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HAT GUARD.
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Fig. 1.

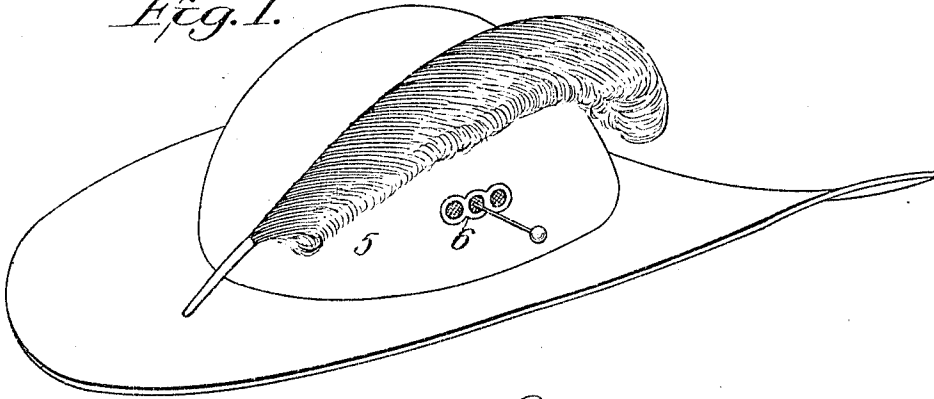


Fig. 2.

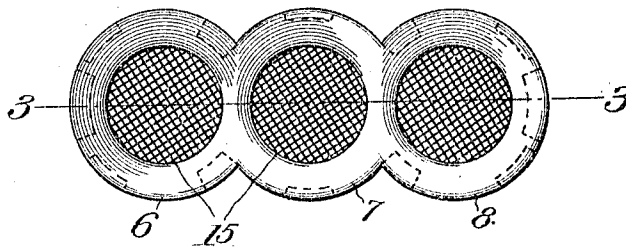


Fig. 3.

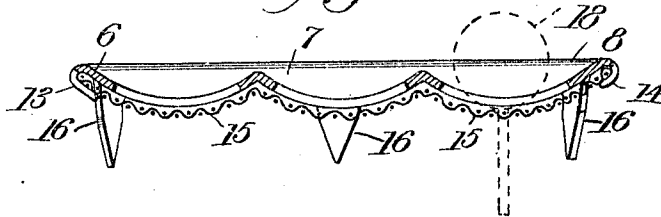
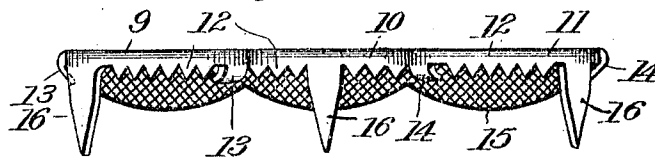


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT S. WIESENFELD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is in the nature of a guard for preventing injury of the material of
10 ladies' hats in the repeated use of hat pins for securing the hat upon the head.

The object of the invention is to provide a guard preferably of metal, through which
15 the hat pin may be inserted as often as desired, without piercing and repiercing the material of the hat, and with this object in view the invention consists in the improved
20 construction, arrangement and combination of parts of such a device which will be hereinafter fully described and afterward specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawing in which I have illustrated an embodiment of my invention, Figure 1 represents a perspective
25 view of a lady's hat, without trimming, showing one of my improved guards in position thereon. Fig. 2 represents an enlarged detail view in elevation of the guard detached from the hat, the securing prongs
30 being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 3 represents a longitudinal sectional view taken on the plane 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 represents a view in elevation of the improved guard ready to be placed in position upon a hat.

35 Like reference characters mark the same parts wherever they occur in the various figures of the drawing.

Referring specifically to the drawing, 5
40 indicates the crown of a lady's hat upon which, as seen in Fig. 1, my improved hat guard 6 is attached.

My improved hat guard comprises one or more metallic rings 6, 7 or 8, or any two or more of them, there being in this instance
45 shown three rings made of a single piece of metal. Obviously one or more of these rings might be omitted or more than three rings combined in the same manner. These rings may be flat or dished, as shown in Fig. 3.
50 In either case their outer edges are turned inward, as at 9, 10, 11, and such inwardly turned edges are provided with saw-tooth prongs 12 to enter the material of the hat to prevent displacement of the guard. The
55 rings are further provided with prongs 13,

14, which are intended to be turned inward to embrace the edges of a piece of open work screen, as shown at 15 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, so as to hold the rings and the metal open work
or screen together when detached from the
60 hat. Projecting inward from the rings are also long prongs 16 which are intended to be pierced through the material of the hat and bent either inward toward the center of the
ring or outward therefrom in order to hold
65 the complete device in position upon the hat.

Preferably the material of the hat will be cut away coincidently with the interior of the rings and a guard will be placed upon
each side of the hat. The open metal work
70 15 may be of wire screening, or may be made of perforated metal if so desired.

To place the guard in position upon the hat, the same numbers of holes having been
made in the hat as there are rings in the
75 guard, the guard is placed in position to have the openings of the rings register with the openings in the material of the hat. It is now pressed against the hat until the
prongs 16 pierce the hat and the saw-tooth
80 prongs 12 bear against the outer surface, and sink slightly into the felt or other material of the hat body. The prongs are now bent, as before stated, either inward or outward
and clenched thus holding the guard rigidly
85 in position.

In use a hat pin, as shown at 18, is pierced through the perforate metal, passed entirely
through the hat as is usual and passed out
through the perforate metal of the guard on
90 the opposite side of the hat. The hat will be firmly held in position and the pin may be withdrawn and replaced as often as necessary without injuring the material of the
95 hat.

By providing a plurality of rings, the location of the hat pin with reference to the hat may be varied to suit circumstances, thus
expanding the utility of the device.

Whenever it may be desired to either repair
100 or replace any part of the guard, it may be removed by simply straightening out the prongs 16 and withdrawing them from the material of the hat. The perforate metal 15
may now be removed and a new sheet inserted,
105 after which the guard may be again placed in position.

It is obvious that guards of this character may be removed from an old hat and secured
to a new one, and that the metal may be
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gold, silver, gilt, aluminum, nickel, bronze or any other metal to contrast properly with the color of the material of the hat. If desired, precious or imitation stones may be
5 attached to the plates for further ornamentation, or any special design may be stamped in the metal of the rings.

Upon understanding the operation of the invention, it will be obvious also that the
10 metal plate which I have designated as a plurality of rings, may be a single metal plate with one or a plurality of openings of any other form than circular, the perforate sheet of metal being shaped to correspond
15 thereto as well as the openings in the material of the hat.

In addition to the use of this device as a hat pin guard, it also performs the function

of a hat ventilator and its use for this purpose will add considerably to its value. 20

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A guard of the character described, comprising a metallic ring, having saw-tooth
25 prongs projecting inwardly from its edge to engage the material of a hat, a piece of perforate metal secured to the inside of the ring, and means for securing the guard to the material of the hat. 30

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

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