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HAT TREE.

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Fig 1

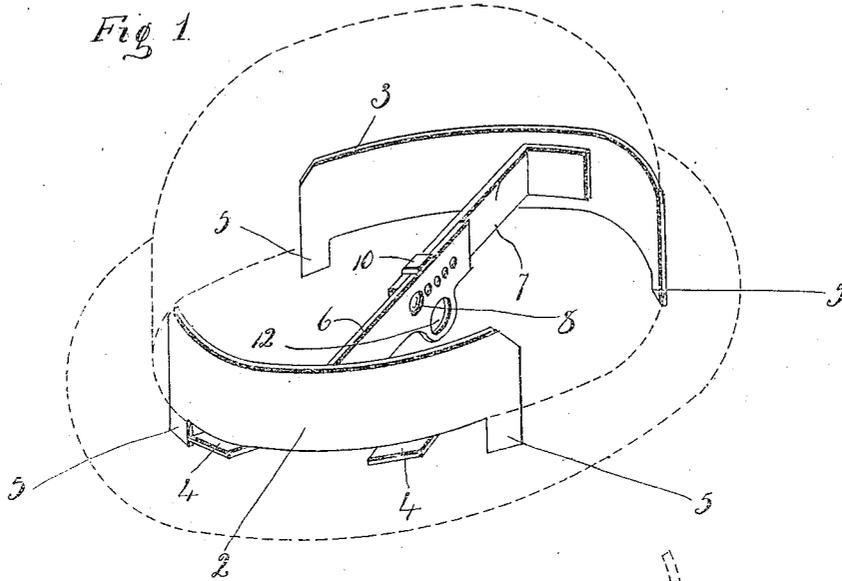


Fig 2

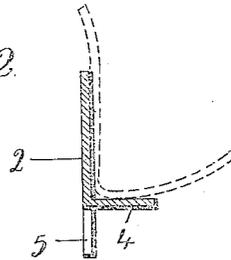
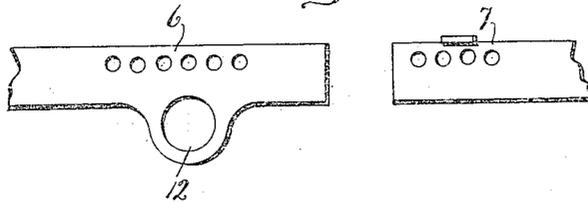


Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT D. LLOYD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cheshire, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat-Trees; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the numerals of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of a hat tree embodying my invention and shown as applied to a hat, the hat being indicated by broken lines. Fig. 2 a broken sectional view showing the relative position of the supporting flanges and fingers. Fig. 3 a broken side view of the inner ends of the arms separated.

This invention relates to an improvement in hat trees, that is, a device to be placed within the brim of men's hats to hold the same in shape. Stiff hats, and particularly silk hats, are usually shaped to the head of the wearer, but in case hats are not constantly worn they are liable to lose their shape. It is also desirable to provide a support for the hat so that when placed upon a shelf or elsewhere, it will not rest upon the brim.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple device which may be readily conformed to the head of the wearer so that hats when not in use may be kept in shape; and the invention consists in the construction hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claims.

In carrying out my invention I employ a front band 2 and a rear band 3 substantially uniform in construction and each preferably formed with outwardly projecting lips 4 which limit the extent to which the device may be entered into a hat, and with downwardly projecting fingers 5 which will support the device when placed upon a shelf or other flat surface, so that the hat will be supported without having the edges of the brim touch the shelf. The front band 2 is provided with an inwardly projecting arm 6, and the rear band with a similar arm 7,

these arms like the ends, being formed from sheet metal, the two being connected together by a pin 8 which may be inserted through any one of a series of holes formed near the ends of the arms so that the device may be adjusted to various sizes of hats. The arms thus pivotally connected together, can be broken, so to speak, to facilitate the introduction to, or removal of the tree from a hat, a lug 10 on one of the arms forming a stop to limit the outward movement of the arms. While the arms 6 and 7 may be attached in a variety of ways, a convenient way will be to bend the ends 11 outward against the inner surfaces of the front and back members and secure the ends of the arms by soldering or riveting. If desired one of the arms may be provided with an eye 12 by which the device may be suspended. The bands of the tree will be shaped to correspond to the shape of the head of the wearer of the hat, and when once shaped will retain that form and the device may be used with any number of hats. While it will naturally fit tightly, the device is not intended to be used as a hat stretcher, but merely as a hat tree or device for retaining the shape or outline of the hat band.

I claim:—

1. A hat tree comprising a front and rear band, each formed with outwardly projecting lips and downwardly extending fingers, and each having an inwardly projecting arm, which arms overlap each other and are hinged together.

2. A hat tree comprising a front and rear band, each formed with outwardly projecting lips and downwardly projecting fingers, an arm secured to the inner surface of each band, said arms formed with a series of perforations, and a pin adapted to pass through the perforations whereby the arms are pivotally connected together.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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