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HAT BOX.

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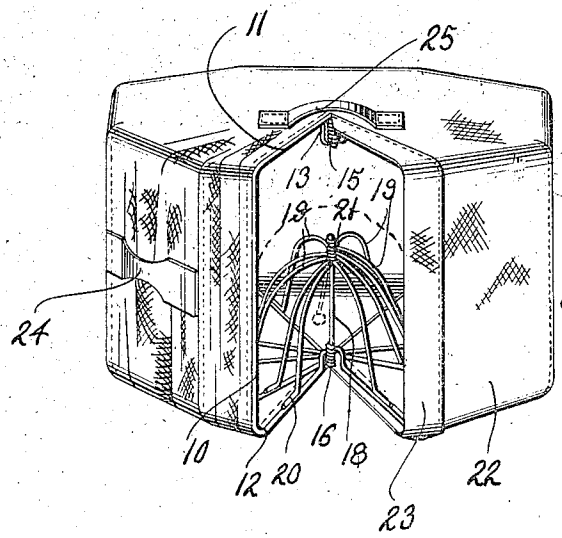
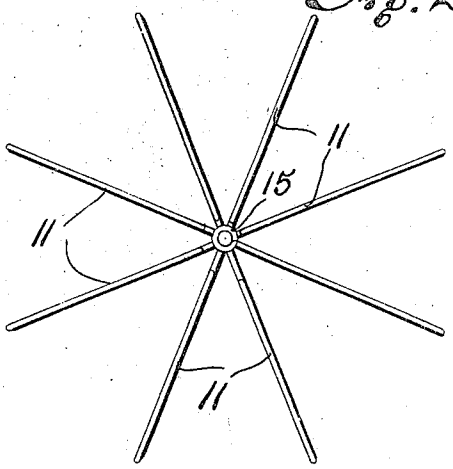


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



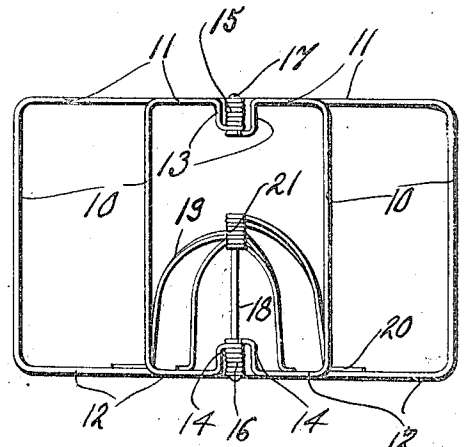


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT H. FECHNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Goliad, in the county of Goliad and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved collapsible hat box and the principal object of the invention is to provide a hat box which will be convenient to use in that it may be folded into a small compact mass when in use and to further so construct this hat box that the hat may be securely held in place when placed in the box and prevented from having any movement therein, thus permitting the box to be placed in any position desired without injuring the hat.

Another object of the invention is to so construct this improved hat box that the frame may be formed of wire having a canvas or other fabric covering.

Another object of the invention is to so construct this hat box that it will be very strong and durable but at the same time very light in construction.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the hat box partially opened.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the wire frame forming part of the hat box.

Fig. 3 is a view in side elevation of the wire frame forming part of the hat box.

The frame shown more clearly in Figs. 2 and 3 is formed from a plurality of U-shaped yokes 10 which have their arms 11 and 12 bent inwardly as shown at 13 and 14 and terminating in eyes 15 and 16. These eyes 15 and 16 are placed in superposed relation upon the pins 17 and 18, the pin 17 simply serving as a pivot pin and the pin 18 serving as a supporting standard for the crown or hat holding means shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This hat holding means or crown is formed from a plurality of wires 19 which have their lower ends bent to provide teeth soldered or otherwise secured to the arms of yokes 10 and have their upper ends provided with eyes 21 positioned in superposed relation upon the pin or standard 18. The canvas cover 22 is placed around the frame and secured to the yokes and is provided with a flap 23 so that when the box is closed the flap 23 will overlap the adjoining edge of the box and thus form a tight closure. Of course, any suitable means can be used for releasably holding the box in a closed position. Straps or hand-holds 24 and 25 are provided so that this box can be conveniently carried.

When this box is in use it is partially opened and the hat put in place with the holding device or crown fitting into the crown of the hat. After the box has been almost completely closed or at any convenient time a hat pin will be fastened through the crown of the hat and of course through the holding crown of the box and the box can then be completely closed. The box can then be carried in any position or placed in any position desired and the hat will not be injured in any way, this being due to the fact that the hat pin holds the hat in tight engagement with the holding crown and prevents it from slipping out of the box. After the hat has been removed from the box the box can be folded into a very compact mass and can then be put away in a very small space such for instance, as a suitcase, satchel or other receptacle.

I have therefore provided a hat box which will be convenient to use and convenient to carry and which is so constructed that the hat will be very securely held in the box thus permitting the box to be carried in any position or placed in any position when set down. It should be further noted that this box is so constructed that it will be strong and durable but at the same time light in construction.

What is claimed is:—

1. A hat box comprising a frame including a plurality of yokes, means pivotally connecting the end portions of the upper arms of said yokes, means pivotally connecting the end portions of the lower arms of said yokes, said last mentioned pivot means constituting a standard, means carried by the lower arms of said yokes and pivotally connected with said standard to constitute a hat engaging element, and a covering for said frame.

2. A hat box comprising a collapsible frame, hat engaging means for fitting into the crown of a hat and carried by said frame and collapsible therewith, and a covering for said frame.

3. A hat box comprising a collapsible frame, hat engaging means carried by said frame and collapsible with the frame, and a covering for said frame.

4. A hat box comprising a collapsible body portion, and collapsible hat engaging means carried by said body portion and collapsible with the same.

5. A hat box comprising a collapsible frame including elements pivotally connected, hat engaging elements carried by said first mentioned elements and pivotally connected to collapse with said first mentioned elements, and a covering for said frame.

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

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