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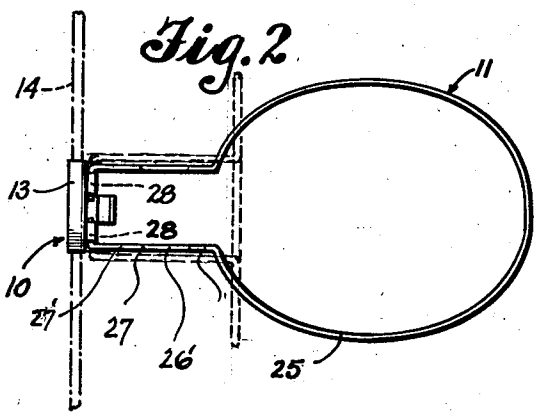


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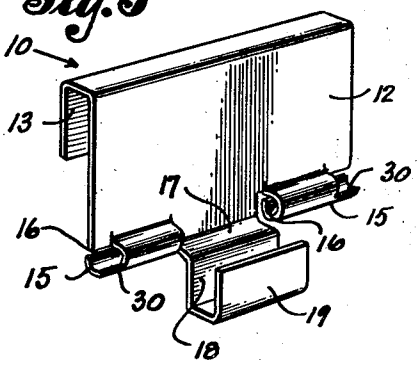


Fig. 1

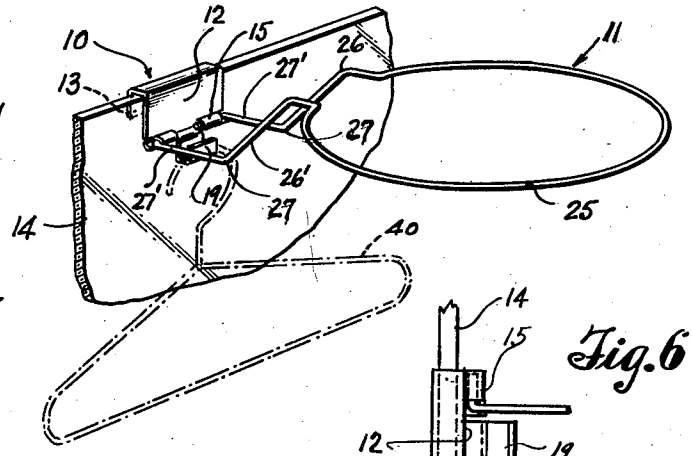


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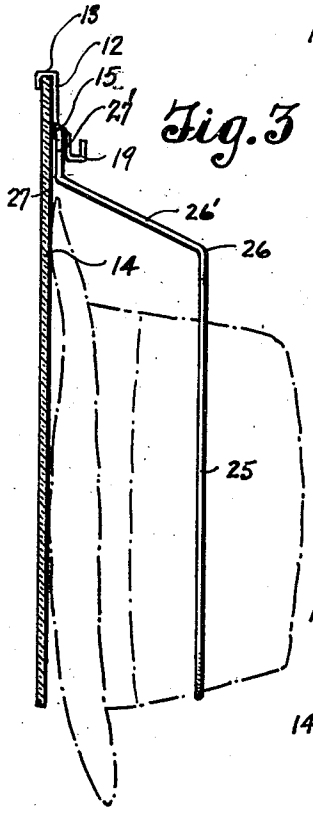


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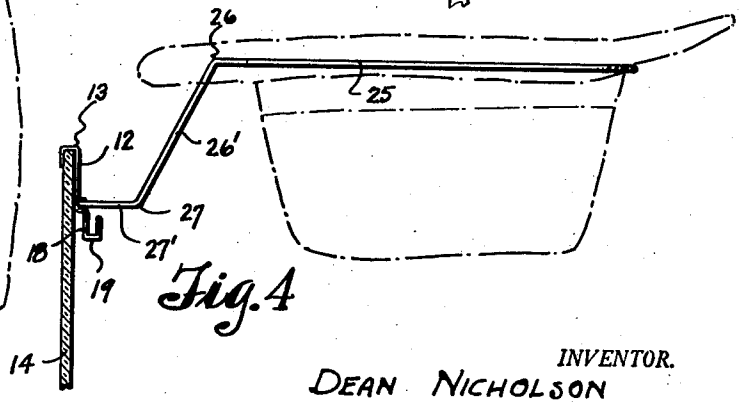


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to hat holders and hanger supports, and it has reference more particularly to devices of that character designed for convenient use in the ordinary types of automobiles; it being the principal object of the invention to provide a practical, relatively inexpensive and easy to apply device for the holding of a hat and for the support of one or more coat hangers or similar types of articles.

More specifically stated, the present invention resides in the provision of a device of the above stated character comprising an attaching clip made from a single piece of sheet metal, and so bent or formed that it can be applied to the top edge of a window glass, as used in the automobile, and a hat holder made from a single length of wire, bent to loop form and pivotally secured at its ends in the attaching clip; the said loop serving to receive the hat in a position of support and being adapted to be swung to a position out of the way when not in use.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a device as above stated wherein the clip is formed with a hook to which a coat hanger may be applied for its functional use.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and combination of parts and in the mode of use of the device as will hereinafter be fully described.

In accomplishing these and other objects of the invention, I have provided the improved details of construction, the preferred forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the present hat holder and hanger support as applied for use to the top edge of a window glass.

