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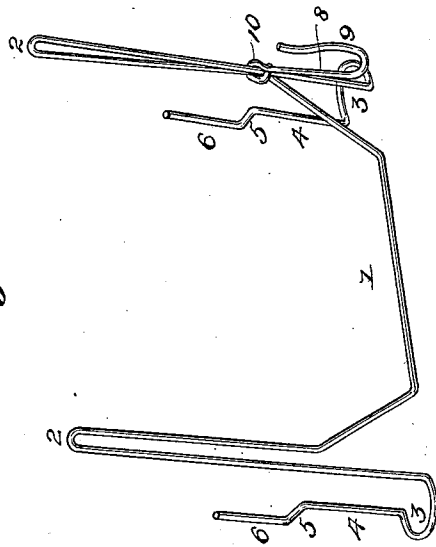


Fig. 5.

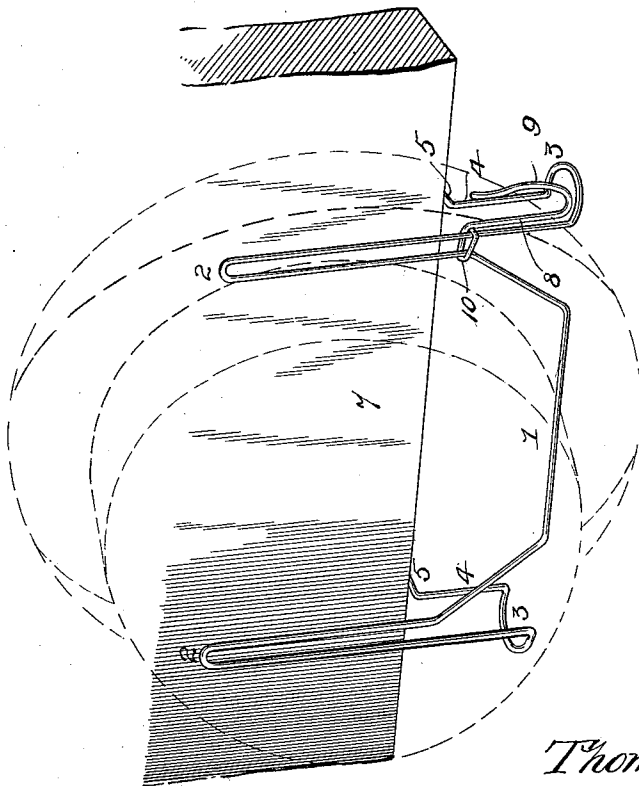


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS COLLINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Overton, in the county of Bradford and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Hat, Umbrella, and Muff Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The purpose of the present invention is to provide a device to be attached to pews, chairs, benches, and seats generally to support in a convenient manner hats, muffs, canes, or umbrellas, and which will be light, cheap, efficient, and not detract from the appearance of the furniture to which it is applied, and which will occupy a minimum amount of space and at all times be out of the way.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent as the nature of the invention is understood from the following description and the drawings hereto attached.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the invention attached to a church-pew. Fig. 2 is a perspective view thereof from a different point, showing the umbrella or cane support turned half-way around from its normal position. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the umbrella or cane support.

The holder is constructed of a single length of spring-wire of proper gage to give stability to the device, and this wire is bent between its ends to form an approximately U-shaped hat-holder 1, vertical loops 2, short horizontal loops 3, vertical extensions 4, offsets 5, and attaching-stems 6. The vertical loops 2 extend in parallel relation and are adapted to form supports for muffs and similar articles which are adapted to be slipped thereon. The horizontal loops 3 are about in the same plane with the horizontal portion of the hat-holder 1 and are adapted to engage with the brim of a hat and prevent the body thereof from coming into injurious contact with the horizontal portion of the holder 1.

The device in its application is especially constructed to be attached to the lower side of the bench or seat, and, as illustrated, the attaching-stems 6 are driven vertically into the lower edge of the pew-back 7. The offsets 5 extend outwardly along the lower edge of the pew-back, so as to admit of the vertical extensions 4 coming about flush with the rear side of the said pew-back 7. These off-

sets 5 subserve another function—namely, of providing means whereby the attaching-stems 6 can be driven into the lower edge portion of the pew-back, the blows of the hammer or driving-tool being received upon the said offsets.

The umbrella or cane support 8 is constructed of a single length of spring-wire, which is bent to form a spring-hook 9 and laterally-extending eye 10, which projects at an angle of about forty-five degrees to the plane of the hook 9, and this eye is elongated to receive one of the vertical loops 2. Under normal conditions and when the support 8 is not in use it lies close against the pew back or seat, so as to be out of the way, and when the support 8 is required for use it is turned about half-way around, as shown in Fig. 2, and the cane or umbrella is placed therein, the lower end of said cane or umbrella resting upon the floor. In this position of the support 8 the parallel members of the loop 2, upon which the said support 8 is placed, are brought together against their normal tendency, which is to occur with the said members standing in parallel lines. Hence when the cane or umbrella is detached from the support the latter will be returned to a normal position by reason of the said members of the loop regaining themselves or assuming a normal position. This will be readily understood when it is remembered that the eye 10 is elongated in the direction of the width of the vertical loop and that by turning the support 8 into an operative position the said members of the loop will be brought together against their normal tendency to stand apart. Therefore when the support 8 is released the members of the loop 2, previously brought together by the turning of the support thereon, will separate and automatically return the said support to a normal position, which, as shown in Fig. 1, is against the pew-back and out of the way, so as not to catch into the clothing of a person passing in proximate relation to the device.

It will be understood that the precise manner of attaching the invention to the seat is not essential to the spirit of the invention and that any provision for effecting this result in a simple and effective manner can be substituted for the means herein set forth. Considering the many uses for which the in-

vention is adapted it will be seen that the structure is exceedingly simple and can be manufactured and placed in position at a comparatively low cost and that it is thoroughly practical. The precise outline herein disclosed can be departed from in the embodiment of the invention. Therefore various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without altering the nature of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A device for the purposes specified, formed of a single length of wire, comprising an approximately U-shaped hat-holder having its horizontal portion at the lowest point, vertical loops on the sides thereof, and short horizontal loops about in the same plane with the horizontal portion of the hat-holder, substantially as set forth for the purpose described.

2. The herein-described device for the purposes set forth, comprising a single length of wire bent to form an approximately U-shaped hat-holder having its horizontal portion at the lowest point, vertical loops at the sides thereof, short horizontal loops about in the plane of the horizontal portion of the hat-holder, vertical extensions, attaching-stems, and offsets between the vertical extensions and attaching-stems, for the purposes aforesaid.

3. The combination with a hat-holder com-

prising a vertical loop, of a support having a laterally-extending elongated eye loosely mounted upon the said loop and normally held out of the way by the parallel members of the loop whose normal tendency is to stand apart, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination with a hat-holder having a vertical loop, of a support comprising a spring-hook and a laterally-extending elongated eye, the latter being loosely mounted upon said loop, whereby the support is normally held out of the way by the parallel members of the loop whose normal tendency is to stand apart, substantially as set forth.

5. The herein-specified device for the purposes set forth, comprising an approximately U-shaped hat-holder, vertical loops at the sides thereof, short horizontal loops, vertical extensions, offsets, and attaching-stems formed of a single length of wire, and an umbrella or cane support comprising a spring-hook and a laterally-extending elongated eye mounted upon one of the vertical loops and normally held out of the way thereby, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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