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Fig. 1.

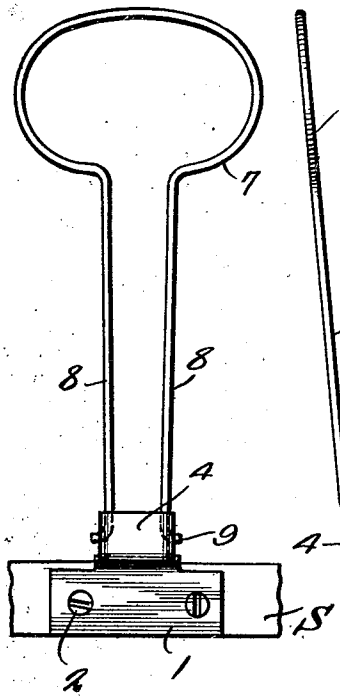



Fig. 2.

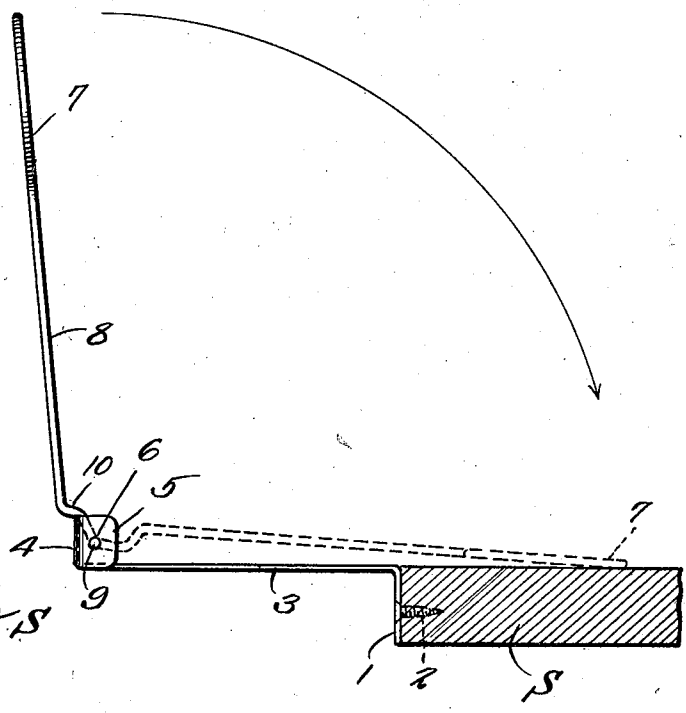
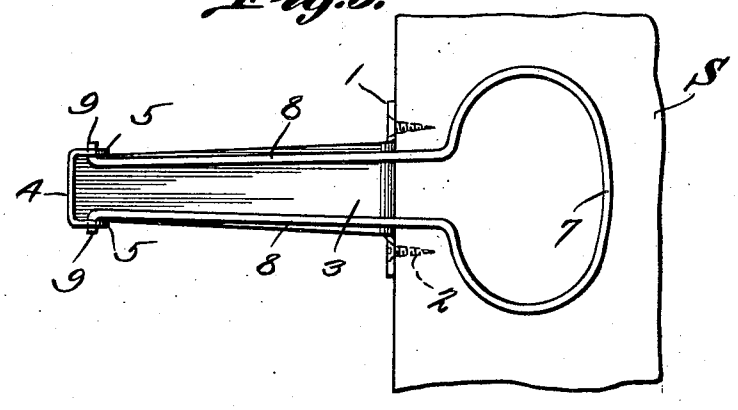



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This invention relates to a hat rest, one of the objects being to provide a simple form of device which can be cheaply made and can be applied readily to a shelf so as to support a hat above and beyond the shelf where it will not interfere with the storage of other articles on the shelf.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which, when not in use, can be folded on to the shelf so as to be out of the way or can even be partly removed from the shelf.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds the invention resides in the combination and arrangements of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device.

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof, the position of the movable member when lowered being indicated by broken lines.

Figure 3 is a top plan view showing the hat rest folded.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates an attaching plate adapted to be fastened by screws 2 or the like to the front edge of a shelf S or other supporting structure. Plate 1 has an arm 3 extended forwardly therefrom and the free end of this arm is upturned as at 4. This upturned portion has its ends bent to provide substantially parallel ears 5 in which are formed small apertures 6.

The movable member of the hat rest is formed of a single length of resilient wire bent to provide a head in the form of a loop 7 and arms 8 extending from the head. The terminals of the arms are bent in opposite directions to form studs 9 which extend outwardly through the apertures 6 in ears 5.

When the hat rest is not in use the movable member can be folded on to the shelf as shown in Figure 3 and by broken lines in Figure 2. When it is desired to support a hat or the like the movable member is swung upwardly past the dead center and against the upwardly extending portion 4 of arm 3. It is preferred to slightly offset the arms 8 where they engage the part 4. This has been indicated at 10. Should it be desired to remove the movable portion, it is merely necessary to press the arms 8 toward each other so as to withdraw the studs 9 from the apertures 6.

It will be noted that when one or more of these devices are connected to a shelf they will not interfere with the storage of articles on the shelf. On the contrary they will greatly increase the capacity of the shelf.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with a shelf or the like, of an arm fixedly attached to and extending forwardly from the shelf, laterally spaced upstanding ears upon the free end portion of the arm, an integral connection between the ears for holding them against spreading, a hat supporting loop, and resilient arms extending from said loop and having outturned terminals journaled in the ears, said arms being extended between the ears and having offset portions adapted, when the arms are swung away from the shelf past a dead center, to engage the connection between the ears and support the arms and loop in an upstanding position, said loop being adapted, when in inactive position, to rest upon the shelf with its arms overlying the fixed arm.

2. A device for attachment to the front edge of a shelf or the like, including an arm, spaced ears at the free ends thereof, an integral connection between the ears, and a single length of resilient wire bent to provide a loop and arms extending from the loop, said arms having laterally extended terminals journaled in the respective ears, the arms being extended between the ears and being offset for engagement with the connection between the ears thereby to support the arms and loop past their dead center and in an upstanding position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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