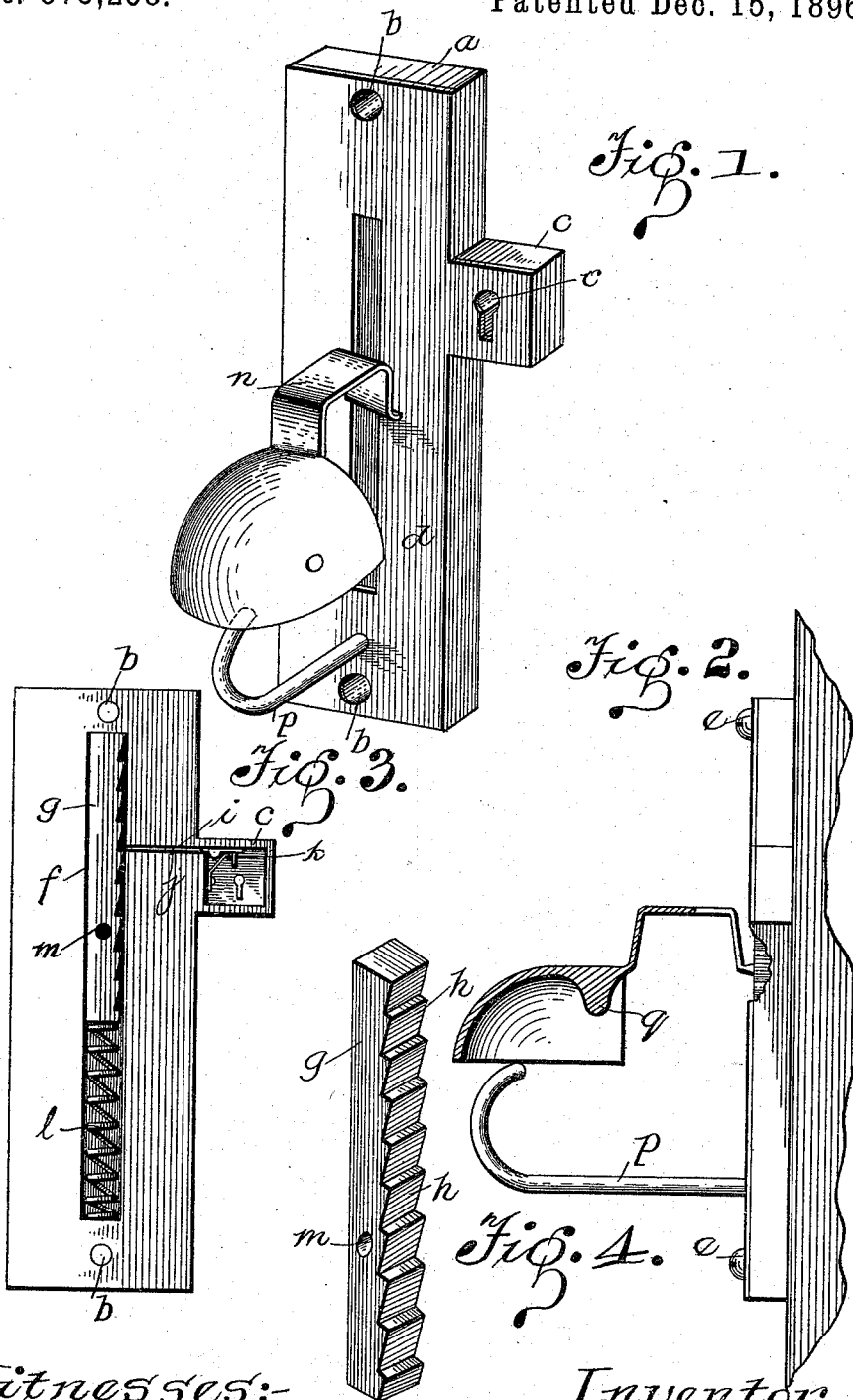


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. BRAND, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat Hooks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hat and coat hooks, and has for its object the provision of new and novel means whereby the coat and hat may be securely locked on the hook and preventing any one but the owner from removing the same.

A further object of the invention is to construct a coat and hat hook of the above-described class that will be extremely simple in its construction, strong, durable, effectual in its operation, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view the invention finally consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangements of parts to be hereinafter more specifically described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In describing the invention in detail, reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hat and coat hook. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a front view with the hook and cap removed.

In the drawings, *a* represents the oblong box, which is provided at each end with holes *b b* for fastening to the wall. This box is provided with an outwardly-extending portion *c*, forming the casing for the locking mechanism. A cover *d* is provided for the box *a* and casing *c*, and is secured thereto by means of the screws *e*, through the holes *b b*, which also fasten the device to the wall. In the interior of the box *a* is provided a casing *f*, in which is a toothed rack *g*, having inclined teeth *h* on its engaging face, in which the locking-bar *i* of the locking mechanism engages. This locking-bar *i* extends through

a slot *j*, leading to the rack, and the locking-bar also carries a lug *k* to receive the key and lock the operating-bar. Between the end of the bar *g* and the lower end of the casing *f* is a spring *l*, which keeps the bar *g* normally in position, and the bar is provided with a hole *m*, in which is inserted an arm *n*, carrying on its outer end a cap *o*, which fits over the hook *p*, which is secured in the cover *d*. This cap *o* is provided on its underneath face with a downwardly-extending flange *q* at the rear of the cap, and the cover *d* is provided with a keyhole *r* for the reception of the key to operate the locking-bar.

The operation of my improved hat and coat hook will be readily apparent from the views of the same which I have shown in the drawings.

We will assume that all parts have been secured in their respective positions and the rack has been fastened to the wall or other place it is desired to fasten the same. When it is desired to lock both the coat and hat on the rack, the strap of the coat can be placed over the hook *p* and the hat is placed on the same. The cap *o* is then pulled down on the hat, which will force the toothed rack downward, compressing the spring, and when the cap fits tightly on the hat the key is turned in the lock, which will force the locking-bar out into engagement with the teeth *h* and retain the cap in this position. The user can carry the key in his pocket and prevent the change of hats or coats, as frequently happens in restaurants, hotels, and the like.

When only the coat is to be locked, the same can be hung on the hook by the collar, and when the cap is forced down the front part and the flange *q* will engage the same and hold it firmly, the operation of the locking being the same as heretofore described, and the hat can be locked in the same manner when it is used as a hat-rack alone.

It will be observed that the device will be particularly useful, as before stated, in hotels and the like, and it will also be noted that various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit of my invention.

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

A hat and coat hook consisting of a box, an outwardly-extending portion forming a locking-casing, a casing secured in said box, a toothed rack provided in said casing, a spring
5 seated in said casing adapted to bear against said rack - bar, a locking - bar projecting through a slot formed from said locking-casing to said casing around said rack-bar, a lug formed on said locking-bar, a spring to press
10 said bar into engagement with the teeth of the rack-bar, an arm carried by said rack-bar, a cap secured on the outer end of said

arm said cap having a downwardly-projecting flange, a hook secured to said casing fitting under said cap, a cover for said casing 15 having a slot through which said arm projects, as and for the purpose described.

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

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