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HAT PIN GUARD.
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FIG. 1 -

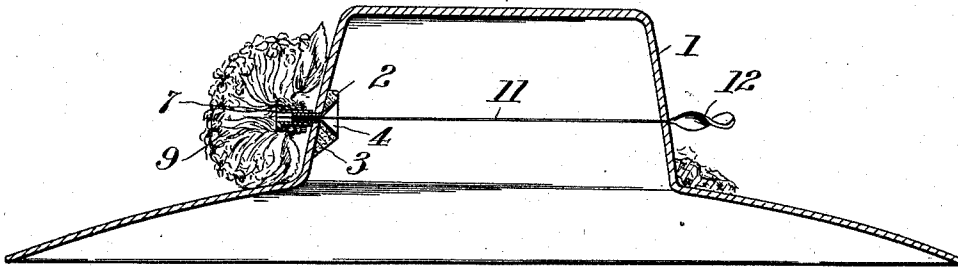


FIG. 2 -

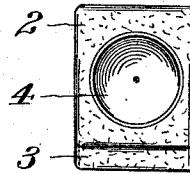
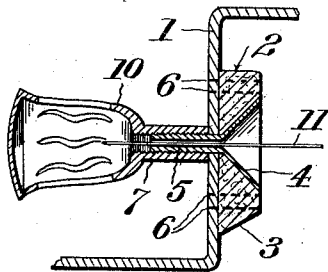
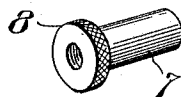


FIG. 3 -

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHAN WETZEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kilbourn, in the county of Columbia and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Pin Guards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to guards for the points of ladies' hat pins, and has for its primary objects to provide a guard of this character which will effectually prevent persons from being injured by coming in contact with the point of the pin, and which, at the same time, shall be highly ornamental.

Further objects of the invention are to provide improved means for supporting the parts of the device and for holding them in position, and to afford a ready means for interchangeably securing artificial flowers or other ornaments to a hat.

To these ends my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a cross sectional view of a hat showing my improved pin guard attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view on an enlarged scale, showing the details of my improved device, and illustrating a different form of ornament. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the guide and supporting block hereinafter described, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the sleeve hereinafter described.

Referring to the drawings in detail, 1 designates a lady's hat which may be of any size or shape, and of any suitable material. Inside the crown of the hat at one side thereof, I secure a supporting block 2, which is preferably formed of cork or other light, soft material. This block is permanently attached to the hat by means of rivets, or by sewing as indicated at 6 in Fig. 2. The lower edge of this block may be beveled more or less as indicated at 3, so as not to come in contact with the head of the wearer. Embedded within the supporting block 2 is a funnel shaped guide 4, which is cemented or otherwise securely attached to the block and is provided with a screw threaded stud 5, which projects through the wall of the hat. This stud has a central opening or bore through which the pin 11 may pass, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

In order to conceal the point of the pin and prevent it from coming in contact with persons in the vicinity of the wearer, I secure to the stud 5 any one of a number of different forms of ornamental guards. As shown in Fig. 1, this guard may consist of a bunch of artificial flowers. Or it may consist of a single large flower, such as a rose; or as shown in Fig. 2, it may consist of suitable metallic or other ornaments such as indicated at 10. All of these ornaments have attached thereto or formed integral therewith an internally threaded sleeve 7 which is adapted to be screwed over the stud 5, and to clamp the material of the hat between itself and the block 2. Where the sleeve is designed for use in connection with ornaments such as artificial flowers I preferably provide it with a knurled head 8, as shown in Fig. 4, to facilitate the attachment of the flowers thereto. As shown in Fig. 2, the sleeve 7 is formed integral with the ornament 10.

The pin 11 is of the ordinary construction and may be provided with any suitable ornamental head 12. When the pin is pushed through the hat and the hair of the wearer, in the usual manner, the pin will enter the guide 4 and be directed to and through the central opening in the stud 5. The point of the pin may project through this stud and also through the sleeve 7, but is inclosed within and concealed by the ornament carried by the sleeve.

In addition to acting as a guard in connection with hat pins my improved arrangement may be used simply as a ready means for interchangeably securing ornaments to hats. The owner of the hat may provide herself with a number of bunches of artificial flowers, feathers, and the like, of different colors and designs, and may readily attach to the hat by means of my improved stud and sleeve arrangement any particular ornament that is best suited to her costume and to the occasion.

The block 2, besides affording a convenient means of attaching the stud to the hat, performs the additional function of rigidly supporting the guide 4 on all sides and preventing it from becoming bent or broken. It likewise serves as a rigid support for the stud and thus prevents it from working loose or tearing the material of the hat as might be the case if it were simply riveted or clamped in position.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a simple, durable and efficient, as well as ornamental device for concealing and protecting the points of hat pins, and it is
5 thought that the advantages of my invention will be readily appreciated by those familiar with such matters.

What I claim is:—

10 In a device of the character described, a block adapted to be secured to the inside of a hat, a funnel shaped guide embedded in

and supported by said block, and a stud carried by said guide and adapted to project through the wall of the hat, said stud having an opening therethrough adapted to receive a hat pin. 15

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

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