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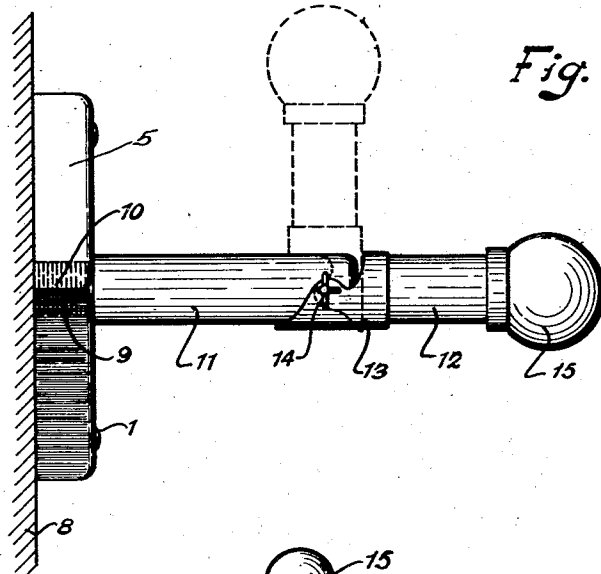


Fig. 1.

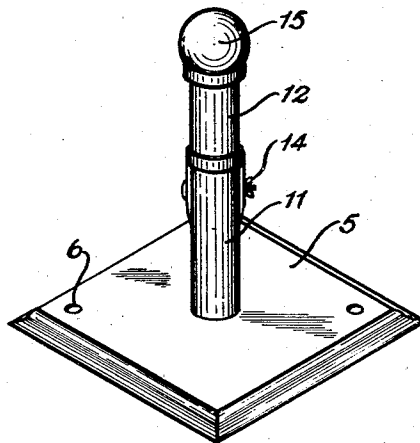


Fig. 2.

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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in hat holders or supports adapted to hold a hat or similar article in a predetermined position.

An important object of the present invention is to provide an article of this character adapted to hold or support a hat upon a horizontal surface, such as a bureau, table or the like, and also adapted to hold the hat when the device is attached to a wall or other suitable supporting structure.

More specifically, the invention comprises an attaching base adapted for attaching to either a horizontal or vertical surface and including a hat-supporting member adapted for extending in an upright position regardless of the character of the supporting structure to which the article is attached.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which is neat and attractive in appearance, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view.

Figure 2 is a perspective view.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration I have disclosed a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 5 designates a base having openings 6 for receiving screws or other fastening devices 7 and by means of which the base may be attached to a wall or other suitable vertical supporting structure 8, as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings, or the base may rest upon a flat surface, such as a table, bureau or the like.

The base is formed with a threaded opening 9 for threadedly receiving one end 10 of a pin 11, whereby the pin will project horizontally outwardly from the base when the base is attached to a wall or other supporting structure and the pin will extend in an upright position when the base 5 is resting on a flat horizontal surface.

An arm 12 in the form of an extension for

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the pin 11 is provided at its inner end with a trough or channel-shaped member 13 in which the outer end of the pin 11 is seated, the upper edges of the trough member 13 being suitably attached to the pin by means of a bolt and wing nut 14, whereby the arm may be supported in a horizontal longitudinally aligned position with the pin 11, as shown by the full lines in Figure 1 of the drawings, or may be swung upwardly into a vertical position at the outer end of the pin 11, as shown by the dotted lines.

It will be noted that when the arm 12 is in a horizontal position, the member 13 engages the under side of the pin 11 and thus maintains said arm 12 aligned with said pin. Also, when the arm 12 is swung upwardly into vertical position, said member 13 is designed to abut the outer end of the pin 11 and prevent said arm from being swung past a position perpendicular to the pin 11, as shown in dotted lines in Figure 1.

The outer end of the arm 12 is formed with a rounded head 15 which may be formed as an integral part of the arm or formed separately and attached to the arm in any suitable manner.

Accordingly, the arm 12 may be extended in an upright position when the base 5 is supported either on a horizontal surface or when the base is attached to a vertical surface such as a wall or the like and a hat or other similar article of apparel may then be supported on the upwardly extending head 15 of the arm.

The several parts of the device may be constructed of metal, wood, plastic or other suitable material and finished in any desired color.

In view of the foregoing description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, it is believed that a clear understanding of the construction, operation and advantages of the article will be quite apparent to those skilled in the art. A more detailed description thereof is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though I have herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of my invention, the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described, and the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

A hat holder of the class described comprising

a base adapted for attaching to a vertical supporting structure, a pin projecting horizontally from the base, an arm, a trough-like member on one end of the arm and underlying the outer end of the pin to provide a seat for the pin, and means pivotally attaching said trough-like member to the pin for supporting the arm in a horizontal or in a vertical position on the pin, said trough-like member abutting said pin in either position of said arm to establish such positions.

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