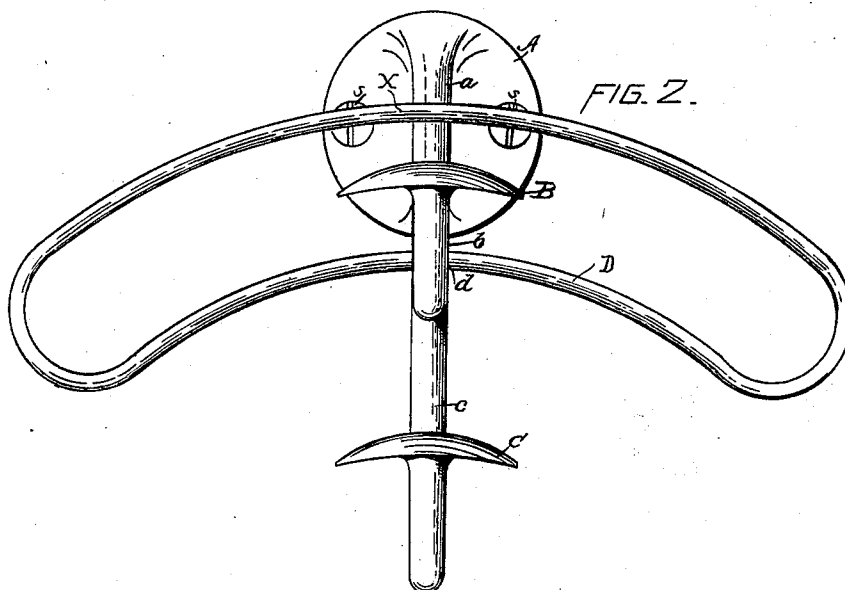
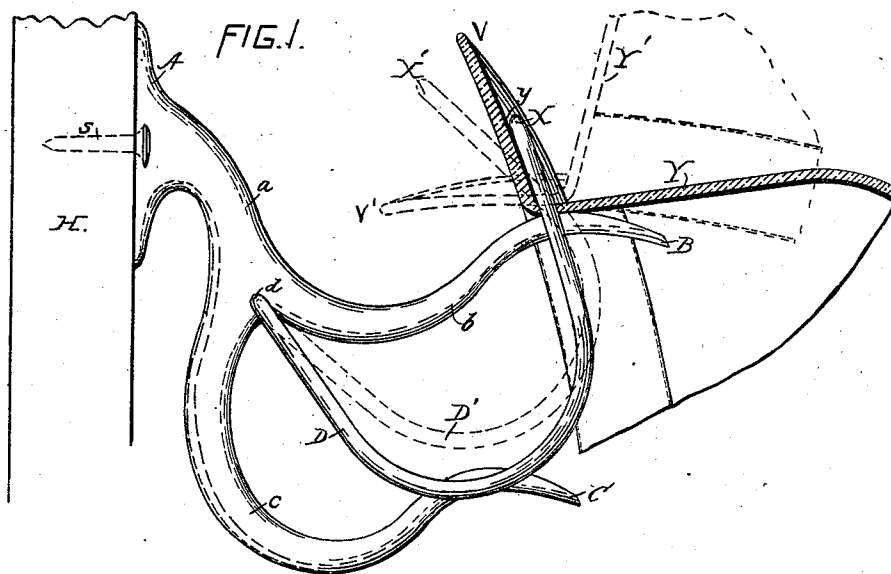


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH SAVOIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Central Falls, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Hooks; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in hat hooks in which there is a movable and adjustable attachment for the purpose of securing the hat in place so that the same cannot be removed accidentally and the object of my invention is to provide a hook from which a hat cannot be removed by an accidental blow or by a draft of wind or the like. This object is accomplished by the device shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 a front view, of my invention.

Similar letters are employed in the separate views to represent the same parts.

In Fig. 1, A—B is a hook fastened to its support H by the screw S, and having the lower hook C attached. This lower hook, however, forms no part of my present invention. The shank *b* of the hook A—B is perforated at *d* with a horizontal hole into which is inserted the wire guard X—D, so that said guard may be revolved upon *d* as an axis, the point X describing an arc extending from B to A. The guard X—D is formed of wire bent approximately in the form of an elongated oval, but with parallel sides, and then again bent so that these parallel sides form the arcs of two circles whose planes are parallel to each other and at right angles to the plane of the oval before bending.

To place the hat on the hook, the guard is raised until the point X is in the position shown by the dotted lines at X', or if neces-

sary, even nearer the point A. The hat is then placed upon the hook with the rim in a horizontal position as shown by the dotted lines at V'. The hat is then permitted to fall into the position V—Y, and the guard is brought down over the rim as shown by X—D. The hat is now firmly secured and cannot be removed until the guard is again raised to release it.

Any kind of hat once secured upon the hook cannot be removed by accidental means but will remain in place until the locking guard is raised.

It will be seen that when the guard is in position, it is in contact with the outer surface of the hat not at one point alone but throughout a considerable portion of the circumference of the hat. From this it follows that if the hat be accidentally struck when upon the hook, there is no danger of breaking the hat because of the large surface in contact with the guard; whereas, if the locking device were confined to a single point of contact on the hat-body, an accidental blow when the hat is in position would be liable to break the hat-body at the point of contact with the guard.

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

In a hat hook, the hook, combined with a pivoted, curved loop, attached to the hook near its inner end, and adapted to have its outer portion rest upon the top of the outer end of the hook, so that when the loop is dropped over the top of the rim of the hat, the loop serves to retain the hat upon the hook; the curvature of the outer portion of the loop conforming to the shape of the hat, substantially as shown.

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

JOSEPH ^{his} SAVOIE.
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