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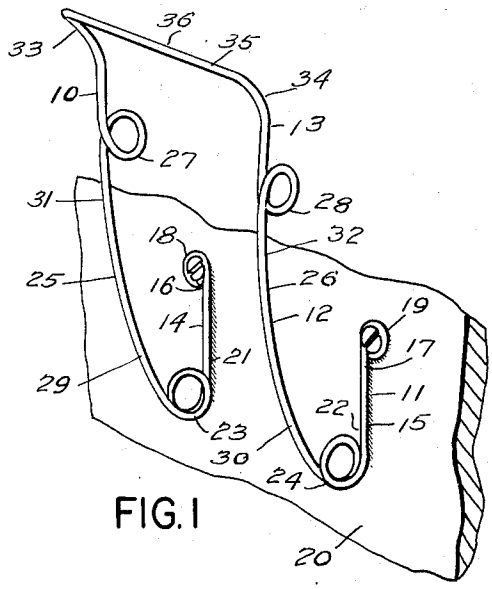



FIG. 1

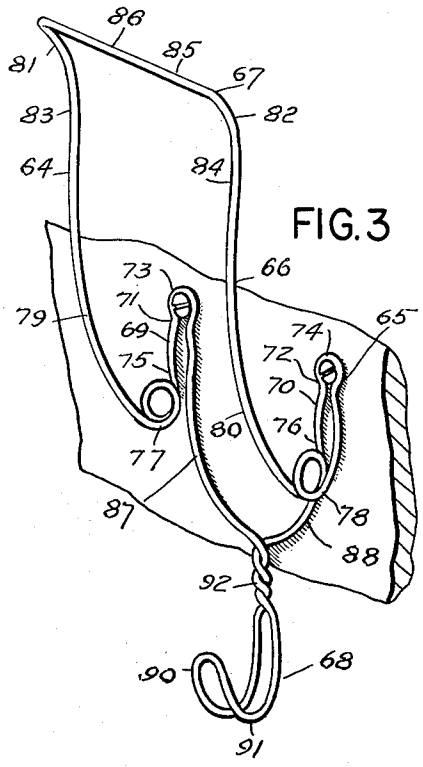



FIG. 3

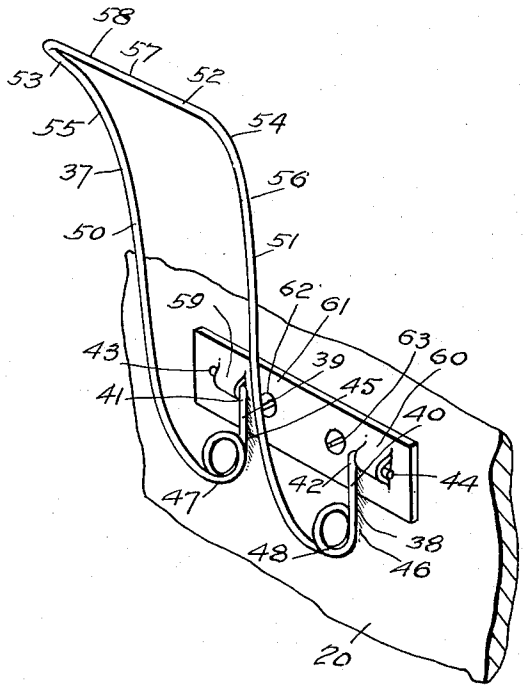



FIG. 2

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The present invention relates to a hat rack and has particular reference to a hat holder made of a single length of resilient wire material.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a hat holder shaped to hold a hat supported thereon out of contact with the base to which the hat holder is attached, whereby the hat rim is prevented from being bent or soiled.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hat holder having a substantial support for the crown of a hat whereby the shape of the crown is kept intact.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a hat holder having a wide frame support which prevents accidental turning of the hat.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hat holder which is adapted to be positioned upon a coat hanger, and holds a hat supported thereon at an angle, whereby room under the hat is provided for hooking and unhooking a coat from the coat hanger without disturbing or releasing the hat.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a hat holder which is detachably secured to a wall plate.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hat holder which can be readily detachably mounted on wardrobes, office and home hat and coat stands, and checking room hat and coat stands.

A further object of the invention is to provide a combination coat and hat rack made of a single length of resilient wire material.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a hat holder which can be readily made at low manufacturing cost.

With the above and other objects and advantageous features in view, the invention consists of a novel method of manufacture, more fully disclosed in the detailed description following, in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, and more specifically defined in the claim appended thereto.

In the drawings,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a preferred form of hat hanger, shown mounted on a wall;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a modified form; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modified form having an integral coat hanger.

It has been found desirable to provide a hat holder made of a single length of resilient wire material and having a hat crown support seat shaped to project forwardly to its supporting base wall so that a hat placed thereon is out of contact with the wall, room being provided under the hat for a coathanger to hook and unhook a coat without disturbing the hat. It has been further found advantageous to provide a hat holder which is detachably secured to a wall base plate. To these ends I take a piece of resilient wire stock, preferably of 3/16" diameter and shape it to provide two downwardly extending legs each terminating into a coil loop, from which arcuately curved slightly diverging arms project upwardly and outwardly at an angle of approximately 45 degrees, the top portions of these arms being bent at an angle of approximately 75 degrees from the vertical and being connected by a cross piece. The upper ends of the legs each have a securing part such as an eye loop for receiving screws or a prong for insertion into a recess of a flat support plate, which may be attached to a wall to detachably receive the support prongs.



