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Fig. 1

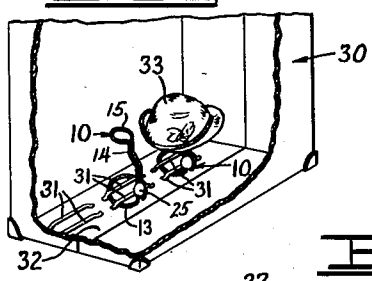


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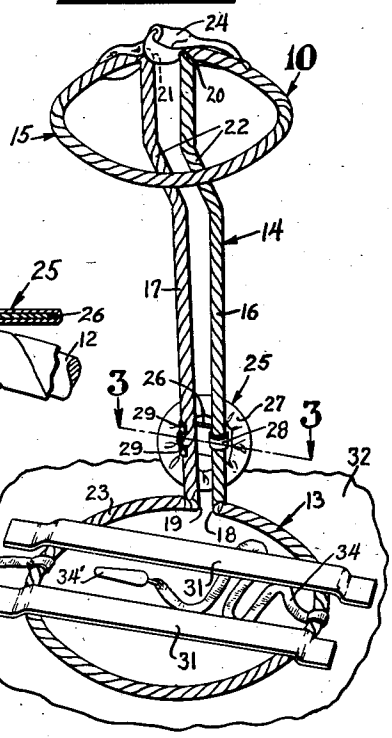


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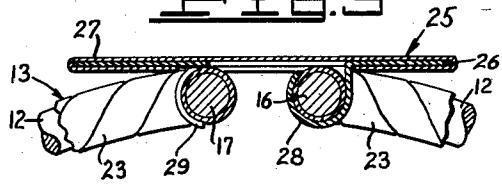


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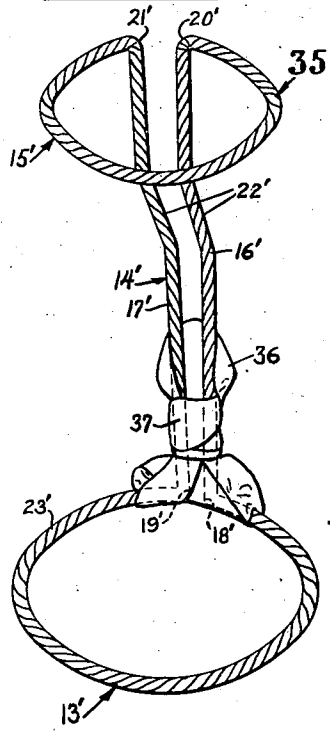


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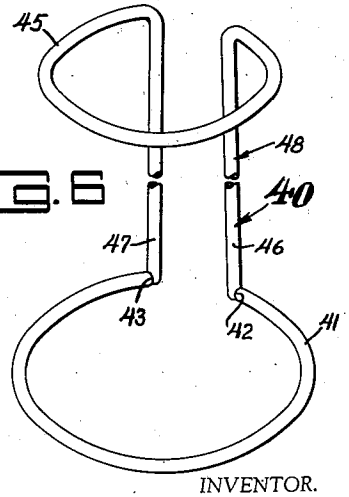
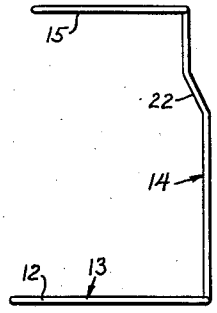


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This invention relates to improvements in hat stands.

The general object of my invention is to provide an improved hat stand for supporting a hat so that the hat will be readily accessible.

A further object of my invention is to provide a hat stand which can be secured in a trunk and which may be removed from the trunk and used for supporting a hat.

Other objects and the advantages of this invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a trunk showing a plurality of my improved hat stands positioned therein;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of my improved hat stand;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of my invention;

Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the frame used in the stand shown in Figs. 2 and 4; and,

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary perspective view of a further modification of my invention.

Referring to the drawing by reference characters, I have indicated my improved hat stand generally at 10. As shown the device 10 is made of wire 12 formed into an annular base portion 13 having a leg 14 extending upwardly therefrom to support an annular hat rest portion 15.

