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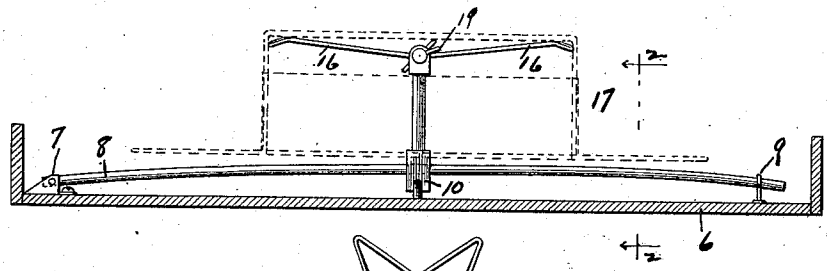


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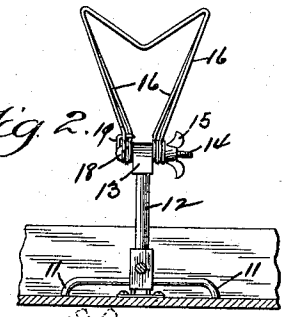


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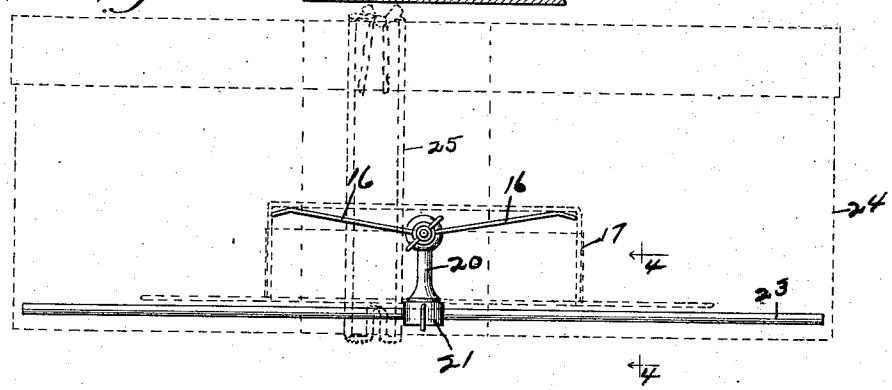


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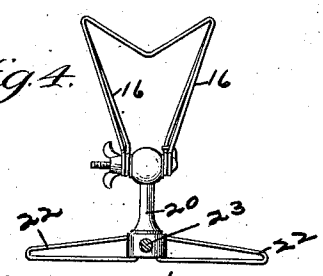
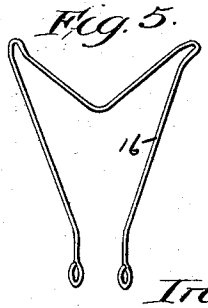


Fig. 5.



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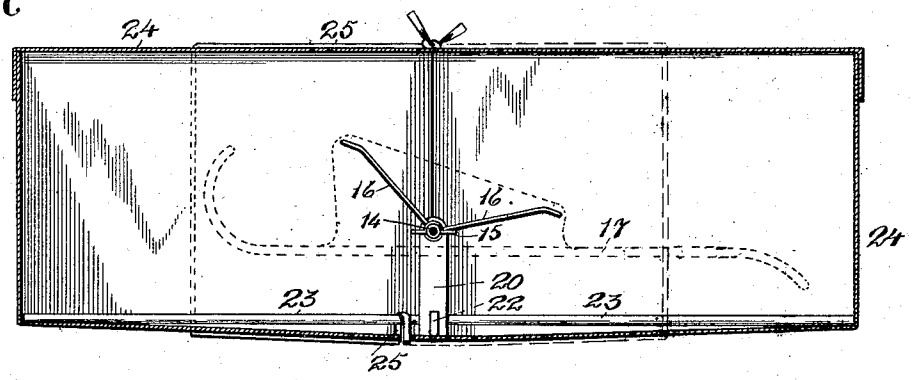


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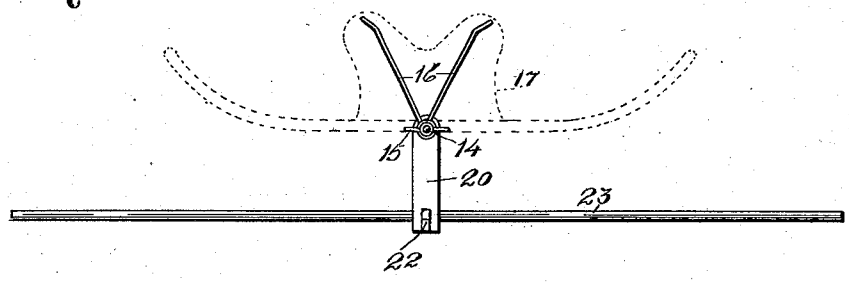
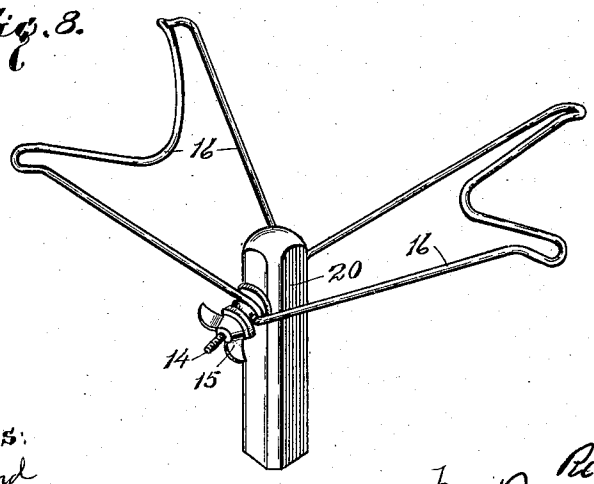


Fig. 8.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that RICHARD W. BOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide a hat holder that is capable of being adjusted to a very considerable extent in order to adapt the holder for use in supporting hats of different shapes and sizes.