Referring to the drawings, the novel hat hanger **10** comprises generally a single length of wire and consists of a securing section **11**, an intermediate holder section **12** and a hat support section **13**. The securing section has two legs **14** and **15** which extend vertically downwardly in spaced parallel relation, the upper ends **16**, **17** of the legs having eyes **18**, **19** for receiving retaining screws, by means of which the hat hanger is attached to a wall **20** or the like, as in Fig. 1; the eyes are formed by curling over the upper ends of the legs into the plane of the legs. The lower portions **21**, **22** of the legs are looped over to form reinforcing spring coils **23**, **24**.

The intermediate holder section **12** has two arms **25**, **26**, which extend upwardly and outwardly at an angle of approximately 45 degrees from the spring coils, and which are arcuately curved and slightly diverging as illustrated and preferably include reinforcing spring coils **27**, **28** intermediate the lower arm portions **29**, **30** and upper arm portions, **31** and **32**, for providing resiliency.

The hat support section **13** has two spaced side bars **33**, **34** which extend upwardly and forwardly at approximately 30 degrees from the upper arm portions **31**, **32**, and a connecting horizontal cross bar **35**, the side bars and cross bar forming a hat crown seating frame **36**.

The hat hanger may be modified as shown at **37** in Fig. 2, with the securing section **38** having two legs **39**, **40** extending vertically downwardly in spaced parallel relation, their upper ends **41**, **42** being bent into aligned opposite extending lock rods **43**, **44**, the lower portions **45**, **46** being looped over to form reinforcing spring coils **47**, **48**.

The intermediate holder section **49** has two arms **50**, **51** which extend upwardly and outwardly at an angle of approximately 45 degrees from the spring coils and are arcuately curved and slightly diverging; if desired, the spring coils such as shown at **27**, **28** of Fig. 1 may be omitted.

The hat support section **52** has two spaced side bars **53**, **54** which extend upwardly and forwardly at approximately 30 degrees from the upper portions **55**, **56** of the arms **50**, **51**, and are joined by a connecting cross bar **57**, the side bars and cross bar forming a hat crown seating frame **58**.

The rods **43**, **44** are adapted to seat within horizontally aligned recessed spaced sockets **59**, **60** of a flat metal wall plate **61**, whereby the hat holder is detachably secured to the metal plate, the plate having two screw receiving holes **62**, **63** for fastening the plate to the wall or other suitable support.

The novel hat hanger may be formed to integrally include a coat hanger as shown in Fig. 3, the hat hanger **64** also being formed from a single length of wire and consisting of a securing section **65**, an intermediate holder section **66**, a hat support section **67** and a coat hanger section **68**.

The securing section **65** has two legs **69**, **70** extending vertically downwardly in slightly diverging spaced relationship, the upper portions **71**, **72** of the legs being curled over and downwardly to form screw receiving eyes **73**, **74**, by which the hat hanger **64** is fastened to a wall or the like, the lower portions **75**, **76** of the legs being coiled over to form reinforcing spring coils **77**, **78**.

The intermediate holder section **66** has two arms **79**, **80** extending upwardly and outwardly from the rein-

forcing coils 77, 78 generally in the same manner and shape as the arms in Fig. 2.

The hat support section 67 has two spaced side bars 81, 82 which extend upwardly and forwardly at approximately 30 degrees from the upper portions 83, 84 of the arms 79, 80 and a connecting cross bar 85, the side bars and cross bar forming a hat crown seating frame 86.

The coat hanger section 68 has two horns 87, 88 extending downwardly from the eyes 73, 74 in converging relationship, and extending upwardly in adjacent parallel relation and terminating in a loop 90 to provide a coat hook 91; it is preferred to twist the coat hanger horns as illustrated at 92 to increase the strength of the coat hook.

It is now clear that my novel construction provides a hat holder which has distinctive advantages over the standard type hat supports.

The hat is securely held in place and cannot be either accidently knocked off the holder or accidently rotated because of the angle and the substantial size of the frame seat support for the hat crown. The brim is kept out of contact with the wall because of the angle at which the hat is disposed when placed on the novel hat holder. Moreover, because the hat is spaced away from the wall, a coat can be hooked or unhooked underneath the hat without disturbing the hat. The plate attachment feature of my modified constructions has the further advantage that the hat hangers can be easily attached or replaced without much trouble, thus quickly accommodating extra hat support needs. To these and other features is added the commercial advantage that my novel construction is made from a single wire, with resulting low manufacturing cost.



I claim:

A hat hanger construction formed from a single length of resilient wire and comprising a securing section and a hat support section, said securing section having two spaced parallel legs adapted to extend vertically downwardly when attached to a support, said hat support section having two spaced side portions and including a reinforcing spring coil on each side portion adjacent the upper end thereof and in spaced relation to the cross bar, the lower ends of the side portions and the lower ends of the legs being connected by coil bends, said spaced side portions extending upwardly and having their upper ends connected by a horizontal cross bar, the legs having support securing means at their upper ends.


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