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Fig. 1.

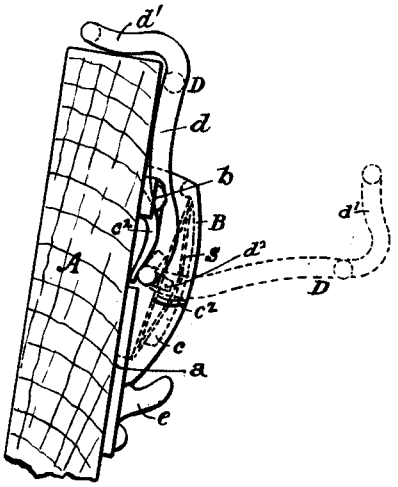


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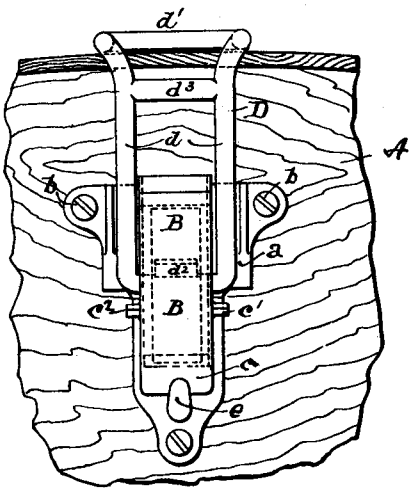
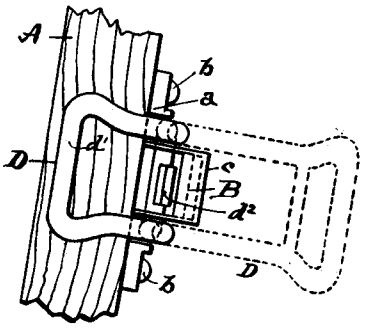


Fig. 3.



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HOLDING DEVICE FOR CLOTHING, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA V D. BLAIR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Holding Devices for Clothing, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for holding "wraps" or other clothing, hats, &c., in theaters and places of public assembly, and is intended to be placed on the backs of chairs, its object being to produce a convenient device adapted to the requirements of the situation and fulfil certain conditions, which may be summarized as follows, namely: first, to occupy a minimum of space when out of use, so as when applied as intended to the backs of chairs in parallel rows it shall offer no obstruction to passage between the rows; second, when in use it shall still offer the minimum of obstruction to passage; third, to be proof against injury from lateral strains, while also presenting no catch-points liable to tear clothing of users or passers, and, fourth, to be cheap in construction, efficient, durable in use, and attractive in appearance.

To these ends my invention consists in a casing adapted to be attached to the back of a chair and containing a spring and a double arm consisting, preferably, of a continuous steel rod bent to suitable form to lie against the back and over the top of the chair-seat when out of use, the proximate ends of the rod being butted together to form the pivot and cam portion of a clothing-hook, whereby the same is engaged in a suitable socket of the casing and is held by the inclosed spring in ultimate position.

Mechanism embodying my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the device in position on a chair-back, the open position of the hook being indicated by the dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same, and Fig. 3 a top plan view of the same.

Referring now to the drawings, A designates the chair-back, to which my device is applied. The device itself consists of a casing B, which may be of cast metal, having a flat base a, with extensions for screws b, whereby it is secured to the chair-back, and a box-shaped cover c of flat sides and curved back secured to the base a.

The hook part D is in the form of two approximately parallel arms d, preferably bent in somewhat ornamental curves from a single piece of steel or other suitable metal brought together at the extreme ends, as indicated in the drawings, and constituting a hook, whose head or hook portion d' lies flat over the top of the chair-back. The shank portion or arms d lie outside of and parallel with the boxing c, and the said arms are connected across at their base through apertures constituting holding-sockets in the sides of the box c. Suitable lugs c' c^2 at the sides of the boxing constitute rests for the arms d when the hook D is in open or closed positions. The cross portion of the arms d at the base within the boxing c may be bent into the form of a crank or cam or may be provided at such portion with a lug d^2, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 in dotted lines, to coöperate with a flat plate or leaf spring s, held within the boxing, as shown by dotted lines, whereby the hook D is maintained by friction and pressure of the spring under tension in ultimate positions. The hook D may be further strengthened by a cross-brace d^3, as shown.

The form of the hook portion may be varied somewhat while still preserving rounded exterior contours which offer no catch-points to tear clothing, &c., and it will be observed that the shank portion is in the form of a rectangle with a pivotal base of unusual width, whereby it is capable of resisting considerable side pressure, such as might occur in crowded assemblies by persons passing between the rows of seats. An auxiliary hook e may be also provided, which by its size and relative position is protected by the casing, &c., and offers no obstruction.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

A holding device for clothing, &c., for use in theater-chairs and in like situations, embodying in combination a holding-casing and a hook lying between the inner wall of the casing and the back of the chair and com-

posed of two approximately parallel arms joined at their outer ends said arms joined at the base by a common pivot passing through the casing, and a spring within the casing cooperating to hold the hook in ultimate position, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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