The holder is particularly intended to be used in the shipping of hats in boxes or trunks, although it can be used with equal readiness as a display stand for use in shop windows or elsewhere.

The invention more particularly relates to the construction of the frames or brackets and the method of mounting and adjusting the same, whereby the frames composing the holder can be either adjusted with respect to one another or adjusted with respect to the support in order to support hats of different shapes at any desired angle.

Another object of the invention is to obviate the necessity for using elastic or resilient frames which tend to distort the hat and are incapable of proper adjustment.

The invention further relates to the method of securing the holder within a hat box of the usual character which permits hats to be shipped without the necessity for employing a packing of tissue paper or similar substance. And the invention finally consists in the features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing—Figure 1 is a side elevation view of my improved hat holder shown in combination with a trunk till, the dotted lines representing a hat; Fig. 2 a cross sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, with the hat removed and the movable frames in an upright position. Fig. 3 is a side elevation view of my hat holder having a base of modified construction. Fig. 4 a cross sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3, with the adjustable frames in an upright position as in Fig. 2; Fig. 5 an elevation view of one of the adjustable frames removed from the support. Fig. 6 a diagonal sectional view of a hat box showing the holder adjusted to a different angle, and showing the method of securing the holder within the box; Fig. 7 a view showing another adjustment of the holder; and Fig. 8 a perspective view of the holder without the feet.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the reference numeral 6 indicates a section of a trunk till to which there is hinged at 7 a rod 8 having its opposite end adapted to be held in place by a hook 9. Slidably mounted on the rod 8 is a base 10 through which the rod 8 passes and which is provided with two feet 11 adapted to rest on the trunk till as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Mounted on the base 10 is a vertical standard 12 having a head 13. Secured to the said head by a bolt 14, carrying a nut 15, are two wire frames 16 of outwardly divergent formation, as shown, and adapted to be adjusted to any desired position to fit the crown of a hat 17 when the latter is mounted thereon as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1. Secured in the slot in the head 18 of the screw 14 is a short piece of wire 19 having its outer end bent over between the frames 16 and adapted to prevent the screw 14 from turning when adjusting the nut 15.

The purpose of the mechanism above described is to hold hats in place in trunks or the like when the same are being moved about.

The operation of the hat holder as above described is as follows: The rod 8 is secured to the bottom of a trunk till as shown in Fig. 1 and the hat holder mounted on the same in the manner shown and described. The hat which is to be transported is then placed over the frames 16 which are spread out to engage the opposite sides of the crown of the hat in such manner as to hold the latter in place when the trunk is moved about.

In the modified construction shown in Fig. 3, 16 represents the adjustable frames for holding the hat 17; 20 the standard having a base 21 having feet 22, and slidably mounted on the rod 23 which latter is adapted to have its ends engage opposite diagonal corners of a hat box 24. This construction of hat holder is adapted for use in hat boxes to hold the hats in place in the box and to prevent the rim of the hat from coming in contact with the sides of the box when the same is being carried about.

The hat holder proper consisting of the wire frames 16 and the standard on which they are mounted may be mounted upon

any style of base or pedestal desired which would be most suitable for the place in which it is to be used.

My improved hat holder will be especially useful also for supporting hats in show windows or on counters in the stores.

The rod 23 may be secured in place by means of a string as indicated by the dotted lines 25, which has its opposite ends passed through openings in the bottom of the hat box on opposite sides of the rod 23 and tied together over the top of the box lid, thereby holding the latter and the hat holder and hat in place should the box be overturned.

By making the rod 23 of suitable length to engage the corners of the box it will not be necessary to provide any securing means for the rod other than the box string 25 which must of necessity be provided in order to tie over the lid of the box. By looping the middle of the string over the rod within the box and thereafter tying the ends of the string over the cover, the hat holder will be securely held in place by the same means which are employed to tie up boxes of the ordinary character. This enables the holder to be quickly inserted into a box and secured therein without the provision of additional attaching means. In view of the fact that the standard is adjustable upon the rod the holder can be shifted to any desired position within the box for the accommodation of hats of different shapes. The frame sections of the holder may be adjusted either with respect to one another to increase or decrease the distance between the engaging ends of the frames, or the frames can be adjusted as a unit with respect to the standard which enables the parts to be positioned to support hats of any style or description at any angle desired within the box. Furthermore, in view of the manner in which the two frames may be spread with respect to one another after insertion into the crown of a hat, it is not necessary to provide a resilient framework which is objectionable for the reason that it tends to stretch or distort the hat when inserted into the crown.

When using the device as a display stand, the feet can be omitted and the standard supported in any desirable manner.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a hat holder, a standard, and a support for the hat, comprising two frames secured to the standard, each of the frames having outwardly divergent side arms, and a substantially V-shaped connecting arm providing contacting points or corners, the support as a whole being adjustable to different angles with respect to the standard, and the frames being independently adjustable with respect to one another, and a rod upon which the standard is slidably mounted, substantially as described.

2. In a hat holder, a standard, and a support for the hat, comprising two frames secured to the standard, each of the frames having outwardly divergent side arms, and a substantially V-shaped connecting arm providing contacting points or corners, the support as a whole being adjustable to different angles with respect to the standard, and the frames being independently adjustable with respect to one another, an adjusting nut for clamping the frames in adjusted position, and a rod upon which the standard is slidably mounted, substantially as described.

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

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