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Fig. 1.

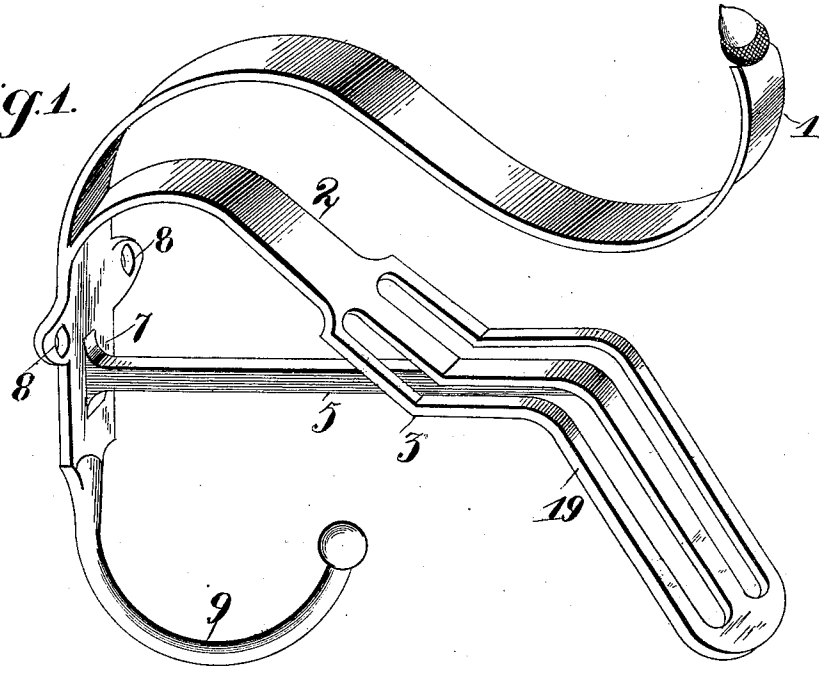
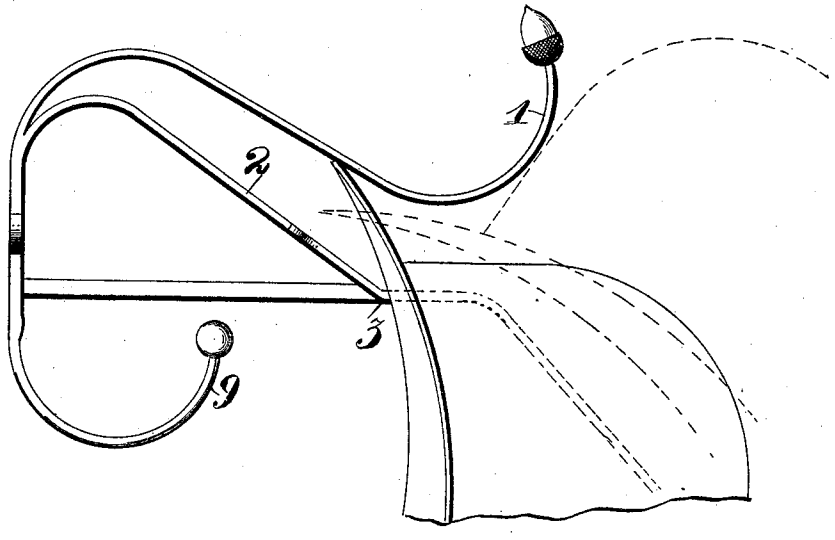


Fig 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS MURRIN, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat Hooks or Rests, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in hat hooks or rests; and it consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described, and designated in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my complete invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing a hat applied thereto.

The object of my invention is to construct a device for holding hats in a rigid position, thereby preventing them from being knocked off, as is generally the case with ordinary hat hooks and racks.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents a curved guiding-plate, which acts as an upper guide for the hat when it is applied to the hook. Said plate and the other parts of my invention are cast integrally, and said plate is also provided at its front and terminal portion with a curved extension, so that the hat coming in contact therewith will not be punctured or soiled, and said curved portion will also permit the hat to slide over it in seeking its normal position.

2 indicates a supporting-plate for the hat, which plate is situated directly below guiding-plate 1. Said plate forms a downwardly-projecting curve, and at the point 3 extends horizontally outward, making an angle at said point of about forty-five degrees. Said horizontal projection or portion answers as a stop or rest for the hat when it is in its normal position on the hook. Said plate 2 extends outwardly and forms another curve 19, corresponding to the curvature of an ordinary hat. Said plate is made substantial by a bracing-bar 5, which is cast integrally with it and the base-plate of the device.

7 represents the base-plate of the device, which plate is provided with perforated ears 8, through which screws or nails are adapted to be passed, by which the device is secured to the wall or any other suitable support. Base-plate 7 terminates at its lower extremity in a hook 9, on which a coat or any other wearing-apparel may be hung.

Having given an explicit description of my invention, I will now proceed to describe its application and use.

When it is desired to hang up a hat, the rim is inserted between the guiding-plate and supporting-plate 2 at an oblique angle and pushed forward in said interposed position until the external edge of the brim strikes in the region of angle 3. The inclined curve or plate 2 will prevent the said hat from being further interposed. When the hat is left free, the action of gravity will cause the brim thereof to strike the lower surface of guiding-plate 1, whereby said hat is held rigidly in its interposed position between plates 1 and 2, as shown in Fig. 2. The lower terminal extension of plate 2 being on the inside of the hat will prevent it from being knocked off or out of its normal position by the application of any lateral force.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, a hook of a single piece of metal and consisting of a base-plate having a downwardly and an upwardly turned plate 1 projecting forward therefrom, a plate 2 projecting downward and forward from the said base-plate, to which it is secured below the plate 1, the said plate 2 having a bend 3 therein forming a horizontal seat and having its end bent downward and outward, and a bracing-post projecting under the said seat and secured to the said base-plate, the ends of the plates 1 and 2 thus forming a converging guideway for articles placed upon the seat of the plate 2, as described.

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

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