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(54) **Clothes hanger for garments having a shaped shoulder**

(57) The clothes hanger for garments having a shaped shoulder has the two ends (2) constituted by two surfaces which are essentially planar.

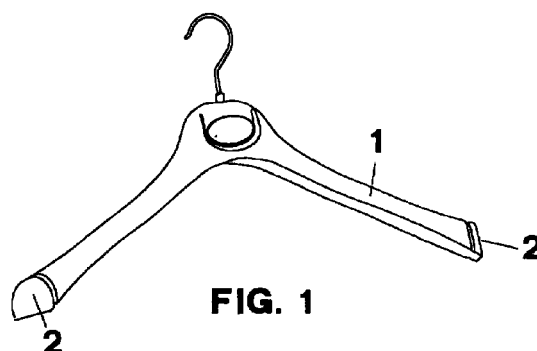


FIG. 1

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Description

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to clothes hangers particularly suitable to support items of clothes having a shaped shoulder.

BACKGROUND OF THE PRIOR ART

[0002] Clothes hangers used to support clothing items are constituted by a rigid structure in the shape of an arc, provided with a central hook which ends on the two sides with an essentially rounded shape. At the present state of the art, the clothes hangers of normal production are suitable to support items of clothing which have the round neck of the type called "soft" such as for example knitwear, shirts, which on the contrary, exhibit some drawbacks when they are used to hang items of clothing having a shoulder called shaped, that is formed in rigid manner, as in the case of coats, jackets and similar articles.

[0003] By way of example, in a jacket having a shaped shoulder, the sleeve falls vertically corresponding to the armhole on which it is sewn and where the tubular which constitutes the sleeve is kept sufficiently flattened in the upper part in order to follow the profile of the same sewing.

[0004] The drawback which occurs with the use of the common hangers is due to the fact that the two ends of the hangers are rounded and do not support the entire hanged item of clothing because they do not perfectly correspond to the shaped profile of the shoulder, which is obtained by the insertion of wadded shoulder pads made of a sponged material.

[0005] In addition the distance between the two ends of the hangers does not correspond perfectly to the distance between the two shaped shoulder pads of the item of clothing which is being hanged. Consequently, if the width of the hanger is smaller than the distance between the two shoulder pads, a curving of the portion of the shaped shoulder which protrudes from the hanger occurs, a fact which commonly occurs and which with time, deforms the entire shaped shoulder.

[0006] Also consequently, if the width of the hanger is greater than the distance between the two shoulder pads of the hanged item of clothing, it is noted that the rounded ends of the hanged clothing protrude with respect to the width of the shaped shoulder and push towards the exterior the upper part of the sleeve, which with time, is deformed in a permanent manner.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] An object of this invention is to manufacture a clothes hanger in which the items of clothes being hanged, particularly the items with shaped shoulders, are supported in a manner exactly regular along the

entire width of the shoulder.

[0008] Another object of the invention is to manufacture a clothes hanger in which the sleeve of the item of clothing being hanged falls in a natural and regular manner from the armhole to which it is sewn.

[0009] These objects are achieved by manufacturing a clothes hanger in which the two ends at the extremities instead of being rounded have a surface which is essentially planar and vertical. For the purpose of shaping more precisely to the shape of the shoulder, the two extremities of the clothes hanger result converging and eventually even slightly convex as a function of the type of the item of clothes being hanged.

[0010] The characteristics of the invention will be more clear by reference to the description of a possible embodiment, which is provided as a non-limiting illustrating example, by reference to the drawings in which:

FIG. 1 shows a perspective view of the clothes hanger of this invention;
FIGS. 2-4 show three orthogonal views of the clothes hanger of Fig. 1;
FIG. 5 shows a detail of one of the side extremities of the clothes hanger of this invention.

[0011] As shown in the figures, the rigid body (1) is provided with planar extremities (2) which are located on an essentially vertical plane.

[0012] As shown particularly in Fig. 3 the two extremities are also perpendicular to the axis (3) of body (1) of the clothes hanger and eventually could converge one with respect to the other.

[0013] In proximity of the two planar surfaces (2), there are provided one or more grooves which have the function of increasing the friction between the shoulder of the item of clothing being hanged and the clothes hanger, thus avoiding possible sliding of the item of clothing during transportation.

[0014] Finally, particularly in the case of very delicate garments, in the interior of the grooves (3) are inserted strings (5) which protruding a little from the grooves keep the shoulder raised from the body of the clothes hanger. These strings are made of a material different from the material which constitutes the supporting body (1) and preferably with a material which prevents sliding.

[0015] Obviously several embodiments different from the embodiment shown in the figures are possible without departing from the feature defined in claim 1 which recites that the two extremities of the body of the clothes hanger are not rounded.

Claims

1. A clothes hanger for garments having a shaped shoulder, said garments comprising jackets and coats, said clothes hanger being constituted by body (1) and two extremities (2), characterized by

the fact that body (1) has the two extremities (2) constituted by essentially planar surfaces.

2. The clothes hanger according to claim 1 wherein said two planar surfaces (2) are located essentially on a vertical plane. 5
3. The clothes hanger according to claim 1 wherein said body (1) has axis (3) and said planar surfaces are located essentially perpendicularly with respect to said axis (3). 10
4. The clothes hanger according to claim 1 wherein said planar surfaces converge with respect to each other. 15
5. The clothes hanger according to one or more of the preceding claims wherein one or more grooves (4) are made in the proximity of said planar surfaces. 20
6. The clothes hanger according to claim 5 wherein strings (5) are inserted within said grooves in a manner to protrude slightly from said grooves.
7. The clothes hanger according to claim 6 wherein said strings (5) are made of a material different from the material which constitutes said body (1). 25
8. The clothes hanger according to claim 7 wherein said strings are made of an anti-sliding material. 30

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