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Fig. 1.

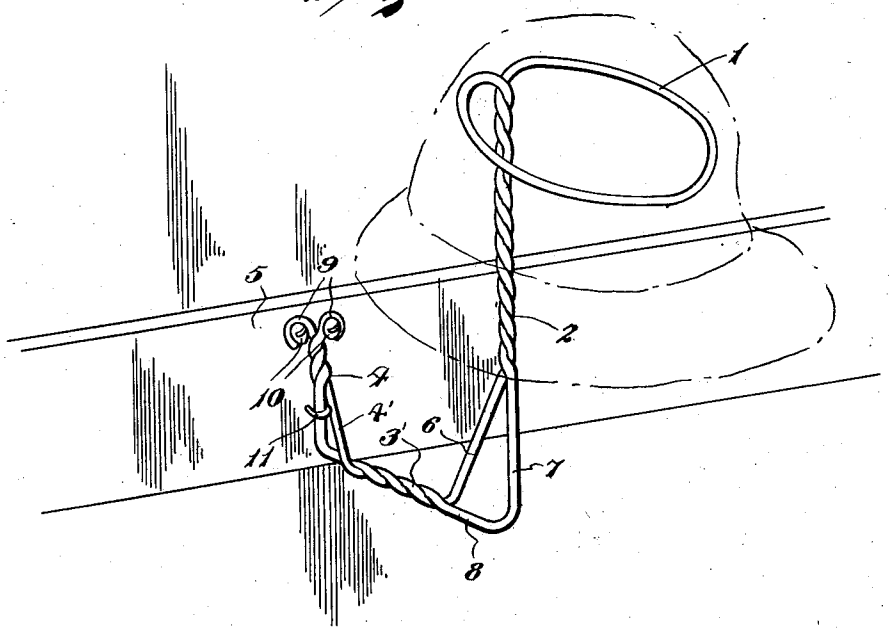


Fig. 2.

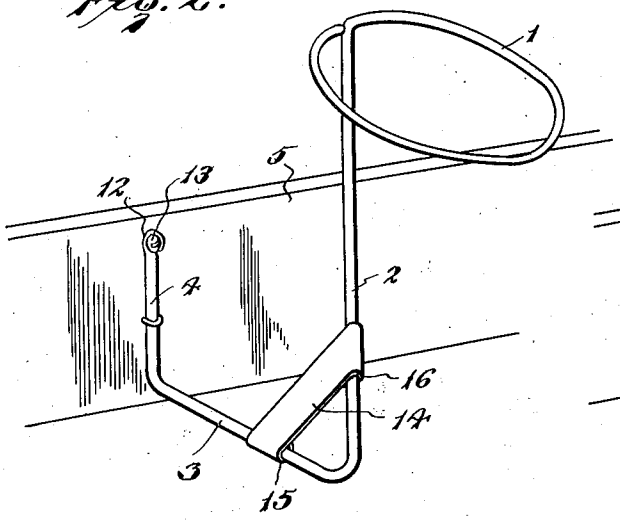
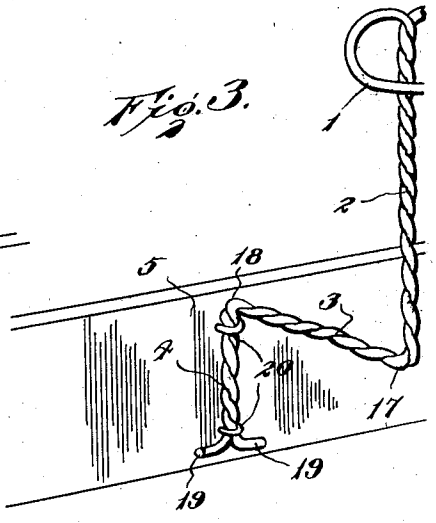


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to hat holders and more particularly to a holder adapted to be secured against a wall of a cupboard, room or wardrobe, in an elevated position and by means of which a hat may be supported without danger of becoming damaged.

One object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be formed of wire, relatively light in weight, while at the same time strong and durable.

Another object of the invention is to so form the hat holder that a hat supported thereon will be disposed out of engagement with a wall and thereby prevent it from having its rim bent or soiled by contact with the wall and to further so form the device that if used in a sales room a hat may be supported in an elevated position where it will be prominently displayed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character adapted to fit within the crown of a hat and not only cause the hat to be well supported but also prevent it from accidentally turning about the holder and in addition prevent the crown of the hat from being distorted.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one specific form of the improved hat holder with a hat supported thereon indicated by dotted lines,

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a modified form of hat holder constructed in accordance with this invention, and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of another specific embodiment of the invention.