As shown the leg 14 is formed of two spaced wires 16 and 17 which at their lower ends join ends 18 and 19 of the base 13 and at their upper ends join ends 20 and 21 of the hat rest 15. The diameter of the hat rest 15 is less than the diameter of the base and to arrange the axis of the hat rest 15 coaxial with the axis of the base 13 each of the wires of the leg 14 are bent inwardly as at 22. The base 13, leg wires 16 and 17 and the hat rest 15 may be made of a single piece of wire and are covered with a cloth material, as indicated at 23, by winding it thereupon.

Adjacent the juncture of the leg wires with the hat rest I secure the ends 20 and 21 of the hat rest together by means of a cloth ornament 24 which may be a ribbon bow which is sewed to the cloth covering of the hat rest.

Adjacent the lower end of the leg 14 I provide thereon a clasp member 25. As shown the clasp 25 includes a metal body portion 26 having a covering of cloth 27 thereon. The body of the clasp includes a tongue portion 28 which is formed around the leg wire 16 and by means of which the clasp 25 pivots on the axis of the leg wire 16. The clasp body 26 further includes a pair of spaced semi-circular finger members 29 which are adapted to releasably engage the leg wire 17. When the fingers 29 of the clasp 25 are out of engagement with the leg wire 17 the resilience of the base wire moves the ends 18 and 19 thereof away from each other thereby increasing the circumference of the base 13.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2 when one or more of my improved hat stands are to be used in a trunk such as indicated at 30, I provide a pair of spaced cloth loops for each rack. These loops 31 are suitably mounted on the bottom 32 of the trunk.

In placing a hat stand 10 in position in the trunk the ends 18 and 19 are moved towards each other and the clasp 25 is swung into an operative position as shown in Fig. 2 wherein the fingers 29 of the clasp engage the wire 17 of the leg thereby retaining the base 13 in a contracted position. A lady's hat such as indicated at 33 is then placed on the hat rest 15 and may if desired be secured thereto by pinning the hat to the cloth covering of the rat rest. Thereafter, the base 13 of the hat rest is slipped under a pair of the cloth strips 31 in the trunk. The clasp 25 is then swung to a release position disengaging the fingers 29 from the leg wire 17 thereby allowing the base 13 to expand and firmly engage under the loops 31.

Instead of pinning a hat to the material of the support portion 15, I prefer to employ cords or tapes 34 secured to the base 13 by wrapping them therearound and sewing them to the material 28 of the base (see Fig. 2). The opposite end of each tape 34 is suitably secured to a spring clip member 34'.

After a hat has been positioned on the support portion 15, the clip member 34' is attached to any suitable portion of the hat, such as the brim or the lining, to hold the hat on the device.

In Fig. 4, I have indicated a modified form of my invention generally at 35. As shown the device 35 is similar to the device 10 with the exception that the ornament 24 and the clasp 25 are omitted so therefore I have indicated the portions of the device 35 which are similar to the device 10 by similarly primed reference numerals. Adjacent the lower end of the leg 14' I provide a cloth ornament 36 which includes a portion 37 surrounding the leg wires 16' and 17' which retains the leg wires in a fixed position thus the circumference of the base 13' remains the same at all times.

In Fig. 5, I have indicated a further modified form of my invention generally at 40. As shown

the device 40 includes an annular wire base 41 having spaced ends 42 and 43. Spaced above the base 41 the device includes an annular wire hat rest 45 which is of less diameter than the base 41. The wire forming the hat rest 45 is bent downwardly in two lengths 46 and 47, to form a leg 48. The lower ends of the wires 46 and 47 are secured to the ends 42 and 43 of the base 41 as by welding them thereto.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that I have provided a novel hat stand which is simple in construction and highly efficient in use.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A hat stand, said hat stand including an annular base portion made of wire and including spaced ends, a hat rest portion, means to secure said hat rest portion to said ends, said means including a pair of spaced legs joined at one end to the spaced ends of said base and a clasp member mounted on one of said leg wires and adapted to releasably engage the other of said leg wires.

