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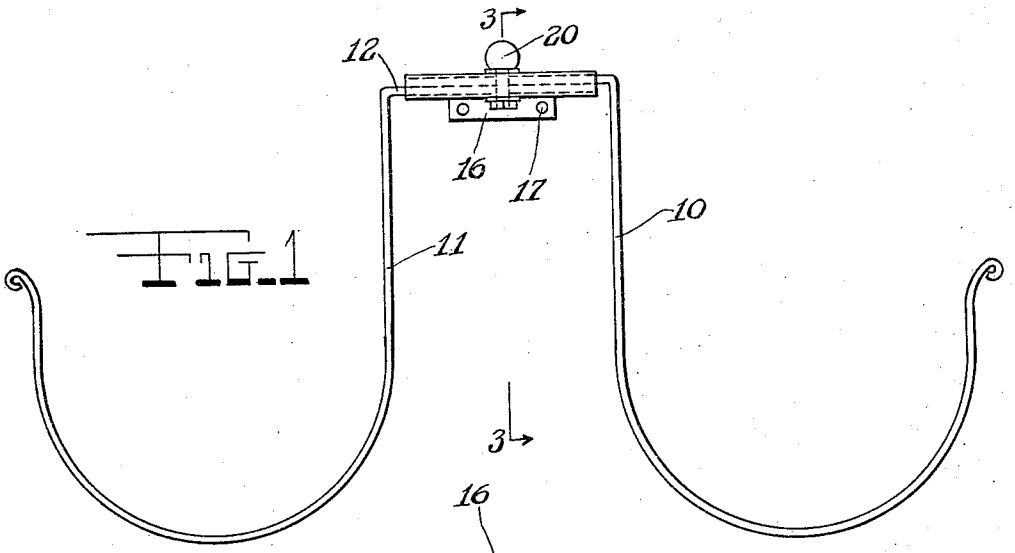


FIG. 1

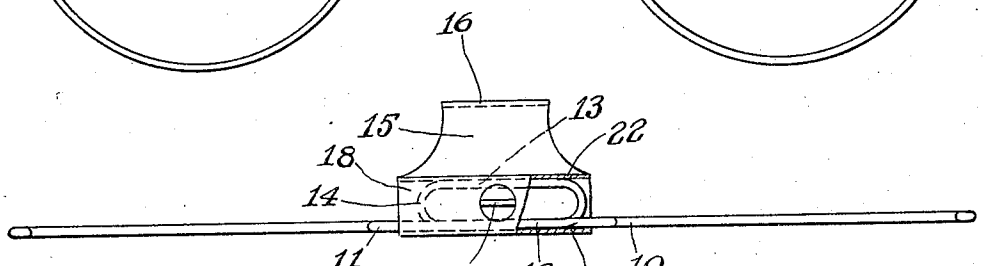


FIG. 2

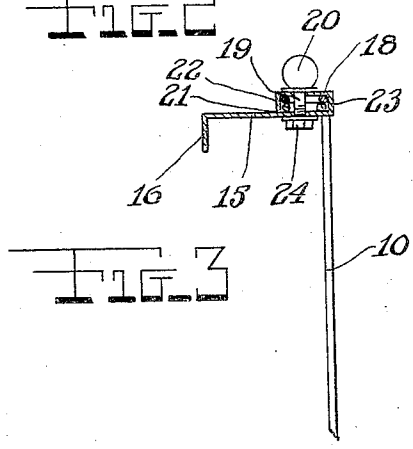


FIG. 3

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The main object of this invention is to provide a novel practical hat rack or holder simple in construction and use.

Another object is to provide a hat rack adapted to retain one or more hats in resilient supporting members, into which the hats may be readily inserted and out of which they may be readily withdrawn, being retained meanwhile securely in the rack.

Still another object is to provide such a hat rack with adjustable means whereby the distance between adjacent hat holding members may be varied to accommodate the varying widths of the rims of the hats.

The above and other objects will become apparent in the description below, in which like-named characters of reference refer to like-named parts on the drawing.

Referring briefly to the drawing, Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of the device.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, the numeral 10 indicates one of the pair of looped resilient hat-holding brackets and the numeral 11 the other. The latter extends horizontally at 12 to provide one straight side of a looped-over end, the other side being shown at 13, parallel to the side 12. The side 13 is arced at 14 and the entire member terminates at the end of said arc, where the latter meets the side 12. The bracket 10 is formed in a similar manner, excepting that the looped-over end corresponding to parts 12, 13, and 14, extends in the reverse direction, but lies above the end of the bracket 11.

A flat plate 16, having holes 17 therein through which screws may be passed to secure the plate 16 to a wall, serves as the support for the device. A bracket 15 extends outwardly from the plate 16, and the extension of the bracket 15 is bent to form a resilient casing having the sides 18, 23, and 22, the latter being shorter than the opposite side 23 so that the upper side 18 may be depressed toward the bottom of the casing, a space 21 being shown in Fig. 3 to emphasize the shortness of this side.

A screw 19 passes centrally and vertically through the casing, being provided with a wing grip 20 at the top and having a nut 24 threaded on the bottom, so that the upper side 18 of the casing may be released or depressed at will. It will be noted that the screw 19 passes also through the looped-over ends of the hat-holding members within the casing.

In use, a hat is simply inserted in the resilient member 10 or 11, and is gripped about the base of the crown by said member and thus resiliently retained. Various hats, however, have rims of varying diameters, so that if the members 10 and 11 are too close together, the rims of adjacent hats may interfere with each other if they are of larger diameter. In order to overcome this difficulty, the thumb screw 20 may be released, one or both of the looped-over ends may be withdrawn partly from the ends of the casing to separate the members 10 and 11 a sufficient distance, and the thumb-screw again tightened to retain the members in rigid position. It will also be noted that the looped-over ends of the members 10 and 11, being clamped within the casing, are locked in position against rotation, so that the said members will be held at a fixed distance from the wall.

It is apparent that modifications may be made in the form and construction of this invention without departing from the spirit and scope thereof.

I claim:

A device of the class described comprising a hollow casing having resilient sides, means for attaching said casing to a wall or the like, resilient hat-holding members, means on said members slidably mounted within said casing for supporting said members against

rotation within said casing, comprising an extension on each of said members bent into the form of a substantially rectangular loop having opposite sides of the loop lying in the same horizontal plane, said loop of one of said members lying above said loop of the other member, and means on said casing for depressing the resilient sides thereof against said extensions to lock the latter in fixed position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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