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Fig. 1.

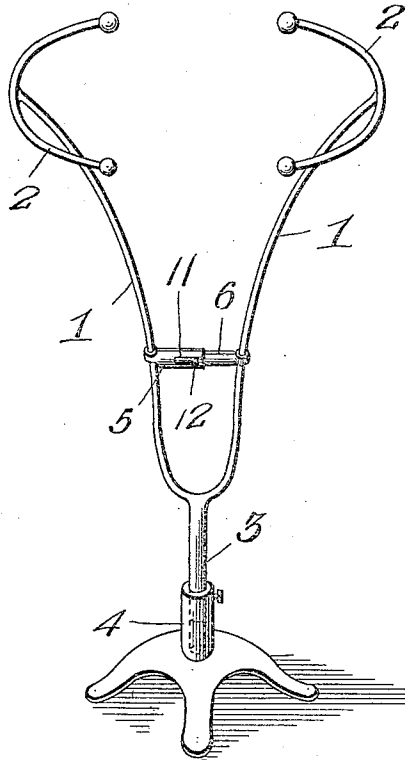


Fig. 6.

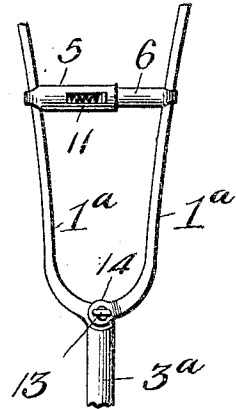


Fig. 4.

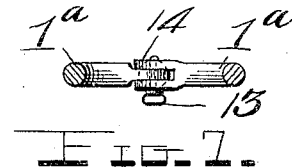
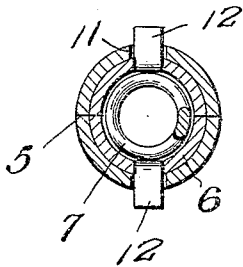


Fig. 2.

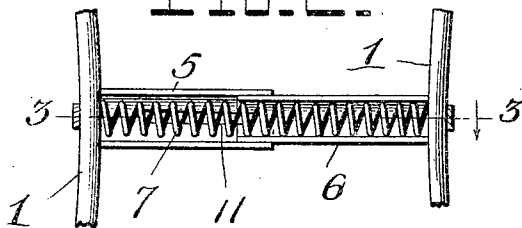


Fig. 3.

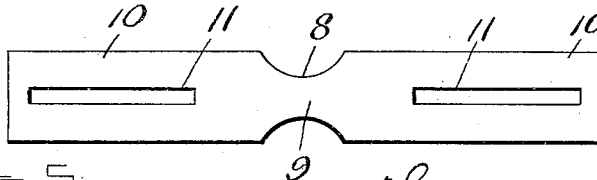
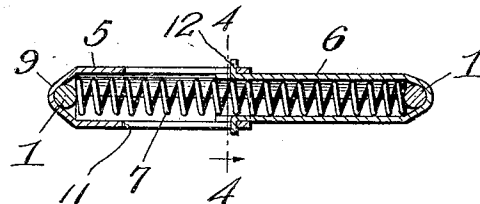


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS M. COLEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Falmouth, in the county of Pendleton and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in display holders for ladies' hats and consists of the novel combination, arrangement and construction of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a display holder or stand of this character which may be readily adjusted to fit a hat of any size and which will effectively hold the hat for display purposes.

The above and other objects of the invention are attained in its preferred embodiment illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hat holder; Fig. 2 is a detail vertical section through the spring connecting and spreading device between the movable arms; Fig. 3 is a detail horizontal section taken on the plane indicated by the line 3—3 in Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a detail vertical transverse section taken on the plane indicated by the line 4—4 in Fig. 3; Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank from which the slotted section of the spreading device is constructed; Fig. 6 is a detail side elevation of portions of a slightly modified form of the invention; and Fig. 7 is a detail horizontal section through the parts shown in Fig. 6.