2. In combination with a support including a pair of spaced loops, a hat stand, said hat stand including an annular expanding base, a hat rest portion mounted on said base, said base being positioned beneath said loops and being expanded to tightly engage said loops and a flexible cord having a clasp thereon secured to said base.

3. A hat stand, said hat stand including an annular base portion made of wire and including spaced ends, a hat rest portion, said hat rest portion being spaced from said base and being annular and of less diameter than said base, said hat rest portion including spaced ends and a leg member, said leg member being formed of a pair of spaced wires joined at one end to the spaced ends of said base and at the opposite ends to said spaced ends of said hat rest portion.

4. A hat stand, said hat stand including an annular base portion made of wire and including spaced ends, a hat rest portion, said hat rest portion being spaced from said base and being annular and of less diameter than said base, the axis of said base and said hat rest being approximately in alignment, said hat rest portion including spaced ends, a leg member, said leg member being formed of a pair of spaced wires joined at one end to the spaced ends of said base and at the opposite ends to said spaced ends of said hat rest portion, said leg wires having inwardly bent portions intermediate their lengths, a distance equal to the difference in the diameters of said base and said hat rest portion.

5. In combination with a support including a bottom portion, a pair of spaced fabric strips on said bottom portion, the ends of said strips being secured to said bottom portion with their intermediate portions free, a hat stand, said hat stand including an annular base portion made of wire and including spaced ends and a leg member, said leg member being formed of a pair of spaced wires joined at one end to the spaced ends of said base and at the opposite ends to said spaced ends of said hat rest portion, said base being positioned beneath to expand and tightly engage said strips.

6. A hat stand, said hat stand including an annular base portion made of wire and including spaced ends, a hat rest portion, said hat rest portion being spaced from said base and being annular in shape and of less diameter than said base, said hat rest portion including spaced ends, a leg member, said leg member being formed of a pair of spaced wires joined at one end to the spaced ends of said base and at the opposite ends to said spaced ends of said hat rest portion, said leg wires having inwardly bent portions intermediate their lengths and a clasp member, said clasp member being pivotally mounted on one of said leg wires and including finger members adapted to releasably engage the other of said leg wires.

7. A hat stand, said hat stand including an annular base portion made of wire and including spaced ends, a hat rest portion, said hat rest portion being spaced from said base and being annular in shape and of less diameter than said base, the axis of said base and said hat rest being approximately in alignment, said hat rest portion including spaced ends, a leg member, said leg member being formed of a pair of spaced wires joined at one end to the spaced ends of said base and at the opposite ends to said spaced ends of said hat rest portion, said leg wires having inwardly bent portions intermediate their lengths, said base portion, said hat rest portion and said leg wire having a fabric covering thereon, an ornament member, said ornament member being secured to said hat rest portion adjacent each side of said spaced ends to restrict movement of said base ends away from each other.

8. A hat stand, said hat stand including an annular base portion made of wire and including spaced ends, a hat rest portion, said hat rest portion being spaced from said base and being annular, said hat rest portion including spaced ends, a leg member, said leg member being formed of a pair of spaced wires joined at one end to the spaced ends of said base and at the opposite ends to said spaced ends of said hat rest portion, said base portion, said hat rest portion and said leg wire having a fabric covering thereon, an ornament member, said ornament member being secured to said hat rest portion adjacent each side of said spaced ends to prevent movement of said hat rest ends away from each other and a clasp member mounted on one of said leg wires and including means to releasably engage the other of said leg wires.

9. In combination with a support including a pair of spaced fabric strips, the ends of said strips being secured to said support with their intermediate portions free, a hat stand, said hat stand including an annular base portion made of wire and including spaced ends, a hat rest portion, said hat rest portion being spaced from said base and being annular and of less diameter than said base, said hat rest portion including spaced ends, a leg member, said leg member being formed of a pair of spaced wires joined at one end to the spaced ends of said base and at the opposite ends to said spaced ends of said hat rest portion, a clasp member, said clasp member being pivotally mounted on one of said leg wires and including finger members adapted to releasably engage the other of said leg wires, said base being adapted to be positioned beneath said strips and said clasp thereafter being adapted to be swung to a released position whereupon the resiliency of said base wire expands said base into tight engagement with said strips.

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