Fig. 2 is a top, or plan view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a side view of the hanger as applied to the glass, and indicating one way of its use for support of a hat.

Fig. 4 is a side view, illustrating another mode of application of the device to the glass panel and manner of applying a hat thereto.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the clip in one of its forms of construction.

Fig. 6 is a view of another form of clip and the mode of application of the hat holding loop thereto.

Referring more in detail to the drawings—

The present device is of two piece construction, comprising the clip or attaching portion, designated in its entirety by reference numeral **10**, and the hat holder that is designated in its entirety by reference numeral **11**.

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The clip is preferably formed from a single piece of thin sheet metal, cut and bent to the form shown in Fig. 5. It comprises a rectangular, vertically disposed body portion **12**, with an outwardly and then downwardly bent hook forming portion **13** across its top edge, designed to be applied over the horizontal top edge portion of the window glass panel **14** of an automobile, as has been clearly illustrated in Fig. 1. The lower edge of the body portion **12** of the clip is formed, adjacent the opposite side edges of the piece, with inwardly turned and then downwardly, outwardly and upwardly curled parts **15—15** which form axially aligned tubular sockets **16—16**. Between these sockets, the body **12** has an integrally formed and rather extended flange with an inwardly directed portion **17**, a continuing downwardly directed portion **18**, then an outwardly and upwardly turned part **19** forming an upwardly opening hook that depends below the axial line of the sockets **16—16** and is inwardly offset from the plane of the flat body portion **12**; this relationship being shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

In that form of construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the hat holder is made from a single length of stiff wire, bent to form an oval loop **25**, to receive a hat therein either as in Fig. 3, or as shown in Fig. 4. The end portions of the wire extend from one end of the loop for a short distance in parallel relationship, and are then bent in the same direction, as at **26**, to provide the two leg portions **26'—26'**. Then they are again angularly bent, as at **27**, to provide the two extending portions **27'—27'** which lie in a plane parallel to the plane of the loop **25**, and these portions terminate in inwardly turned, and axially aligned toe portions **28—28**, shown best in Fig. 2, that are pivotally contained in the axially aligned sockets **16—16** of the clip **10**.

It is to be observed by reference to Fig. 5, that, at their outer ends, the cylindrically curled socket forming parts **15—15** are cut away above the horizontal axial plane so as to provide upwardly facing shoulders **30—30** which have a particular function, presently to be explained, for horizontally supporting the wire loop.

The loop **25** can be used in two ways for the support of a hat; either as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, or as in Fig. 3. When the supporting clip is applied to the supporting glass panel **14**, its body portion **12** is engaged flatly against the inside surface of the glass panel, and the hook portion **13** is applied over the top edge of the panel. The wire loop **25** can then be brought to and held in a substantially horizontally extended position as

in Fig. 4, and the hat dropped into the loop crown first, and with brim rested on the loop. It will be understood from the showing in Figs. 1, 4 and 5 that when the loop is thus extended, the parts 27' that are immediately adjacent the inturned toes 28—28, will rest upon the upwardly facing shoulders 30—30 and the loop thereby held in the horizontal position.

In another manner of use, the loop 25 is allowed to depend from the clip as shown in Fig. 3. The clip 10 is applied to the glass panel in the same way as for the horizontal support of the loop, but the leg portions 27'—27' are pulled apart so that they are disengaged from the shoulders 30—30, thus allowing the loop to swing down to the position of Fig. 3. In this position, the hat is received from the inside and with the hat brim engaged against the glass panel. The leg portions 27'—27', and the loop 25 assume the dotted line position of Fig. 2 when the device is used in the manner shown in Fig. 3.

In the alternative form of construction that is shown in Fig. 6, the toes at the ends of the leg portions 27'—27' are turned outwardly in axial alignment to enter the aligned sockets 16—16 from their inner ends, and the shoulders 30—30 are there formed at the inner ends of the tubular sockets 16 to serve the same purpose in the same way as in the previously described form of device.

The wire used to form the loop 25 and its supporting or suspending portions have sufficient stiffness to retain its functional relationship to the clip. It can be easily sprung to disengage the parts 27' from the shoulders 30 when it is desired to adjust the loop to the position of Fig. 3.

In using the device in the manner shown either in Fig. 1 or Fig. 3 the hook 13 of the clip is applied to the top edge of the panel, and the hook 19 is thereby placed in position for the application of the hook of a coat hanger, or the like, thereto; such a hanger being shown in dotted lines and designated by reference numeral 40.

Such devices are relatively inexpensive, easy to apply or remove from position of use, and well and effectively serve their intended purposes.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:

A hat holder and hanger of the character described comprising a supporting clip and a hat holding loop; said clip comprising a flat body portion, formed along the top and lower edges with hook forming portions turned in opposite directions, said clip being provided at opposite sides and between the oppositely turned hooks, with spaced, horizontally and axially aligned tubular sockets, and the hat holding loop comprising a single piece of wire bent to provide an oval loop in which a hat can be received and held, and to provide leg portions extending from each end of the loop, and formed at their ends with toe portions, bent to axial alignment and pivotally contained in said sockets; said socket forming portions having shoulders at their ends against which the leg portions of the wire can be rested, for the horizontal support of the loop, and from which they can be disengaged to permit the loop to depend freely for the clip.

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