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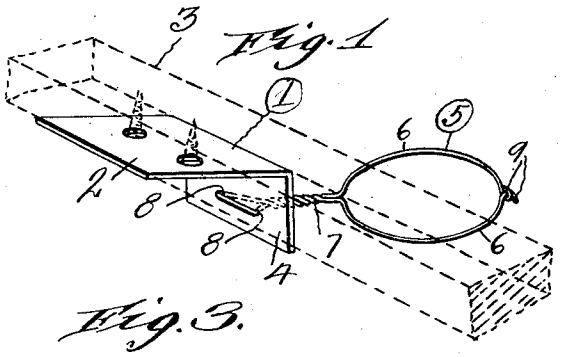

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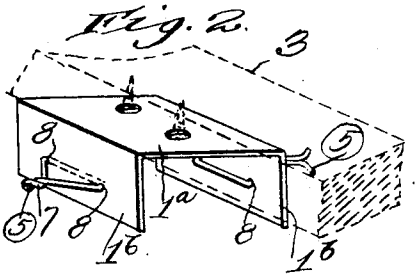

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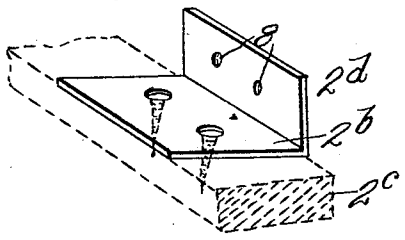

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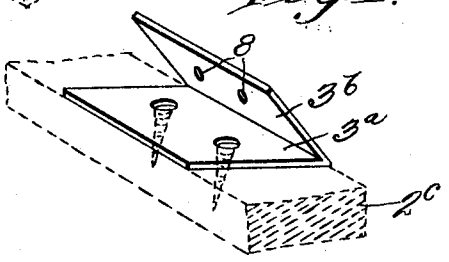

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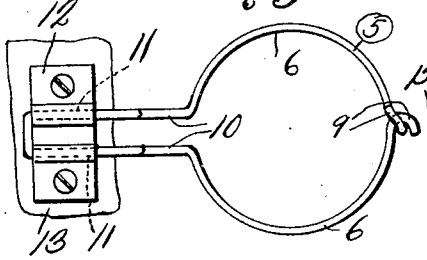

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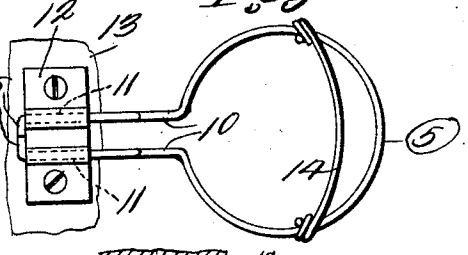

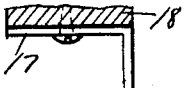

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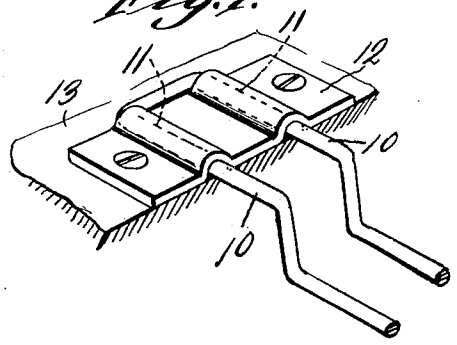

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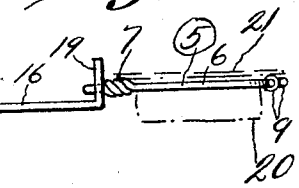

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The invention relates to hat holders, and has for its object to provide a device of this character particularly adapted for use in connection with automobile bodies and tops, and in which hats may be placed by automobilists, thereby obviating the present practice, while taking long tours, or in hot weather, or placing hats on the seat or floor of the automobile, where they often become damaged, particularly straw hats.

A further object is to form the device from a supporting bracket adapted to be attached to a support and a hat receiving loop formed from semicircular shaped members carried by arms attached to the bracket, and to provide the outer ends of the semicircular members with hooks which interengage each other for holding the semicircular members in closed position. The hooks extend outwardly in relation to the semicircular members, therefore will not engage the crown of a hat when supported by a hat.

