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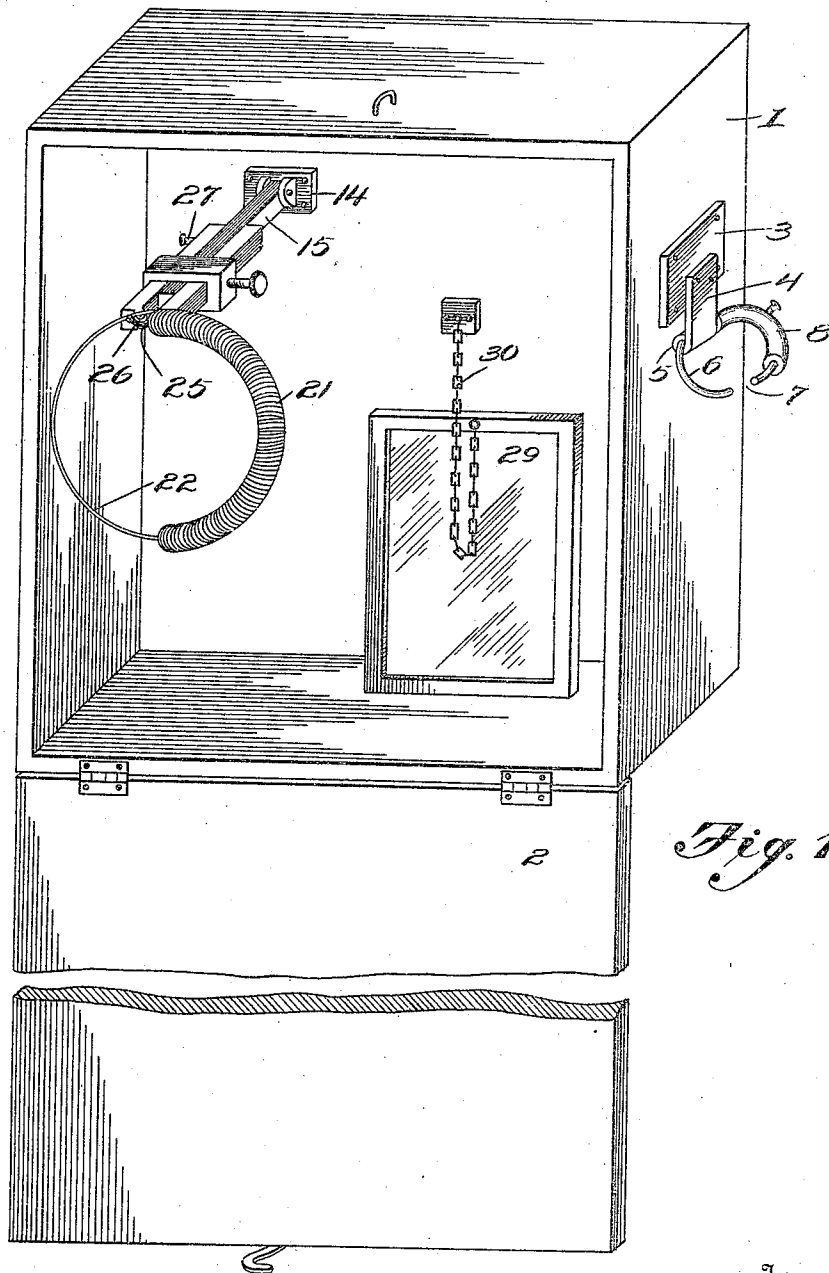


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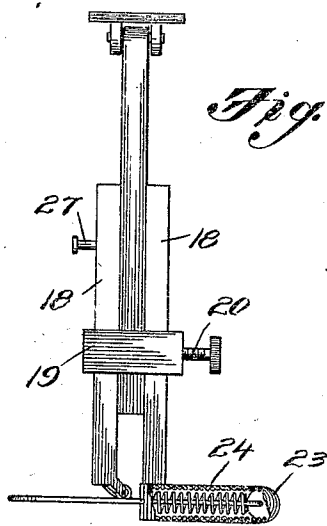


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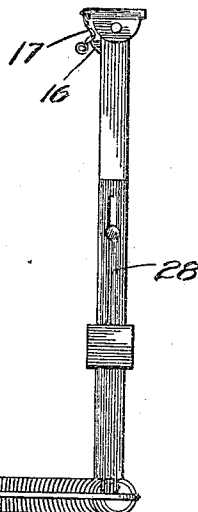


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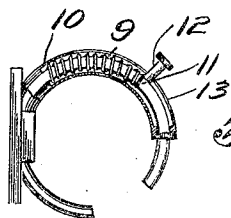


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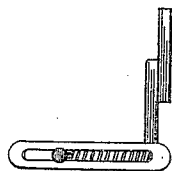


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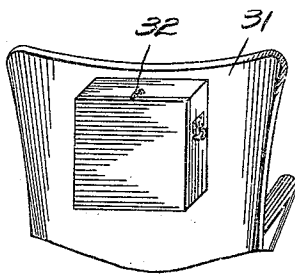


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMIL DE VRIEZE, a subject of the King of Belgium, residing at Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Umbrella and Hat Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to an improvement in holders, designed particularly for use in places of public gatherings or the like and adapted to serve for the convenient temporary storage of hats, umbrellas, canes, etc.