The invention comprises two diverging arms 1 movable toward and from each other and carrying at their upper ends spreaders 2 of any suitable form and construction adapted to effectively engage and support a lady's hat or the like. As illustrated, these spreaders are in the form of substantially semi-circular-shaped heads with their convex portions turned outwardly or in opposite directions so that they may enter the crown of the hat and engage the opposite sides thereof. The lower ends of the arms 1 may be mounted or connected for movement toward and from each other in any manner, but as illustrated, said arms are

preferably made resilient or of spring material and are united at their lower ends to an upright 3. Said upright is adapted to be removably arranged in a socketed base or stand 4 or any other suitable support. For the purpose of adjustably connecting the arms 1 and effectively spreading them so as to adapt the device for use in hats of different sizes, the connecting and spreading device shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings is provided. While this device may be fixed at any point upon the arms, it is preferably made slidable thereon so that by moving it up or down said arms may be brought closer together or thrown farther apart according to the size of the hat to be placed upon the holder. Said connecting and spreading device consists of two tubular half-sections 5, 6, the outer ends of which engage the arms 1 and the inner ends of which telescope, as shown. Said sections contain a coil spring 7 which actuates them away from each other and hence tends to spread the arms 1, the movement of said sections upon each other being limited by any suitable means, preferably the slot and pin device shown more clearly in Fig. 3. While said tubular sections 5, 6 may be made in any suitable manner, each is preferably constructed from a single piece or blank of sheet metal such as shown in Fig. 5. This blank is of substantially rectangular-shape and has its central portion notched on opposite sides, as indicated at 8, so that when it is bent upon itself at its center, the reduced portion or neck 9 formed by said notches will surround one of the arms 1, as shown more clearly in Fig. 3. The ends 10 of the blank are curved transversely in opposite directions or into semi-cylindrical form so that when their edges are brought together said ends 10 will form one of the tubular sections. The section 5 is formed at opposite points with longitudinal slots 11 to receive a stop pin carried by the other section 6. This stop pin is preferably formed by slitting the inner end of the section 6 at opposite points to provide tongues 12 which are bent outwardly at right angles and into the slots 11 to provide stop pins or fingers, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the invention provides an exceedingly simple

and practical display holder or stand for a lady's hat, that it may be readily adjusted for use in a hat of any size and shape and it will effectively engage and support the
5 hat.

In Figs. 6 and 7 of the drawings I have shown a slightly modified form of the invention in which the arms 1^a are pivotally mounted for movement toward and from each
10 other instead of being resilient as in the form of the invention shown in Fig. 1. As illustrated, one of the arms is integral with the standard 3^a and has its lower end offset therefrom and formed with a transverse opening to receive a pivot 13 preferably in the
15 form of a clamping screw. This pivot or screw passes through the forked lower end 14 of the other arm 1^a, which end 14 straddles the offset lower end of the first mentioned arm 1^a, as clearly shown in Fig. 7
20 of the drawings. By mounting one of the arms for pivotal movement, it may be readily moved toward and from the other and by using the thumb screw 13 as a pivot
25 the movable arm may be frictionally retained in adjusted position. In all other respects, the construction and operation of this embodiment of the invention is the same as that of the one first described.

Having thus described the invention what
is claimed is:

1. A hat holder comprising diverging arms movable toward and from each other and having means at their diverging ends for engaging and supporting a hat and a
35 spring actuated spreading device slidably arranged on said arms, whereby the latter will be normally spread apart and whereby they may be positioned closer to or farther from
40 each other by sliding the device longitudinally upon them.

2. A hat holder comprising diverging arms movable toward and from each other and having means at their diverging ends for engaging and supporting a hat, a
45 connecting and spreading device consisting of slidably engaged tubular sections having their outer ends arranged upon said arms, said sections having means for limiting their
50 sliding movement upon each other and a coil spring arranged within said sections for pressing them apart.

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

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