A further object is to form the looped members from a U-shaped member having its arms disposed in a bracket and provided with semicircular portions in opposed positions thereby forming an annular member for the reception of a hat.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawing, described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device showing the hat holder carried by the flange of an angularly shaped bracket.

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing portions of the hat holders carried by the flanges of a channeled shaped bracket.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a right angularly shaped bracket.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of an acutely angled bracket.

Figure 5 is a top plan view of a modified form of hat holder and bracket.

Figure 6 is a top plan view of a further modified form.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the supporting plate shown in Figure 6.

Figure 8 shows a still further modified form of supporting bracket.

Referring to the drawing, and particularly to Figure 1, a right angularly shaped bracket 1 is provided the flange 2 of which is adapted to be secured to the underside of the bow 3 of the automobile top. Flange 4 of the bracket 1 extends downwardly and has mounted thereon an annular hat holding member 5, formed from segmentally shaped sections 6, the inner ends of which are twisted together as at 7 after the sections 6 have been passed through the apertures 8 in the flange 4, therefore it will be seen that a rigid hat supporting device is provided. The outer ends of segmentally shaped sections 6 are provided with outwardly extending hooks 9, which hooks hold the sections 6 together, and at the same time allow the sections to be disconnected at their ouer ends for receiving and clamping a hat therein.

Referring to Figure 2 the structure is substantially the same with the exception that the bracket 1^a is provided with spaced downwardly extending flanges 1^b for supporting oppositely extending hat holders 5, otherwise the construction is the same as shown in Figure 1, and the device is adapted to be secured to the under side of the bow 3 of the automobile top.

Referring to Figure 3, the bracket 2^b is adapted to be secured to the upper side of a support 2^c with its hat holder supporting flange 2^b upwardly extending, and which structure is particularly adapted for use on open cars. Figure 4 shows a bracket 3^a adapted to be supported on the upper side of the support 2^c, and which bracket is provided with an acutely angled flange 3^b for supporting the hat holder at an angle, otherwise the construction is the same as in the other figures.

Referring to Figures 5, 6 and 7, the structure is substantially the same as far as the hat holder is concerned is the same as in Figure 1, with the exception that the arms 10 of the segmentally shaped members 6 are in parallel relation, rather than twisted together, and said arms extend through transverse grooves 11 in the under side of the supporting plate 12, which plate is secured to a support 13, however the hat holder is formed from a single piece of relatively heavy wire bent to form. In Figure 6 the hat holder 5 is not separable, and is provided with a transversely disposed bar 14, under which the visor of a cap may be disposed if

desired. The arms 10, in the form shown in Figure 6, extend through the channels 11 of the plate 12 and are provided with right angularly disposed arms 15, which engage the side of the plate 12 and prevent outward movement of the hat holder as a whole.

Referring to Figure 8, in this form the bracket 16 is U-shaped, provided with a horizontally disposed arm 17 adapted to be secured to the underside of a support 18, and is provided with a hat holder 5 carried by the vertically disposed arm 19 of the bracket. This form is particularly adapted for use in automobiles where the device can only be secured to the underside of a support.

From the above it will be seen that a hat holder is provided for automobiles, which hat holder is simple in construction and the parts formed from a minimum number of parts, thereby allowing the device to be cheaply manufactured and sold. It will also be seen by extending the hooks 9 outwardly, they will not interfere with the crown 20 of a hat 21, when disposed in the holder.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

A hat holding device comprising a horizontally disposed plate, said plate being secured to the upper side of a support, transversely disposed grooves in the under side of said plate, a U-shaped member engaging the upper side of the support and having its arms in the grooves of the plate, the outer ends of the arms terminating in downwardly extending arms to one side of the support, said downwardly extending arms terminating in outwardly extending parallel arms, said outwardly extending parallel arms terminating in reversed segmentally shaped members in the same plane, the outer end of one of the segmentally shaped members being provided with an eye and a hook carried by the outer end of the other segmentally shaped member and adapted to be received in the eye.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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