The main object of the present invention is the provision of a case designed to be secured to the back of a chair and to serve as a housing and support for an umbrella holder and for a hat holder, the construction including a hat holder in which the hat is supported in a manner to maintain its shape and from which it is conveniently removable when desired.

The invention will be described in the following specification, reference being had particularly to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the improved holder complete. Fig. 2 is a plan partly in section of the hat holder. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a plan partly in section of the umbrella holder. Fig. 5 is an elevation of the same. Fig. 6 is a perspective view illustrating the application of the improved holder to a seat.

Referring particularly to the accompanying drawings, the improved holder comprises a case 1 of box-like form, provided with a hinged section 2 for use as a cover.

On the outer surface of one side wall of the case is arranged an umbrella holder including a base plate 3 secured to the case, from which depends a hanger 4 formed on its rear surface at the lower edge with a sleeve-like supporting member 5. Movably mounted for revoluble movement in the sleeve member is a suitable length of wire 6, bent into rounded form and having its ends arranged in spaced relation. Secured upon the wire section 6 is a tubular member 8 through which the wire section extends. A spring 9 is arranged within the tubular member and connected at one end to the tubular member, as at 10, and at the opposite end to the wire-holding strip 6, as at 11. An operating stud 12 is secured to the

holding strip projecting through a slot 13 formed in the tubular member.

The holder proper is capable of a free swinging movement in the supporting plate 4, so that when not in use the holder may be turned down against the side wall of the case. The spring 9 is so tensioned that in the normal position of the parts it will operate to maintain the opening 7 of the holding section 6 housed within the tubular member.

In the use of the holder the holding strip 6 is moved against the tension of the spring 9 by means of the stud 12, so as to dispose the opening 7 of the strip beyond the holding member, thus permitting the introduction of the article to be retained. Upon release of the pull upon the stud 12 the holding strip 6 is operated to again draw the opening 7 within the tubular member, presenting an unbroken binding ring and preventing the removal of the article.

The hat holder is secured within the case, including a bracket 14 secured to the inner surface of the rear wall of the case, in which is pivotally mounted a supporting bar 15. The bar adjacent the bracket is provided with a depending lip 16 to cooperate with a spring catch 17, whereby the bar may be drawn to and supported in a horizontal position, or the catch released and the bar dropped to a position parallel with the back wall of the case. Slidably mounted on opposing sides of the supporting bar 15 are slide bars 18, the supporting bar being provided with a fixed guide member 19 through which the guide bars operate, the member 19 being provided with a set screw 20, whereby the slide bars may be held in adjusted position on the supporting bar. A hat supporting member or holder is movably mounted on one end of one of the slide bars 18, said holder comprising a suitable length of material 21 formed to present a tubular coiled section approximating a semicircular form. From one end of the tubular section the material is projected in the form of a single strand 22 arranged to complete the circular form with its free end extended centrally through the tubular member 21. Within the tubular member the terminal of the strand 22 is provided with a disk head 23 between which and the proximate end of the tubular member is arranged a coil spring 24. The spring is tensioned to force the strand outwardly from the tubular member,

that is to increase the length of the strand beyond the ends of the tubular member, thereby increasing the area and diameter of the holder formed by the tubular member and strand. The disk head 22 is operated through the medium of a flexible connection 25 extending from said head in a direction opposite to that of the spring 24, through the proximate end of the tubular member 21, over a guide roller 26 carried by the free end of the remaining slide rod 18 and extending longitudinally of said rod and terminally connected to a stud 27 operating in a slot 28 formed in the slide bar.

The normal conditions are such that the spring 24 operates to maintain the holder at its maximum diameter, and when it is desired to be used the stud 27 is moved rearwardly in the slot, drawing upon the free end of the strand 22 to decrease the diameter of the holder. The hat is then passed over the holder so that the latter rests within the head-receiving portion of the hat, whereupon the pull upon the stud is released, permitting the holder to expand under the influence of the spring 24 and frictionally engage and support the hat.

The case 1 is conveniently adapted for supporting other desired articles, such for example as a mirror 29 connected by a chain 30 or other flexible connection to the rear wall of the case. The case is designed to be secured to the back of a chair, as 31, so that the occupants of the chair immediately in rear thereof are within convenient reach of the case and its parts. The closure 2 may be secured in place by a catch 33, which, if desired, may be in the form of a coin controlled lock of any usual type requiring the deposit of a coin to permit use of the articles within the case.

The various parts may be constructed in any desired size or of any material, the ad-

justment of the hat holder readily accommodating it for hats of different heights, and while primarily intended for use in places of public entertainment or gathering, the improvement is readily adapted for individual use in offices, private residences and the like.

I claim:—

1. A hat holder comprising a supporting bar, slide bars movable on the supporting bar, a holder carried by the supporting bars and including a tubular member, a strand projecting from one end of the tubular member and passing within the opposite end thereof, a spring arranged within the tubular member and engaging the strand to normally maintain the latter in projected relation, and means for drawing upon the strand against the tension of the spring to decrease the length of the projected portion of the strand beyond the tubular member.

2. A hat holder including a supporting bar, and a holder proper carried by said bar, said holder comprising a tubular member of semicircular form made up of a single length of material arranged in coils, said length of material being projected from a terminal coil in the form of a single strand adapted to be inserted within the tubular member at the opposite end, a spring arranged within the tubular member and secured thereto and to the terminal of the strand, said spring serving to maintain the strand projected the maximum length beyond the tubular member, and manually operable means for decreasing the length of the projected portion of the strand.

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

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