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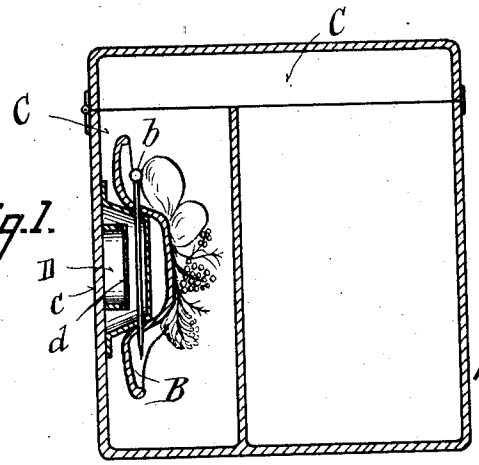


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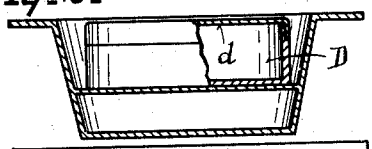


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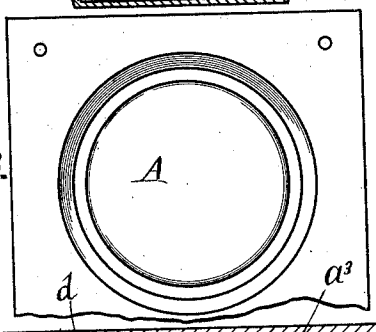


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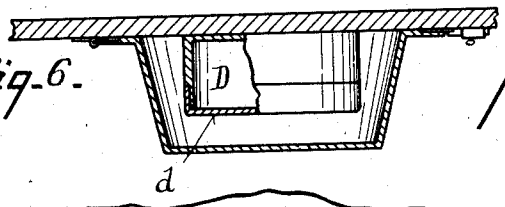


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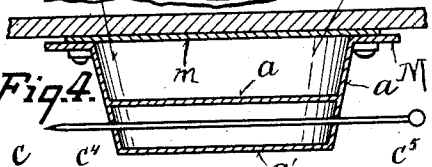


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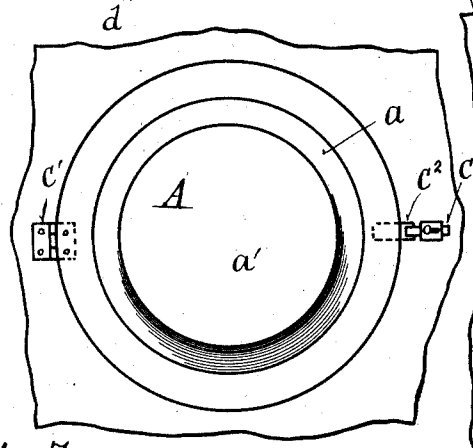
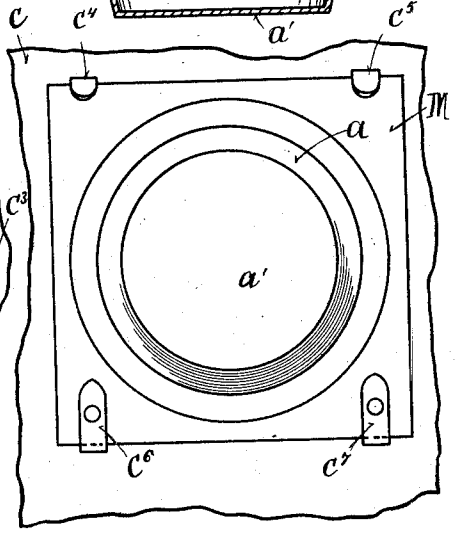


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HAT-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. MANNING, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Cincinnati, county of Hamilton, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to hat-boxes which have hollow supports upon their interior to which women's hats are pinned.

The object of my invention is to form within these boxes a receptacle for small articles, such as jewelry, which will be hidden in a place which is little likely to be thought to contain the same. This object is attained by the means described in the specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional view of a hat-box, showing the hat-support and the receptacle embodying my invention in section. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the hat-support and receptacle. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a modified form of support and receptacle. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 are detail views of the form shown in Fig. 1, showing the hinge and the catch for holding the hat-support in position.

Referring to the parts, hat-support A is made in the shape of a truncated cone or may be semispherical and is made of suitable material, such as buckram, which may be penetrated by a hat-pin and will retain its shape and is secured to the side *c* of box C to receive hat B, which is secured to the same by pins *b*, passed through the hat and the top of the support in the usual manner. Hat-supports A are secured to the sides of the box by a hinge c' and have upon the diametrically opposite edge a catch c^2 to engage a latch c^3, secured to the side of the box.

Beneath the hat-supports A, I secure a small receptacle D to the side *c* of the box. This receptacle has a cover *d* and may be used to contain jewelry and valuables. In the modification shown in Figs. 4 and 5 I mount a hat-support upon the block M, having an opening in it, which is closed by a removable flap *m*. Instead of forming the jewelry-receptacle of a separate box I place a partition *a* within the hat-support parallel to the top a' and at a short distance therefrom. Flap *m*, together with the partition *a*, forms a receptacle a^3 for the reception of small articles of value. Block M is removably secured to the sides *c* of the box by brackets c^4 c^5 and latches c^6 c^7. When it is desired to have access to the receptacle a^3, block M is removed from the side *c* of the box by opening latches c^6 c^7, and the interior of the receptacle is reached by turning back flap *m*.

In pinning a hat to a hat-support by reason of the shape of the hat the pin is always passed through the upper part of the support, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, so that the receptacle for jewelry placed as I have it in no wise interferes with the pin.

It is seen that upon the interior when the hat-supports are in place a box of my construction differs none in appearance from the hat-box of this character now in use, so that the receptacle is, in effect, a secret compartment, and, moreover, the receptacle as well as being convenient for the reception of small articles in no wise lessens the capacity of the box, and the receptacles are in a position such that they will not interfere with the feathers and the trimmings of the hats. Hat-boxes, because of the care that must be used in bringing nothing in contact with the trimmings of the hats, cannot have other articles packed in the box. The convenience, therefore, of the receptacle embodying my invention is apparent.

What I claim is—

1. A hat-box having upon its walls hollow supports of a material which may be readily pierced by a pin, closed receptacles in the bottom of the supports for holding small articles, and means for obtaining access to the interior of the supports, substantially as shown and described.

2. A hat-box having upon its walls hollow supports of a material which may be readily pierced by a pin, a partition within the supports parallel to its top and forming in the bottom thereof a receptacle for small articles, substantially as shown and described.

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