

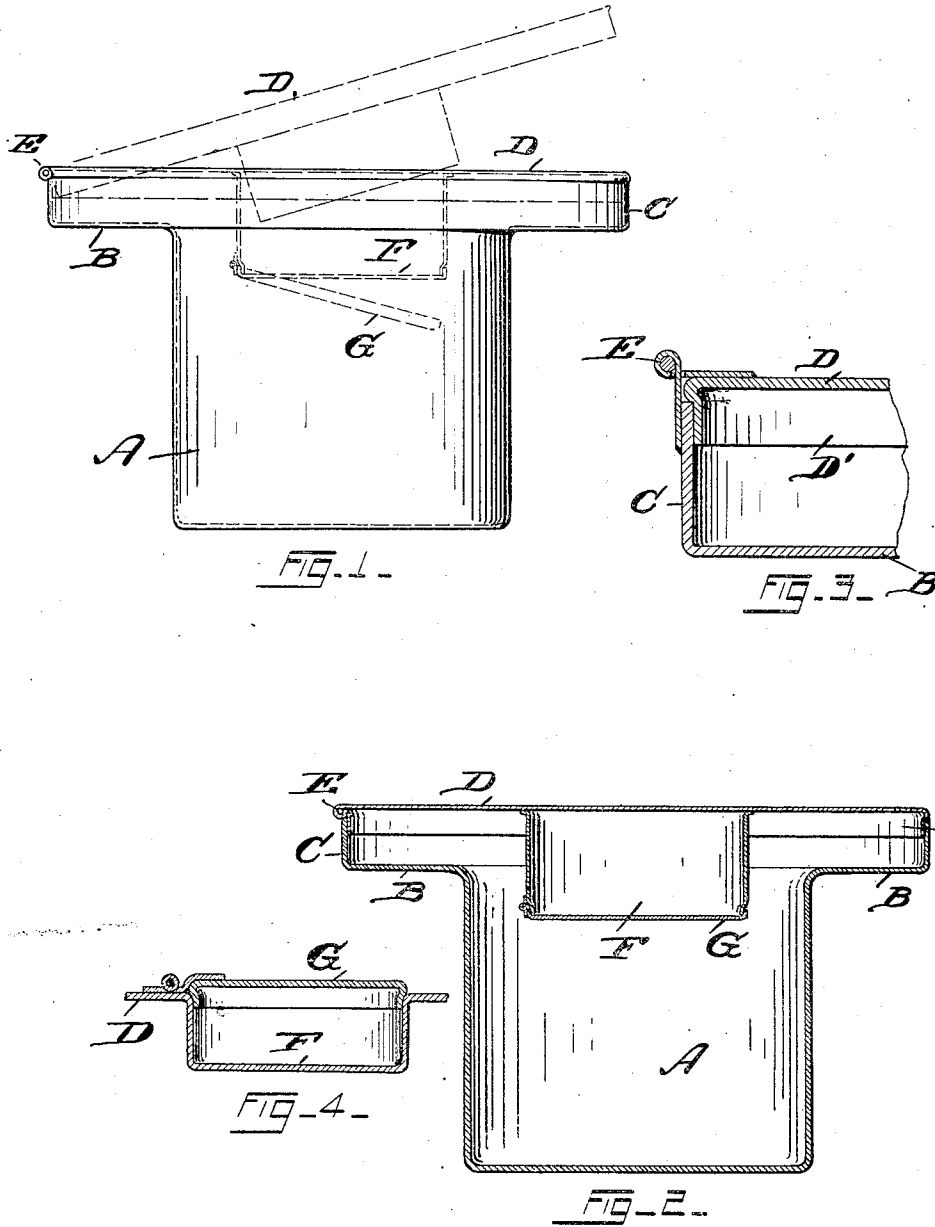
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My invention relates to an improvement in hat boxes shown in the accompanying drawings and more particularly described in the following specification and claims.

5 The primary object of this invention is to provide a traveler's hat box adapted to receive and protect a dress or other hat that it may be secure from dust, dirt or damage in transit.

10 A further object of the invention is to construct the box cover with a chamber adapted to receive collars, ties or other small articles of apparel, extending into the crown of a hat to maintain the latter

15 in spaced relation to the walls of the box. With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds the invention further resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction herein-
20 after described and claimed it being understood that changes may be made in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed without departing from the spirit
25 of the same.

In the drawings accompanying this specification:

30 Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device showing in dotted lines the box cover raised—also the collar chamber and its cover in raised position.

35 Figure 2 is a vertical cross-sectional view through the device shown in Figure 1 constructed of sheet metal with a hinge connecting the cover and box together.

40 Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view showing the box formed of leather, papier-mâché, or other like material, secured together by a suitable hinge.

45 Figure 4 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view through the cover, showing the collar box or receptacle integral therewith—the cover for the latter being hinged to the top of the main cover.

Referring now to the letters of reference placed upon the drawings:

A denotes the box proper in which the crown of a hat may be lodged.

50 B indicates an annular projecting flange adapted to receive the brim of a hat, whereby the latter is supported in spaced relation to the bottom of the box. The flange B is provided with an upturned rim C, to which a cover D is hinged.

55 E denotes the hinge connecting the cover and box together.

The cover D is provided with a downwardly extending flange D¹ adapted to project within the rim of the box.

F denotes a chamber or box extending 60 downwardly from the cover D into the crown of the hat—not shown—to secure the hat against lateral movement or displacement and to provide a receptacle for collars, ties or other small articles of apparel. 65

The box F is provided with a cover G which may be hinged to the underside of the box—as in Figure 2—or to the main cover—as indicated in the modification 70 shown in Figure 4.

It will be noted that the modification shown in Figure 4 adapts itself more readily to a die formation of the cover—the central depression for the collar box being 75 formed simultaneously with the main cover of the hat box.

Attention is especially directed to the fact that the downwardly projecting collar box serves the dual purpose of centering the hat in the box so that its outer surface may not 80 be injured through contact with the side walls of the box, and as a convenient receptacle for collars, ties or other small articles of dress.

Having thus described my invention what 85 I claim is:

1. In a device of the character described, a box formed of sheet metal and circular in horizontal cross-section having at its open 90 end and flush therewith a laterally extending annular flange adapted to support the rim of a hat, said flange having an integral upstanding rim surrounding the flange; a cover hinged to the rim having 95 an integral flange adapted to fit the rim of the box, said cover having also a central downwardly extending portion forming a chamber within the box adapted to enter the crown of a hat when lodged in the box to secure the hat against displacement; and 100 an auxiliary cover hinged to the wall of the first named cover to close the opening into the chambered portion of the latter.

2. In a device of the character described, 105 a box formed of sheet metal and circular in horizontal cross-section having at its open end and flush therewith a laterally extending annular flange adapted to support the rim of a hat, said flange having an integral upstanding rim surrounding the 110 flange; a cover hinged to the rim having an integral flange adapted to fit the rim of the

box, said cover having also a central downwardly extending portion forming a chamber within the box adapted to enter the crown of a hat when lodged in the box to
5 secure the hat against displacement; and an auxiliary cover hinged to the outside of the wall of the first named cover to close the opening into the chambered portion of the

latter, whereby upon raising the last named cover access may be gained to the contents 10 of said chambered portion without raising the main cover or disturbing the hat lodged in the box.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification.

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