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FIG. 1.

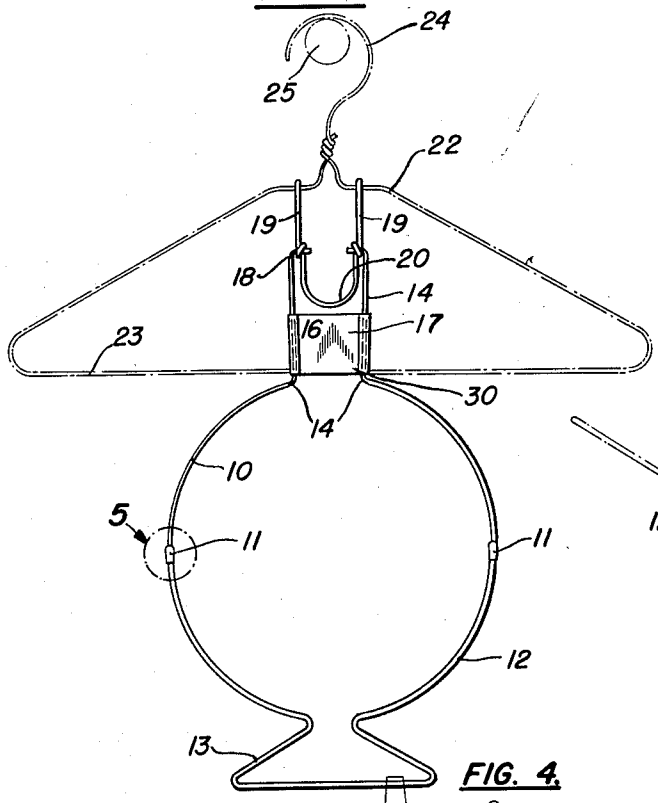


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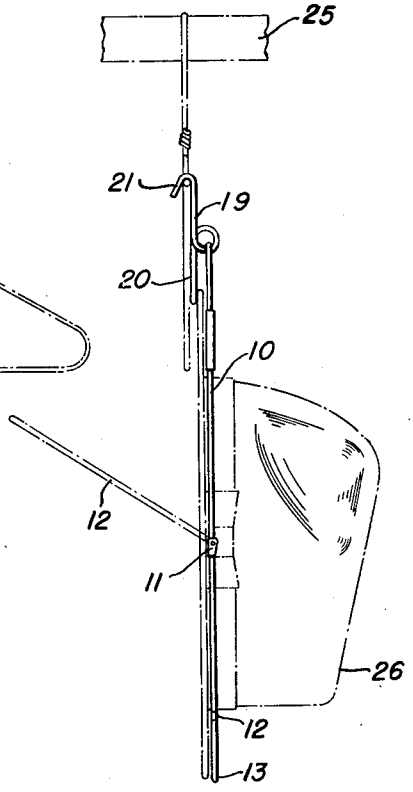


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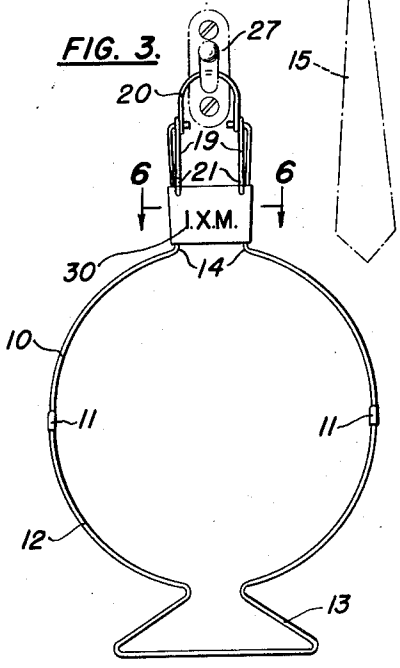


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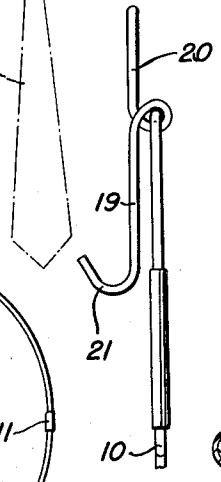


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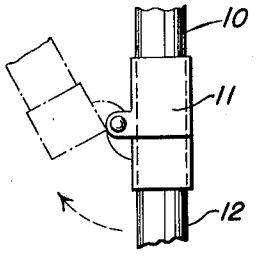


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This invention refers to garment holders and more particularly to hat holders.

