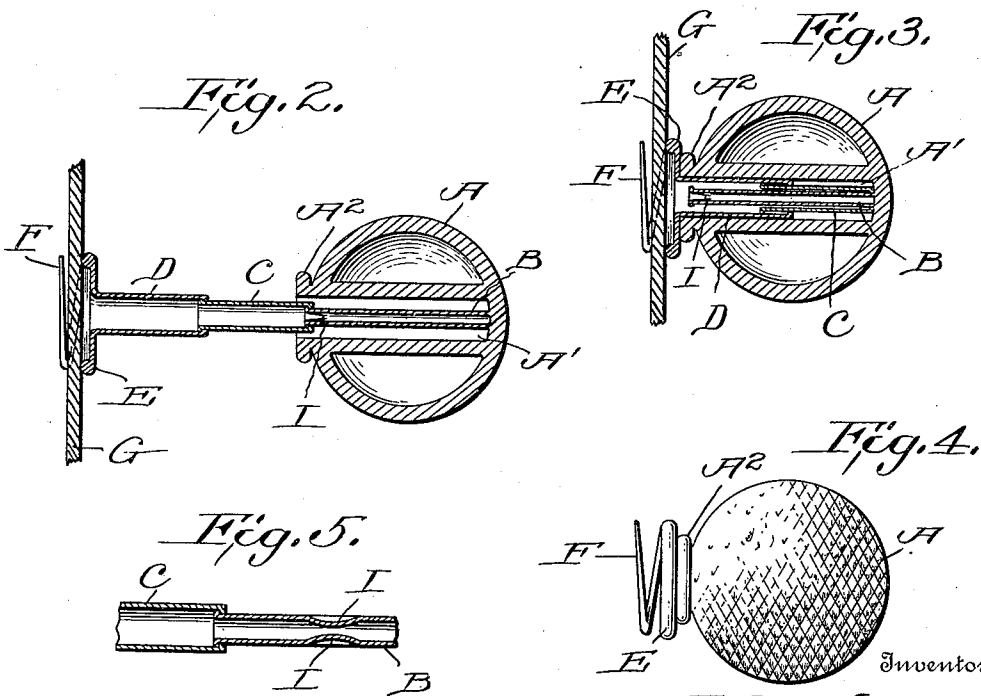


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH D. WEBSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Astoria, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat-Pin Guards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a new and useful construction of hat pin guard designed to lessen the danger from the protruding point of the long hat pins now in use and the object of my invention is to provide a guard which can be attached to one side of the hat and into which the point of the pin is projected.

Another object of the invention is to provide a guard which shall be connected to the hat by means of an extensible and contractible connection so as to provide for various lengths of hat pins and also provide for various widths or thicknesses of hats as it is well known that some crowns are quite narrow while other crowns are excessively broad and by means of a hat pin guard constructed in accordance with my invention I am able to protect the projecting end or point of the pin irrespective of the length of the pin and width of the hat.

With these objects in view my invention consists essentially in the employment of a plurality of telescopic tubes having a fastening means at the inner end and an ornamental head at the opposite end.

My invention also consists in providing suitable means for fastening or holding the pointed end of the pin within the said guard, and the invention consists also in certain details of construction hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification: Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the practical application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view showing the guard distended. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the guard contracted. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the guard contracted and, Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view showing a slight modification.

In carrying out my invention, I employ an ornamental head A which may be of any desired shape or material, said head being constructed with a central chamber or recess A' in which is secured a tube B. This tube B telescopes within a second tube C which in turn telescopes within a third tube

D which is formed with a base E to which a spiral pin F is attached. This spiral pin F is adapted to be fastened into the fabric G at one side of the hat and it will of course be understood that the base E is open so that the point of the hat pin H can be passed through said base into the tube D through the tube C and into the tube B and in so doing it will be understood that the tubes will be distended an amount equal to the projecting end of the pin and when the telescopic connection has been extended to its full or partial extent it will be held in such a position owing to the contact between the pin and the tube B, as in practice, I prefer to arrange inwardly projecting springs members I in the said tube, and which engage the pin so that in addition to holding and guarding the pointed end of the pin this spring connection between the guard and pin serves to contract or telescope the connection when the said pin is withdrawn as it is obvious that at the beginning of the withdrawing movement the first step is to draw the tube B down into the tube C and the continued pull upon the pin will bring the tube C down into the tube D at which time the inner end A² of the ornamental head will contact with the base E. The pin can then be removed from the guard and hat but the guard itself will remain in its contracted position upon the side of the hat ready for the next insertion of the pin.

In Fig. 5 I have shown one form of arranging the spring tongues I, said tongues being punched inwardly from the body of the tube as most clearly shown, thereby avoiding the necessity of attaching these tongues by any separate means.

From the above description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings it will be seen that I provide a guard capable of protecting the projecting end of a hat pin and furthermore, it will be noted that by means of the telescopic connection I am able to accommodate various lengths of pins and am also able to use the average length pin upon hats of varying sizes.

What I claim is:—

1. A hat pin guard comprising a head having a tube connected therewith, telescoping tubes connected to the first mentioned tube, said second mentioned tubes being

adapted to slide over the first mentioned tube, spring members carried by the first mentioned tube adapted to grip a pin, and means for securing said head to a hat.

- 5 2. A hat pin guard comprising a head, a series of telescoping tubes carried by and adapted to be received into said head, pin

holding means arranged within one of the tubes, and a spiral pin carried by one of said tubes for engagement with a hat.

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