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Fig. 1.

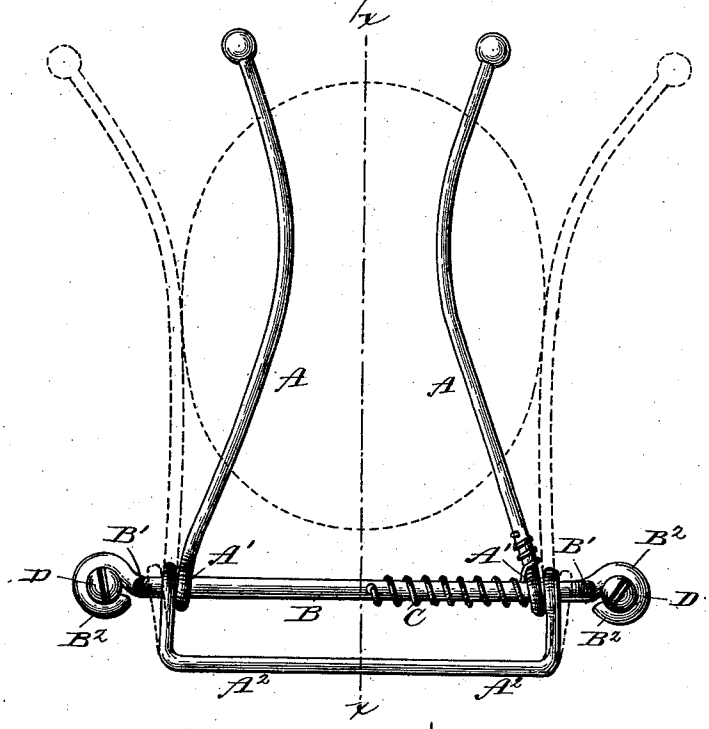
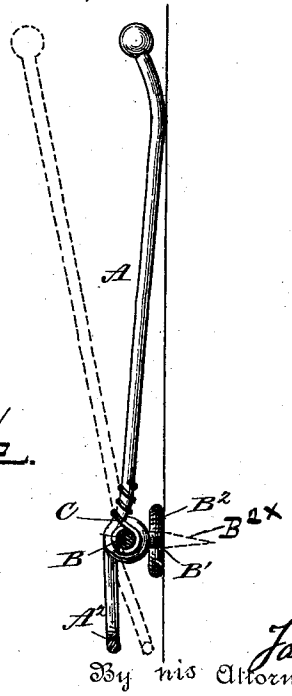


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. HARRISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Easton, in the county of Northampton, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has relation to hat-holders, and among the objects in view are to provide a holder which is simple in construction and capable of being cheaply manufactured of inexpensive material, and capable of automatically adjusting itself for use, and occupying, when completed, the least possible space, and of such form as to be capable of being applied to the backs of chairs in public halls, opera-houses, churches, steamboats, and railroad-cars.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a hat-holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a central section on the line X X of Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

In order to provide a hat-holder which shall occupy the least possible space, I construct the holder proper of wire, having a form generally U-shaped, the legs or prongs A of which serve as the clamping-arms of the holder, which prongs are, for the purpose of forming supporting-bearings for the holder, bent or coiled to form eyes A′, located between the prongs and the integral portion or bar A^2 connecting the same. The holder is mounted upon a rod or wire, B, bent at each end to form a riser, B′, and an eye, B^2; or, if desired, the eye may be omitted and the riser pointed or otherwise adapted to be inserted into any suitable support, as shown by dotted lines $B^{2\times}$ in Fig. 2. Upon the rod is mounted a coiled spring, C, one end of which is secured to the rod and the other to a prong of the holder, the tendency of the spring being to hold the free ends of the prongs in contact with the surface to which the holder is attached. The cross-bar A^2, being below the pivotal support of the holder, serves as a means for moving the free ends of the prongs away from the support, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2. The extreme ends of the prongs are bent upwardly from the support, to facilitate the introduction of the hat into the holder.

This being the construction, the operation is as follows: The holder, being secured by screws D or otherwise to the back of the seat, chair, or upon a wall or suitable support, is ready for use, and the hat is inserted with its body between and its rim back of the prongs, which, being resilient, expand or separate, as shown by dotted lines on Fig. 1, and embrace the body of the hat at and upon the band thereof. The eyes A′ are loosely fitted upon the rod B, so that, if necessary, the prongs move lengthwise on the bar, the coiled spring C permitting such a movement of the eyes. The bar A^2 serves, in addition to the function above described, as a stop to limit the outward movement of the free ends of the prongs.

It will be noticed that all the advantages and others than those specified are secured by the construction described, in that the holder as a whole projects but slightly from any surface to which it is secured, thereby permitting the close passage of persons when no hat is in the holder, rendering it specially adapted to opera-houses, churches, and public halls. It is not absolutely essential that the free ends of the prongs should be curved away from the support, as the prongs may be straight, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2, and be moved away from the support by means of the connecting-bar A^2.

Having described my invention and its operation, what I claim is—

1. A hat-holder substantially U-shaped in form, the arms thereof being resilient and bent to form supporting-eyes, in combination with a supporting-bar passing through the eyes, substantially as specified.

2. A hat-holder substantially U-shaped in form, the arms being resilient, curved toward

each other, and bent to form eyes, in combination with a bar adapted to be secured to a support, and a spring secured to the bar at one end and to the holder at the other, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of a hat-holder of substantially U shape in form and having eyes, with a rod loosely mounted on said eyes and secured to the base, whereby longitudinal movement of the eyes upon the rod is provided for, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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