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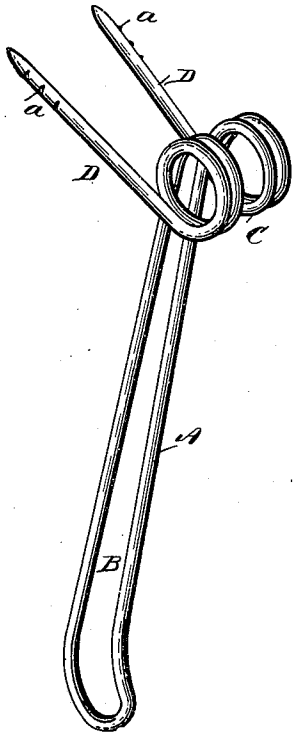

Fig. 1.

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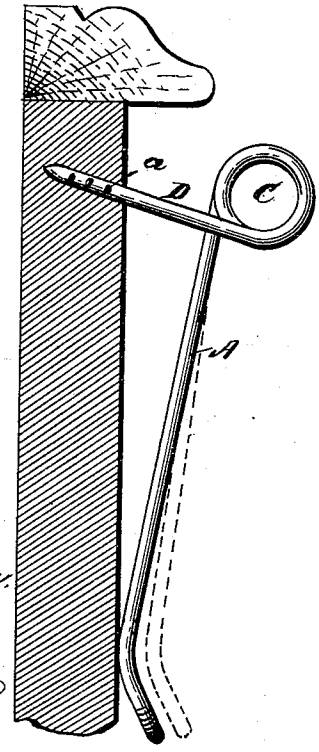

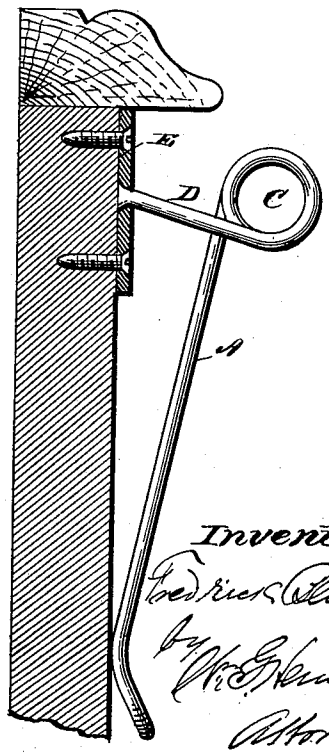

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDRICK BLINZLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Blakeslee, in the county of Williams and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to holders for hats and other articles; and it has for its object to provide a holder which shall be simple, cheap, and strong in construction, and can be securely and permanently attached to the back of a chair, pew, or other object, and will clasp or clamp the hat or other article between the back of the seat and the holder itself, the holder conforming to the inclination of the back; and the invention consists in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter particularly described, and then specifically defined by the claim.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective of the holder and back of a pew to which it is attached. Fig. 2 is a side view of the holder with its object of support in vertical section. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, with the ends secured to a plate.

In the drawings, the letter A designates a wire or rod of metal bent or folded at about its middle to form a looped finger or arm, B, with its lower end curved outwardly to afford a rest or bearing for the finger in pulling or drawing outward the arm for the insertion of a hat between it and a back support therefor. The rod at, say, two points between its ends, or at one point on each extension between each end and the end of the loop, is coiled, as at C, one or more times, as shown, to form a spring for holding the looped arm against the hat-brim, which may be inserted under it, and the two free ends D of the rod are then projected at an angle to the prolonged finger B, preferably on the outside of the two sides of the finger, so as to form staples for entering the support or base for the holder. The ends D are pointed and their sides formed with barbs *a*, so that when forced into the back of a pew or other support the holder will be securely held to its place. By projecting the free ends across the outside of the finger or arm B the finger will be braced by the ends and the coil made stronger and not so apt to be spread out, and by forming the coil as shown, so as to be forward of or on the outer face of the finger, with the free ends running backward therefrom, the coil, and consequently the spring, will be stiffened when the finger is drawn outward, which would not be the case if the coil were on the back of the finger.

In attaching the holder to the back of a chair or pew the free ends D are driven upwardly at an inclination or obliquely to the plane of the back, so as to give a stronger bearing for the holder and the better to hold the finger to the face of the pew-back.

Instead of forcing the free ends D into the back of the pew, they may be connected to a plate, E, by passing them through the same and upsetting their ends or otherwise securing them to the plate, and then by screws or other well-known means securing the plate to the back of the pew. In either case, however, the rod will be formed into the looped finger with the two ends projecting rearwardly therefrom and the coil intermediate of said ends and the lower end of the finger.

The advantage of this construction of holder in addition to those advantages already set forth is that it can not only be formed of a single piece of rod or wire, but that it is very simple and strong, and when attached to the back of a pew or chair it will hug close to such back and conform to the inclination thereof, and thus permit the suspension of the hat close to the back, so as not to interfere with persons passing back and forth behind the same or through the rows of seats.

Under the construction illustrated a satchel or other article having a loop, or that will hang from a hook, may be suspended, as the coil forms a knob that will prevent it from slipping off and securely hold it thereon.

I am aware that broom-holders have been made with hinged sides held down by spring-wire coiled between its ends, the wire below the coil forming a loop-finger, and its ends above the loop extended upwardly and then inwardly and soldered to the upper portion of the holder.

I am also aware that paper and bill files have been made of wire coiled between its ends to give spring to the file.

My invention, however, relates to a different subject-matter, and differs therefrom in construction in the ends of the wire extending directly to the rear of the coil, so that the coil not only forms a spring, but also a knob for holding on the extended ends of the wire such articles as may be suspended therefrom.

I am also aware that a patent has been granted for a label-holder for freight-cars, composed of a plate having lateral arms around which is coiled a wire the ends of which are extended downwardly back of said plate, and then bent forwardly and passed through the plate to its front, so as to pierce a label applied to the plate, the front or looped portion of the wire bearing against the front of the plate, so as to press the label onto the points of the wire and hold it against the plate. My invention differs therefrom in having the ends of the wire pass directly rearward at an angle to the loop at the lower portion of the coil and outside of the loop, whereby said extended ends are made to brace the looped finger, as described, and to constitute an arm on which any article may be hung, and from which it may be effectually kept from slipping by the knob, so that the holder is rendered capable of discharging the twofold function of clasping an article by its finger and of affording a hook from which an article may be suspended from above the finger.

Having described my invention and set forth its merits, what I claim is—

A hat-holder composed of a single wire bent to form a loop-finger, B, with an outwardly-turned end, and a coil, C, between the end of said finger and the two ends D of the wire, the said ends being extended directly rearwardly at an angle from the lower portion of the two sides of said looped finger, substantially as described.

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

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