

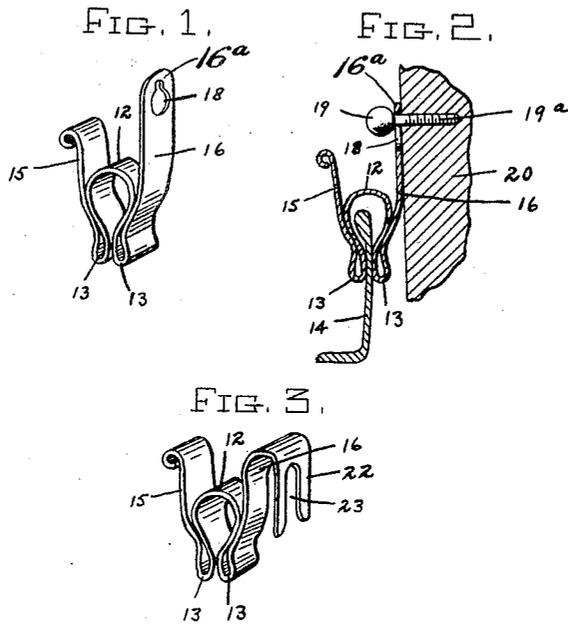
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID P. CALHOUN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Medford, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Means for Supporting Hats in Auditoriums, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide improved means for supporting a hat belonging to the occupant of an auditorium seat, on the back of a forward seat, and is embodied in means including a fixed stud on said back, and a spring clip adapted to be carried in a pocket, and to be separably engaged with a hat brim and with said stud to support the clip and a hat engaged therewith, in a predetermined position.

The invention is also embodied in the improvements hereinafter described and claimed relating to the construction of the clip.

Of the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat clip of the preferred form.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the clip and portions of a hat and of a seat back having a stud with which the clip is engaged.

Figure 3 is a perspective view, illustrating a different form of the clip.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the figures.

The drawings show a clip made by suitably bending a strip of resilient sheet material, such as spring steel. The mid-length portion of the strip is bent to form an arcuate resilient neck or spring 12, from which extend looped portions 13, 13, forming jaws which are normally closed, or pressed toward each other by the resilience of the neck, and are adapted to grasp a hat brim 14, as shown by Figure 2. From the looped portions or jaws 13 extend arms 15 and 16, the inner portions of which are seated on opposite sides of the neck. The outer portions of said arms are normally substantially parallel with each other and project sufficiently above the neck to permit them to be grasped between a thumb and a finger and pressed toward each other, this operation separating the jaws 13, to permit the insertion and removal of the hat brim. The neck 12 is formed to bridge the margin of the hat brim, as shown by Figure 2.

The inner arm 16 is provided with a flat extension formed to bear on a surface of a seat back and adapted to separably engage a holding device projecting from said back, whereby the clip and a hat engaged therewith may be supported in a predetermined position.

In the form shown by Figures 1 and 2 the arm 16 has an extension 16^a in the same plane with the inner portion of the arm and provided with a keyhole-shaped orifice 18 adapted to loosely engage a headed stud 19 inserted in the back 20 of an auditorium seat, the stud being located at a suitable height above the floor to support a hat above the knees of an occupant of a seat behind the back 20.

In the form shown by Figure 3 the inner arm 16 is provided with a flat extension 22 in a plane parallel with the inner portion of the arm and offset therefrom, the extension being connected with the inner portion of the arm by a curved neck. The extension 22 is adapted to bear on the back 20, and is also adapted to engage a holding device projecting from the back. In this instance the extension 22 is provided with an open slot 23 adapted to engage the stud 19.

In each of the forms shown the inner arm 16 has a flat extension adapted to bear snugly against a seat back so that the clip has a firm bearing on the seat back, the extension being adapted in each case to engage a holding device on the seat back.

The described clip may be conveniently carried in a pocket, and used by the occupant of a seat to hang a hat on the back of a forward seat, without inconvenience to the occupant of either seat, and in position to prevent injury to the hat. The stud head 19 is preferably spherical, and provided with a shank 19^a, which is screw-threaded to securely engage the seat 20, the head being made without a screw-driver-engaging slot, so that it cannot be easily removed, the form of the inner arm enabling the head 19 which is preferably spherical to suitably engage the arm without projecting objectionably from the seat back, and without liability of catching and injuring garments.

I claim:

A hat clip composed of a strip of resilient sheet material bent to form a resilient neck, jaws connected with and normally closed by said neck, and two arms seated on oppo-

site sides of the neck and operable by inward pressure on their outer sides to open the jaws for the insertion and removal of a hat brim, one of said arms having a flat extension formed to bear on a surface of a seat back and adapted to separably engage a holding device projecting from said back, said extension being offset from and in a plane substantially parallel with the inner portion of said arm and connected by a neck with said inner portion. 10

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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