This invention includes among its objects the provision of a new and improved hat holder that will avoid one or more of the disadvantages and limitations of the prior art.

Another object of the invention is to provide a new and improved hat holder that can be hooked on to a conventional coat hanger without interfering with the regular or normal use of the latter.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved hat holder than can be used by itself or in conjunction with a coat hanger, and can be folded up compactly.

An additional object is to provide a new and improved hat holder that will be equipped with facilities to hold other garments besides a hat.

Other objects will become apparent as the invention is further detailed.

In order to explain the invention, reference is made to the structure indicated in the drawings, wherein a particular form of the invention is illustrated, by way of example, while the claim emphasizes the scope of the invention.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a hat holder embodying this invention, shown connected to a garment holder shown in dotted outline;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of Figure 1 with a hat indicated in dotted outline;

Figure 3 is a front view of the hat holder hung on a wall clip;

Figure 4 is an enlarged side elevational detail of part of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a detail of the hinge referred to at 5 in Figure 1, and

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 3.

The same numerals are used for indicating the same parts throughout the drawings.

In the drawings, a hat holder includes a partially circular ring 10 having hinges 11 installed in the middle portions and enabling the bottom fish-tail formed half 12 to be lifted up and laid on the upper section. The fish-tail portion 13 is arranged to hold ties 15 and like articles as well as form a handle for raising or lowering the half 12. The upper section of the ring 10 is formed into a double legged head 14, joined but rigidly spaced apart by a rectangular shield 16 crimped at the sides 17 over the legs. The shield 16 does not cover the legs completely and their end portions 18 extend inwardly to form hinges for a U-shaped loop 20 pending downwardly

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while its legs 19 and hooks 21 respectively are upwardly disposed, and hooked onto the upper bar 22 of a coat hanger 23. The conventional hook 24 of the coat hanger is arranged for attachment to a suspended nail or rod 25. When the hat holder is attached as shown in Figure 1 to the coat hanger 23, the ring 10 holds a hat 26 placed in it without being obstructed by parts of the coat hanger. When the hat holder is hung on a nail or clip 27 the U-loop 20 is used for the purpose by reversing its position, as shown in Figures 3 and 4. The ring is folded up by lifting the lower half 12 up as shown in dotted lines in Figure 2. Ties 15 are placed in the fish-tail 13 as indicated in Figure 1.

The hat holder therefore, can be used in several ways, since it has capacity for a hat as well as ties. It can be used separately or with a coat hanger. It can be attached to a coat hanger, clip or part of an automobile. The provision of the hooks 21 and loop 20 enables alternate use of the device for a clip or garment holder. The loop 20 also serves to clamp the rim of the hat, when used thereon as shown in Figure 2; and the hooks 21 when it is used as shown in Figure 4. The fishtail 13 serves for the manipulation of the section 12 or while the user is personally carrying the hat in the holder when not hung on anything. The hinges 11 have an 180° angle swing only and become rigid against further movement.

The device is neat, compact, and economical to manufacture. It is preferably made of flexible wire of sufficient strength to withstand the stresses of its use. Since it holds a hat effectively while attached to a coat hanger, it increases the use of the latter without detracting therefrom, and at the same time only occupies the same space as would be occupied by the coat hanger holding a coat or other garment in the usual manner. It solves the problem, always arising when an individual removes his coat and desires a place to hang his hat. The shield 16 is flat and permits a label 30 to be stuck thereto or painted thereon to identify the user of the hat holder, which is a feature not usually provided in such devices. Fishtail 13 has several uses, in one case it serves as a handle; in another as carrier; in another as a tie holder and also as a rest for the rim of the hat to make contact with.

While but one general form of the invention is shown in the drawings and described in the specifications, it is not desired to limit this application for patent to this particular form, as it is appreciated that other forms of construction

could be made that would use the same principles and come within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A hat holder comprising a substantially circular frame, a pair of hinges dividing said frame along a medial diameter thereof, a fish-tail extension at the bottom of said frame comprising oppositely diverging portions extending from each lower side of the frame and a horizontal portion connecting said diverging portions, and a pair of parallel arms extending from the top of said frame, said arms having turned-in portions to provide hinges, a U-shaped bail having intermediate loops hinged about said hinges to swing thereabout, the free arms of said bail terminating in hooks for securing said holder in place, said bail being swingable to alternately secure said holder by means of the U portions of said bail.

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