The hat holder constituting the subject matter of this invention consists briefly of a loop or hoop 1 having an elliptical shape and adapted to fit within the crown of a hat as shown in Figure 1, a standard 2 disposed vertically, and arms 3 projecting rearwardly from the lower end of the standard and an attaching portion 4 at the inner end of the arms 3 adapted to be secured against a wall board 5 or equivalent support. It will thus be seen that the device is so constructed that the standard 2 and loop 1 will be well away from the wall to which the device is secured and a hat may be supported thereon without its brim becoming bent or soiled by contact with the wall. It will be further noted that the loop 1 is elliptical so that it will fit in the crown of a hat without distorting it and, in addition, the hat will be prevented from accidentally turning about the support. Therefore, the hat may be retained in a desired position upon the support and if the device is used for display purposes in a store the hat may be very effectively displayed.

In the specific embodiment of the invention shown in Figure 1, the hat holder consists of a strand of wire having its intermediate portion bent to form the elliptical loop 1 and the strand is then twisted to form the standard 2. Therefore, the standard will be strong and not liable to easily bend out of its vertical position. Adjacent the lower end of the standard twisting of the strand is discontinued, thereby providing portions 6 and 7. The portion 7 extends vertically and is then bent rearwardly as shown at 8 to form a portion of the arm 3 and the portion 6 diverges rearwardly until it intersects the portion 8, after which the end portions of the strand are again twisted, as shown at 3′. Therefore, the portion 6 will constitute a diagonally extending brace which greatly strengthens the standard and prevents it from being bent forwardly out of its vertical position. After being twisted together to form the arm, one end portion of the strand is bent upwardly to form a portion of the attaching arm 4 and the other end portion is extended upwardly at an incline to form a brace 4′. The extreme ends of the strand are then twisted together, after which they are spread apart and bent to form eyes 9 through which screws or equivalent fasteners 10 pass and into the wall board or equivalent support 5. The attaching arm and its brace may extend downwardly instead of upwardly, if so desired. After the screws 10 have been tightened a staple 11 is preferably driven into place in straddling relation to the portion 4 and the hat holder will be firmly secured to the support 5. When so secured the standard will be disposed vertically with the elliptical loop 1

projecting outwardly and a hat may be set in place with the loop fitting within its crown as shown in Figure 1.

In Figure 2 a simplified construction has been disclosed. In this form of the invention the wire strand has one end portion bent to form the elliptical loop 1 and the standard 2 consists of a single thickness of wire. After forming the loop 1 and standard 2 the wire strand is bent to form the arm 3 and attaching portion 4 which may project either upwardly or downwardly from the arm and terminates in an eye 12 to receive a single securing screw 13. A strap 14 of sheet metal extends diagonally between the arm 3 and standard 2 and has its ends wrapped about same as shown at 15 and 16. By having the ends of the strap wrapped about the arm and standard the strap will be firmly held in its proper position and the standard will be braced and prevented from being bent out of a vertical position.

The embodiment of the invention shown in Figure 3 is somewhat similar to that shown in Figure 1 except that after the wire strand has been bent to form the elliptical loop its end portions are twisted together for their entire length after which the twisted portions are bent as shown at 17 and 18 to form the arm 3 projecting rearwardly from the standard 2 and attaching portion 4 extending downwardly from the inner end of the arm. The extreme ends of the strand are bent apart to form prongs 19 which bear against the wall board 5 and prevent the attaching portion from turning in the staples 20 driven into the board in straddling relation to the attaching portion. If so desired, other staples may be driven into the board in straddling relation to the prongs 19. Therefore, the hat holder will be prevented from turning about the attaching portion and will remain in its proper position relative to the wall and there will be no danger of the rim of a hat contacting with the wall and becoming soiled or crumpled and also the hat will be retained in the desired position when on display.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A hat holder comprising a strand of wire bent to form a loop and a standard extending downwardly from said loop and having an arm at its lower end terminating in an attaching portion adapted to be secured against a support and mount the holder with the standard upright, the portions of the strand forming the standard, arm and attaching portion being twisted together below the loop and in spaced relation to the meeting ends of the arm and standard separated and one extended downwardly and then inwardly to form the lower portion of the standard and outer portion of the arm and the other extending downwardly at a rearward incline to form a brace for the standard extending diagonally between the arm and standard, the strands being then again twisted together to form the intermediate portion of the arm and again separated and one strand extending rearwardly and then upwardly to form the rear portion of the arm and lower portion of the attaching portion and the other strand extending rearwardly at an upward incline to form a brace extending between the arm and attaching portion, the strands being then twisted together to form the upper portion of the attaching portion and having their ends bent to form eyes disposed close to the attaching portion at opposite sides thereof and adapted to bear against the support and prevent the arm and standard from swinging about the attaching portion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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