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HAT CARRIER.

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Fig. I.

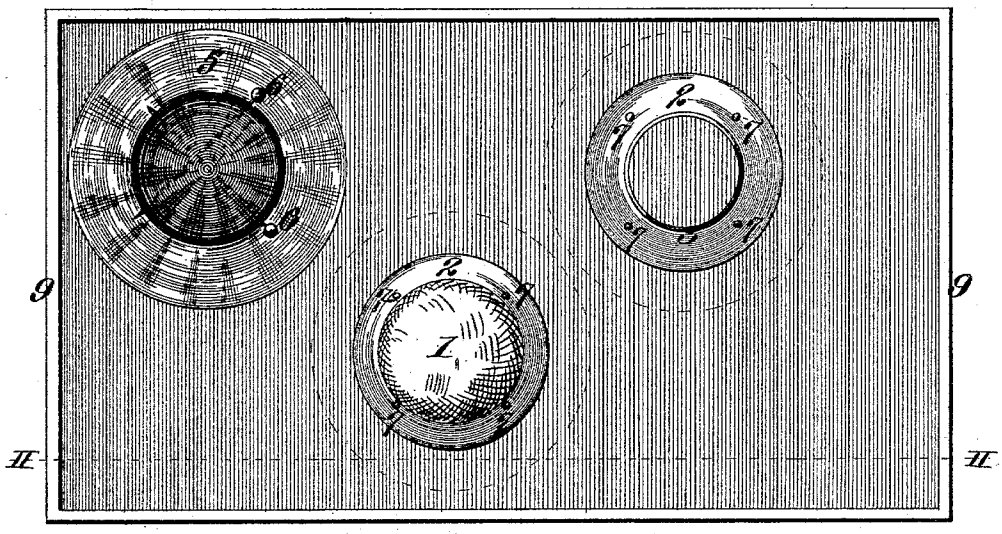


Fig. II.



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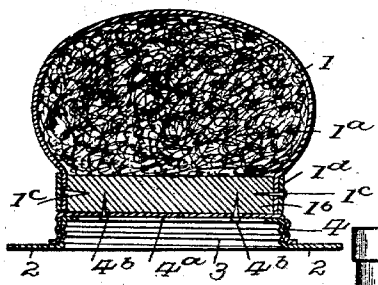


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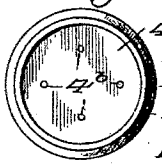


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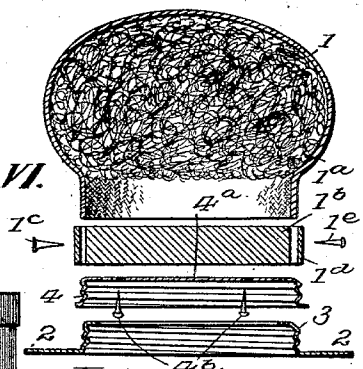
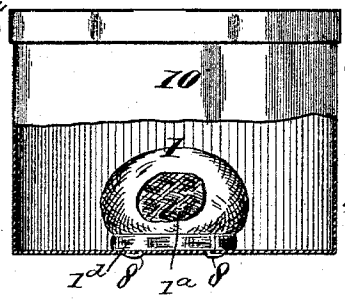


Fig. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE W. HAWLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Hat-Carriers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and durable device by means of which ladies' hats may be safely carried in trunks, bandboxes, or the like without danger of injury.

It has been a great difficulty to succeed in properly carrying ladies' hats, especially in the trays of trunks, in order to protect them against the destruction of the delicate materials and ornaments which cannot be closely packed. To overcome this difficulty I, have provided the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure I shows a top view of a trunk-tray in which are placed my improved hat-carriers. Fig. II is a vertical section thereof, taken along the line II II of Fig. I. Fig. III shows a side view of a bandbox partly broken away, in which a modified form of the hat-carrier is placed. Fig. IV is a bottom view of the cushion portion. Fig. V is an axial section taken along the line V V, Fig. II. Fig. VI is a similar view showing the parts detached.

1 is a cushion-covering made of plush or any suitable material, and which is stuffed with a packing 1^a, of moss, excelsior, or the like. It is secured to a wooden base or a flat block 1^b by means of fastenings 1^c, and a band 1^d, secured by fastenings 1^e, and forms a large cushion of approximately the size and shape of the human head.

2 is the base-plate of a flat standard, of metal or other material, adapted to be secured to the bottom, side, or top of a trunk-tray, and provided with a slight circular projection 3 at right angles thereto, bearing a screw-thread. About the wooden base is a second screw 4, formed on a plate 4^a, secured to the wooden base by fastenings 4^b, and which is adapted to engage that of the projection 3.

5 is a hat which may be firmly secured to the cushion 1 by means of ordinary hat-pins 6.

The standard may be secured to the trunk-tray by means of rivets, nails, or screws 7.

A modified form of the device is shown in Fig. III, in which the cushion-base is secured directly to the bandbox or other receptacle by means of the binders 8, which pass through the box and then are bent over and clenched.

9 is the trunk-tray, and 10 is the bandbox, in which it is intended to carry the hats.

As shown in Fig. I, a trunk-tray may be arranged to carry a number of hats by having several of the standards secured at convenient distances therein, but in case all are not needed for use only such cushions may be screwed thereon as are necessary, thereby economizing the additional space.

It will be readily seen that the hat, when placed on the cushion and pinned thereto, is as safely secured as when on the head of the wearer. In no matter what position the trunk may be placed the hat is protected from being thrown against the sides of the tray or compartment.

The device may be made very elaborately or very cheaply. A cheap form, such as is shown in Fig. III, is adapted to be placed in ordinary bandboxes for milliners' temporary use. Expensive forms adapted for permanent use in trunks may be constructed without departing from the essential features of my invention.

While I have described the cushion as of approximately the size and shape of the human head, I find it serves the purpose to construct it considerably smaller than the head.

In the case of applying the device to hat-trunks my invention may be applied to any or all the four sides, top, or bottom of the said trunk or tray.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A hat-carrier comprising the flat block 1^b, a covering, a packing, fastenings for se-

curing the covering to the block, and means for securing the carrier to a receptacle; substantially as described.

2. A hat-carrier comprising a block, a covering, a packing, means for securing the covering to the block, the plate secured to the block formed with a pendent screw-thread, and the flat standard formed with a base-plate having a slight circular screw-threaded projection; substantially as described.

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