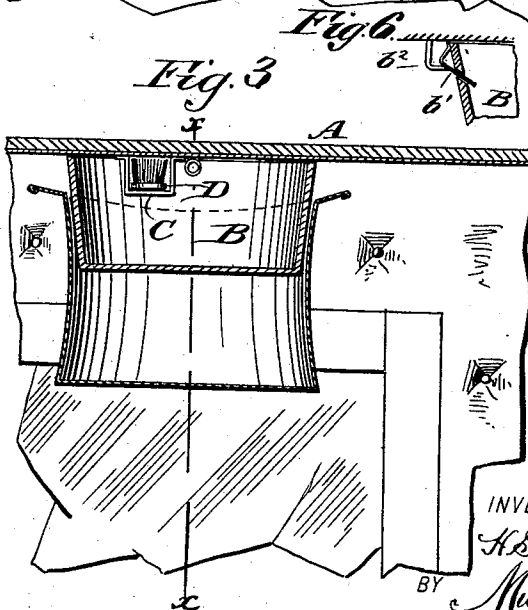
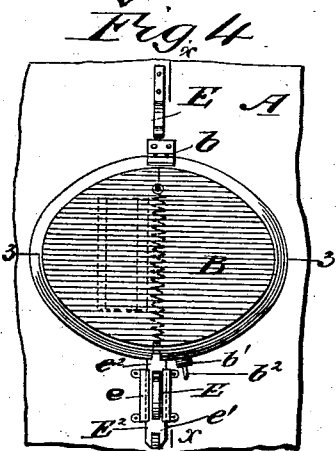
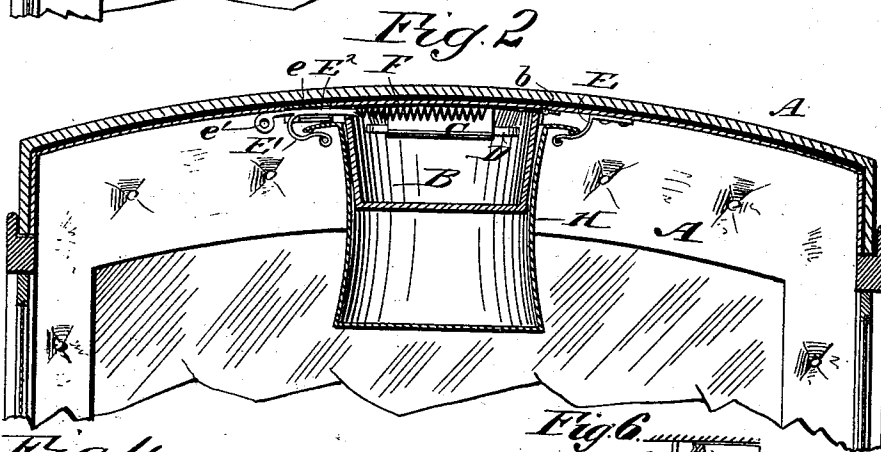
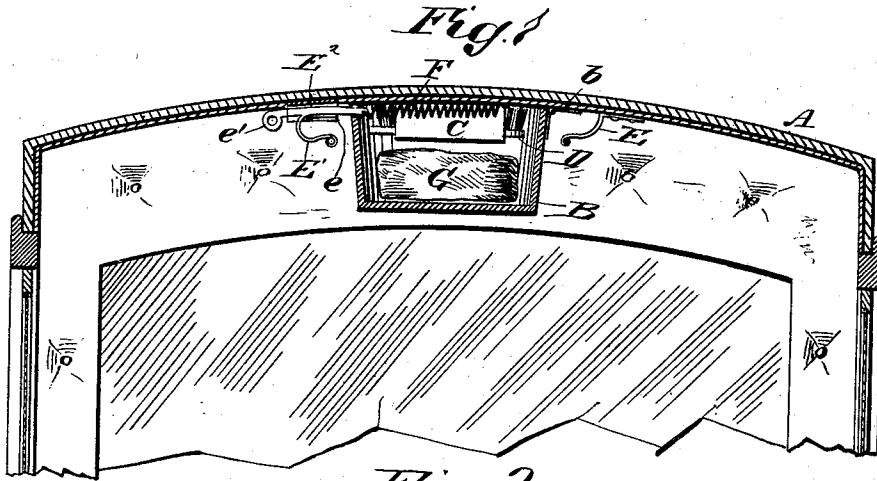


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH STEVENSON, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Hat Holder and Case, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in hat-holders for carriages and other vehicles; and the object of my invention is to produce a convenient hat-holder in which a stiff hat of any kind may be easily placed and securely held, and to have the hat-holder in the form of a case, so that it may be opened and a soft cap which is carried in the case be substituted for the stiff hat and worn by the occupant of the carriage while traveling. The case may also be used for carrying a brush or other useful article.

To this end my invention consists in a hat-holder and case constructed substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a broken sectional view of the invention, secured to the roof of a carriage, the section being taken on the line xx in Figs. 3 and 4; Fig. 2, a similar view, but with a hat in position in the holder. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section on the line 3 3 in Fig. 4. Fig. 4 is an inverted plan of the invention. Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail view of one of the hat-holding fingers and the keeper in which it is held to slide; and Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail view of the spring-catch, which holds the case closed against the roof of the carriage.

The case B is secured to the roof A of a carriage, being hinged on one side, as shown at b , so that it may swing vertically, and the case is made somewhat elliptical in form, so that it will approximate in shape to the inside of an ordinary hat, and on the side opposite the hinge the case is provided at its upper edge with a common form of spring-latch b' , which engages a catch b^2 , secured to the roof of the carriage, so that when the case is swung upward it will be locked in place, and it may be released by simply pulling downward upon it.

I do not confine myself to any particular form of catch for holding the case against the carriage-roof, as it is obvious that any simple form will answer the purpose.

A brush-case C, which is preferably of a rectangular shape, and open at each end, is secured to the roof of the carriage within the case B, and a brush D is held within the brush-case. The brush may thus be conveniently reached, and it may be used for brushing the hats or clothing of the people in the carriage. Secured to the roof of the carriage, on each side of the case B, are depending spring-fingers E and E', which are curved inward toward the case, the finger E being fixed to the carriage-roof and the finger E' being fixed to a slide-plate E², which slide-plate is held to move in a keeper e , and the keeper is secured to the roof of the carriage adjacent to the case B.

The slide-plate E² is provided at its outer end with a thumb-piece e' , so that it may be conveniently operated, and its inner end terminates in a lug e^2 , which lug enters a corresponding slot in the upper portion of the case B, as best shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The slide-plate E² is held against the case B, with the lug e^2 in the slot of the case, by a spring F, one end of which is secured to the roof of the carriage within the case B and the other end of which is attached to the inner end of the slide-plate.

The case B is preferably provided with a soft cap G, so that when the stiff hat H of an occupant of the carriage is placed in the hat-holder the cap G may be taken out and be worn instead of the hat.

To place a hat in position upon the hat-holder, the slide-plate E² and the spring-finger E', secured thereto, are pulled out, and the hat H is placed over the case B with one side of the brim entering between the spring-finger E and the roof of the carriage, and the slide-plate E² is then released, allowing the finger E' to advance beneath the opposite side of the hat-brim, and the hat will thus be held securely in place.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The herein-described hat-holder, comprising a receptacle B, hinged at the edge of its upper open end to swing downward and provided with a catch, a finger E, secured adjacent to the upper edge of the receptacle, and a second hook at the opposite side of the receptacle and movable toward and away there-

from to secure the hat upon the exterior of said receptacle or permit its removal therefrom, substantially as set forth.

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