: Exercise 3: Hanger



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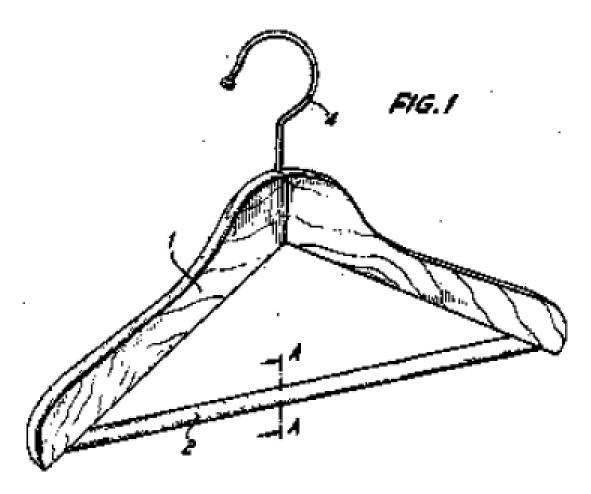
Hanger Spotting and Generalizing the Invention

What is the invention?

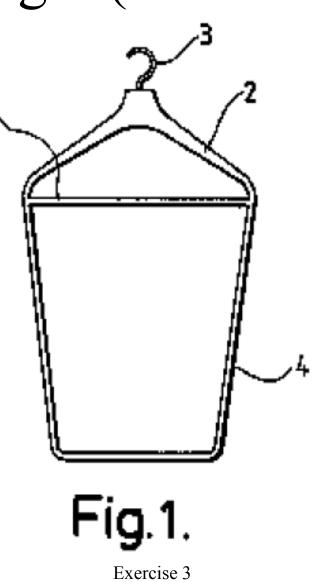
Example : Hotel's hanger



Hanger (Prior art 1)



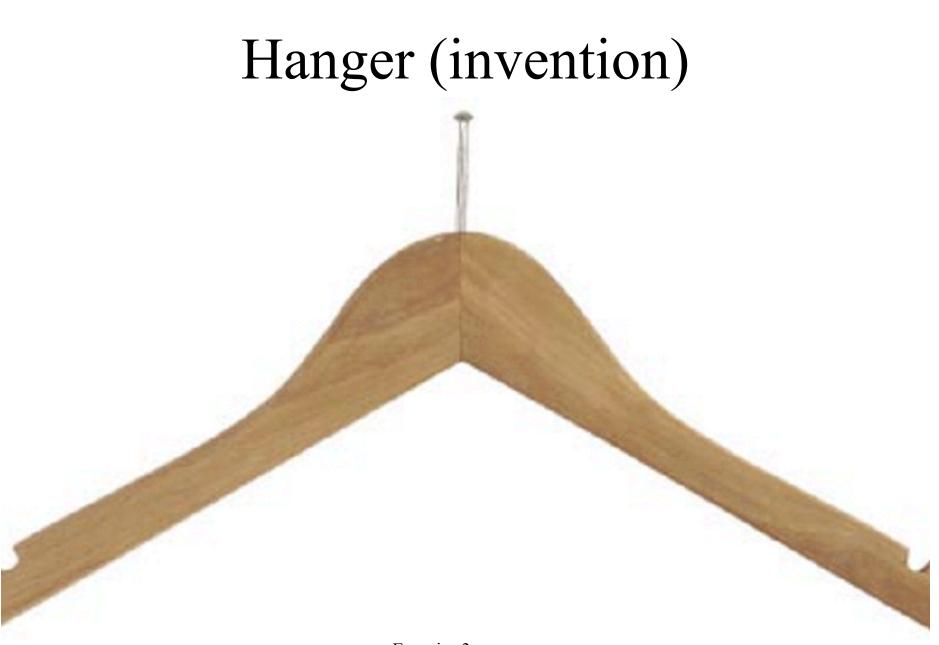
Hanger (Prior art 2)













Problem of the invention:

Hangers disappear from rooms, i.e. in customers' suitcases or in another room. Clients are angry at their arrival when noting the lack of hangers.

Prior art's solutions:

- classic hanger

- loan of hangers when checking in, and return when checking out!

Bacground art

Identifying the prior art's drawbacks:

The solution described in this document has the disadvantage of being cumbersome, further it requires a large amount of raw material, and ultimately offers no solution to the problem of displacement of hangers from one room to another.

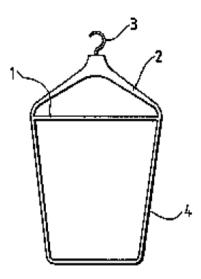


Fig.1.

Features of the invention:

The hanger is in two parts, one attached to the bar and the other supporting the garment.

The assembly must be <u>simple</u> and <u>fast</u>.

Assembly:

Rod end with ball-shaped two hooks Other known forms of attachment

Please draft:

- First one independent claim defining the invention and granting the broadest possible protection
- Then several dependent claims defining fall back positions in case the independent claim should turn out at a later point in time not to be valid because further prior art has been found.