

Miner's Clothes Hanger From Bisbee, AZ

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The type of clothes hanger illustrated below is found in the changing rooms of the principal mines at Bisbee, Arizona. The hanger itself was tied to a long piece of cord which passed through a pulley anchored to an overhead beam. The end of the cord was then tied off to an anchor point next to each miner's locker.

At the start of his shift, the miner would lower his hanger and hang his street clothes. Once changed into his working clothes, the hanger would be raised and tied off. The hangers provided a convenient way of keeping the miner's street clothes clean, dry, and unwrinkled. It was also used to hang working clothes to dry between shifts.

Unfortunately, not many of these hangers exist anymore as the mines have closed and the changing rooms have become storage buildings.

