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Fig. 1.

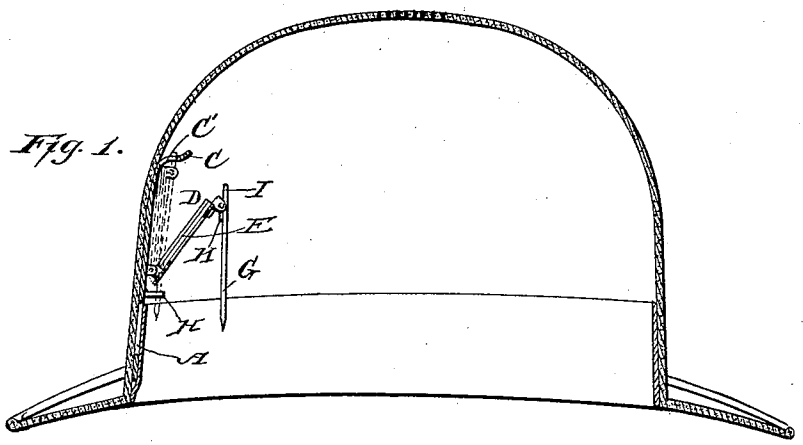


Fig. 2.

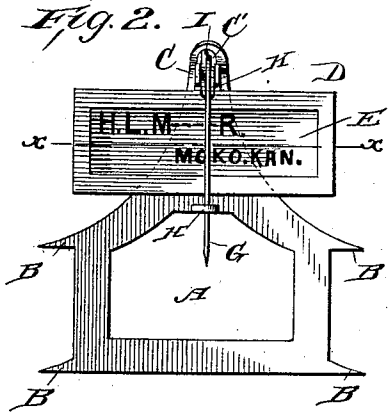


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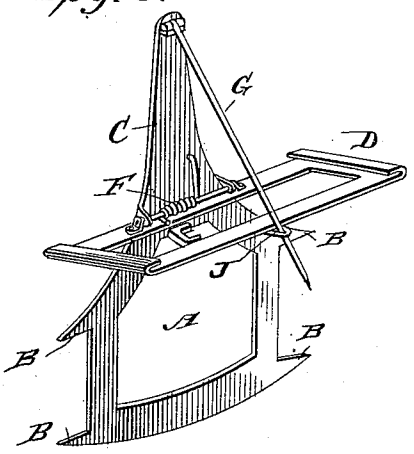


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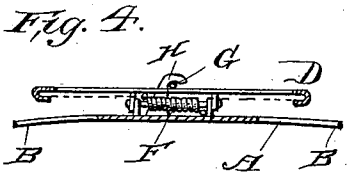
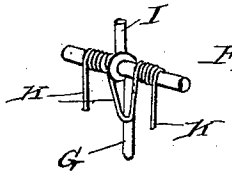


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY HERBERT WRIGHT, of Paola, in the county of Miami and State of Kansas, have invented a new and Improved Hat-Mark, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved hat-mark which is simple and durable in construction and specially adapted to prevent parties from taking the wrong hat.

The invention consists of a frame adapted to be secured to the inside of the hat and of a name-plate hinged on the frame and locked in place on the said frame by a pin.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a sectional side elevation of the improvement as applied. Fig. 2 is a front view of the improvement. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modified form of the improvement, and Fig. 4 is sectional plan view of the improvement on the line $x\ x$ of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of part of the improvement.

The improvement is provided with a frame, A, of suitable material and shape, and having pins B B adapted to engage the inside surface of the hat, whereby the entire hat-mark is securely held in place in the hat, as shown in Fig. 1. On the frame A is formed an upwardly-extending projection, C, on which is pivoted a name-plate, D, provided with a removable strip, E, on which the name of the owner of the hat is printed. Instead of this strip E, I may make the plate D solid and print or engrave the name directly on the front of the plate.

A spring, F, bears by one end on the back of the projection C, and by its other end on the back of the name-plate D, so as to cause said plate to assume an inclined position, as shown in Fig. 1, when unlocked. The locking and unlocking of the name-plate are accomplished by a pin, G, which is either pivoted on the name-plate D, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or on the projection C, as shown in Fig. 3. In the former case the pin passes in front of the name-plate D, and is adapted to be placed under a hook, H, secured to the frame A. The pin G is extended beyond its pivot, so as to form the projection I, adapted to engage a slot, C′, formed in the upper outwardly-bent end of the projection C. In order to lock the plate D on or against the projection C and in line with the frame A, the operator moves the said plate D rearwardly, so that the projection I engages the slot C′, and the pin G is then placed under the hook H, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3 the pin G passes through a loop, J, formed on the name-plate D, and is adapted to engage the hook H when the name-plate D is placed flat on the projection C. A spring, K, acts on the pivot ends of the pin G, so that the latter is held in a perpendicular position when released, as shown in Fig. 1.

The device is used as follows: In the closed position, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, it is placed on the inside of the hat, generally with the frame A extending a short distance beyond the sweat-band and the pins B engaging the lining of the hat, so as to hold the entire hat-mark in place. In the closed position the pin G will not come in contact with the head of the wearer; but when the owner places his hat on a stand, hook, or other article he unfastens the pin G from the hook H, whereby the spring F presses the name-plate D outward into an inclined position, as shown in Fig. 1, and the pin G hangs downward and is held in a vertical position by the spring K, as shown in the said figure. When the owner again takes up his hat, he first adjusts the name-plate D by pressing it backward and fastening it in place by the pin G, as above described. If a wrong party should take up the owner's hat and place it on his head, the pin G would enter his head, thereby calling his attention to his mistake. The name on the plate D serves to identify the hat.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a hat-mark, the combination, with a

frame adapted to be secured to the inside of a hat, of a hinged and spring-pressed name-plate carried by the said frame, and a pin for locking the name-plate in an approximately vertical position, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. In a hat-mark, the combination, with a frame provided with pins for securing the said frame on the inside of a hat, of a name-plate hinged on said frame, a spring pressing against the back of the said plate, a pin pivoted on the said name-plate and provided with a projection adapted to engage a slot in the said frame, and a hook secured on the said frame, and under which the said pin is passed, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a hat-mark, the combination, with a frame provided with pins adapted to be secured to the inside of a hat, of a name-plate hinged on the said frame, a spring pressing against the back of the said name-plate, a pin pivoted on the said frame and passing through a loop on the said name-plate, and a hook secured to the said frame, and under which the said pin is passed.

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