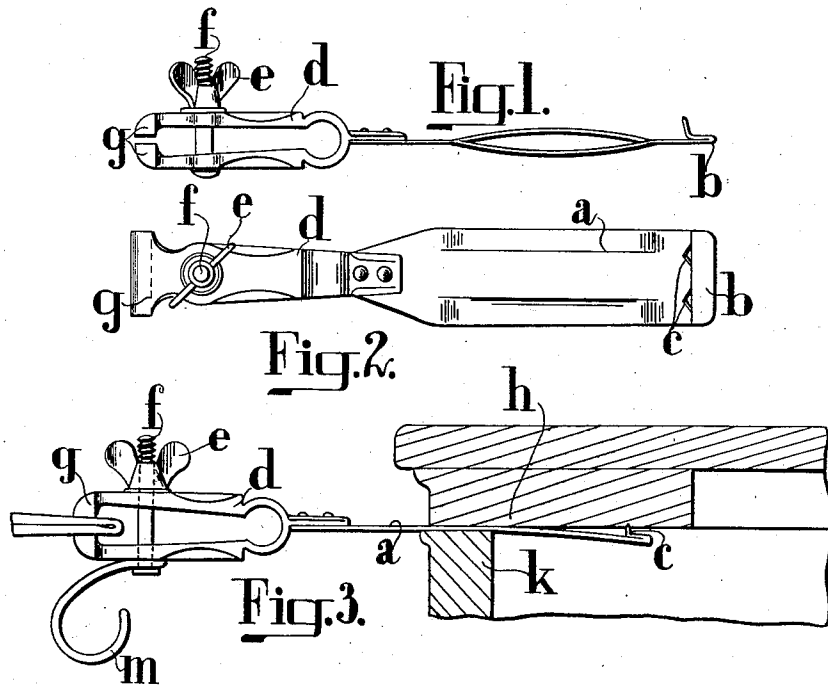


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HAMPSON, subject of the King of England, residing at Tangley Mere, Chilworth, Surrey, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holding devices.

It is a matter of common experience with travelers and others to require some kind of fastening device which can be readily attached to a piece of furniture or the like for holding an article, for instance ladies very often require a means for holding hairpins or the like carrying loose hair, which has to be brushed, combed or otherwise dressed before being made up into the coiffure. Gentlemen when traveling often require a means for holding a razor strop, while strop-

ping the razor. Although for some of the purposes for which a device of this description may be desirable an ordinary hook can be employed for instance for holding the razor strop, it often happens that a hook is not available, while for gripping a hairpin or the like, for enabling the hair held by it to be dressed an ordinary hook is of no use, as it requires that the hairpin or the like shall be strongly gripped in order to withstand the pull during the process of brushing and dressing the hair. And in order that my said invention may be better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the drawing accompanying this specification, which shows one method of applying my invention to the construction of a device comprising a small vise suitable for holding a hairpin or the like carrying loose hair while the hair is being dressed.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation; Fig. 2 is a plan of the device; Fig. 3 shows the device in position at the top of a drawer or door.

The same letters of reference are employed to denote the same parts in all the views.

a is a plate of spring steel, which is turned up at *b* and furnished with a number of points *c*. To the opposite end of the strip *a* is attached a small spring vise *d* which is provided with a thumb nut *e* and a screw *f* by means of which the jaws *g* of the device can be adjusted.

In putting the device in position the drawer is pulled out or the cupboard door

opened and the device is then placed in position against the top of the framework of the drawer or the like see Fig. 3, with the point *c* projecting upward. The drawer of the door *h* is then closed and the device is now held firmly in position, by the upward push of the spring plate *a*. The article such as a hairpin to be gripped is placed in position between the jaws *g* of the device and the nut *e* is then screwed down tightly, holding the hairpin or the like firmly in position. No pull upon the hairpin will dislodge the device, as it merely tends to cause the points *c* to grip more firmly into the framework *h*. In some cases when the top framework of the drawer or the like is not of sufficient width for the points to take into the same, these points take behind the edge of the framework and are suitably turned slightly down for this purpose. The device shown at Fig. 3 is provided with an additional hook *m* which may be used for holding a razor strop or the like.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2 the strip *a* is cut in two places leaving a neutral portion *n* and two outer portions *p* and the central portion *n* is bent in one direction while the outer portions *p* are bent in the opposite direction so that there is an adjusting thickness formed which springs against the framework and the top of the drawer or door so that the device may be adapted where there is considerable variation of distance between the top of the drawer, or door and the framework.

It will be understood that the method of carrying out the invention herein described and shown in the accompanying drawing is given merely by way of example, and that slight changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without sacrificing any of the advantages or departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having fully described my invention what I claim is.

1. A holding device comprising a spring plate, clamping means fixed to the forward end of the plate, gripping teeth projecting upwardly from the surface of the rear end of the plate, the plate being slitted longitudinally intermediate its ends and the slitted portions bulged in opposite directions, whereby the plate will fill different sized spaces substantially as described.

2. A holding device comprising a spring plate, the plate carrying clamping means at its forward end, gripping teeth projecting upwardly from the surface of the plate at its rear end, the plate being provided with a plurality of longitudinal slits intermediate its ends leaving a central portion and an outer portion at each side thereof, and the central portion being bulged in one direction and the outer portions bulged in the opposite direction to provide a compressible body

portion, whereby the central portion and the outer portions will engage the opposite walls of different sized openings, substantially as described.

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

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