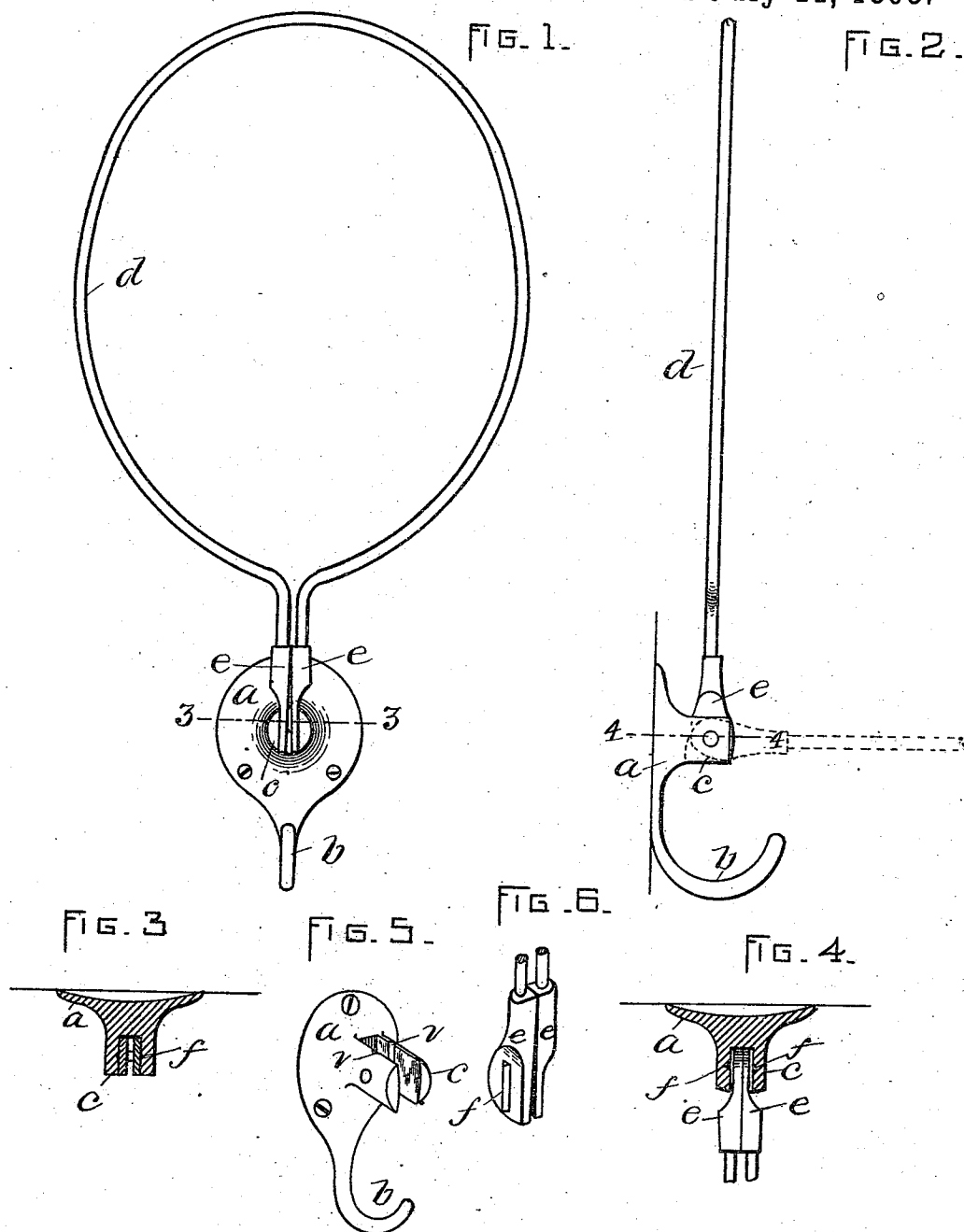


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. COTTON, of Ashland, in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders and Coat-Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to means adapted to be secured to a wall or other upright for the purpose of holding a hat, and for hanging a coat or other garment thereon.

The invention has for its object the provision of a hat holder and coat hook which shall be simple in construction, compact in form, efficient in use and ready of manipulation.

To these ends the invention consists of a hat-holder and coat-hook comprising in its construction a base plate provided with a hook depending therefrom and with a bifurcated lug, and a loop or bale having a split shank pivoted in the said bifurcated lug, the construction and arrangement being such that the bale may be moved down and supported in horizontal position to receive the crown of the hat, and be folded up and frictionally held in vertical position with the crown of the hat therein, all as and for the purposes hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the annexed drawings and the letters marked thereon, forming a part of this specification, the same letters designating the same parts or features, as the case may be, wherever they occur.

Of the said drawings—Figure 1 is a front view of my invention complete, the hat-holding loop being shown in raised position. Fig. 2 is a side view of Fig. 1, showing in addition, by dotted lines, the position of the hat holder when the same is moved down to horizontal position to receive the hat. Fig. 3 is a sectional detail view taken on the line 3, 3, of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail view taken on the line 4, 4, of Fig. 2, as though the hat holder were down in horizontal position as indicated by the dotted lines. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the base plate and its integral parts, the hat holding device being detached. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the shank of the hat holder.

In the drawings *a* designates a base plate

with which there is integrally or otherwise connected a hook *b* for a coat or other article of apparel. Projecting out from the face of the plate is a bifurcated stud or lug *c*, having inclined angular grooves *v* formed in the faces of the bifurcation, which grooves extend at a right angle to the length of the lug or stud.

d designates a hat holder which consists of a length of wire bent into the form of a hoop or loop, as shown, and so as that the crown of a hat may be passed through the loop with the brim brought to rest thereon. The ends of the wire forming the hat-holding loop are bent out at their point of meeting in a radial direction, and have blocks or pieces of metal *e* connected therewith so as to form a shank capable of being pivoted in the bifurcation of the stud *c*.

To fit the shank for the purpose mentioned the outer faces of the ends of the block or pieces *e* are flattened and are provided with inverted V-shaped ribs *f*, corresponding to the grooves *d* before mentioned. The said ribs extend longitudinally of the shank, so as that when the loop or hoop is in raised position they will fall into the said grooves and so frictionally hold the loop in raised position. The pieces *e* are sprung apart, so that when the user takes hold of the raised loop and draws it down, said blocks may close toward each other, allowing the ribs *f* to slip out of the grooves upon the faces of the bifurcation in the stud or lug *c*.

In use, the hat holder will be folded down to horizontal position, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 2, and the crown of the hat to be held, placed in the loop with the brim resting thereon, when the loop with the hat therein may be raised to vertical position and held in this position, with the under face of the brim against the wall, by means of the ribs *f* engaging the grooves *d* as before explained, leaving the coat hook *b* free to be used in hanging a garment thereon.

It is obvious that changes may be made in the form and arrangement of parts comprising the invention without departing from the nature or spirit thereof.

What I claim is—

A hat holder and coat hook, comprising in its construction a base plate provided with a

bifurcated lug or projection having grooves
on its inner faces, the walls of which are in-
clined a coat hook connected with said base
plate, and a hat holder consisting of a hoop or
5 loop provided with a split spring shank pivoted
in the bifurcated lug or projection, the side
faces of said shank having ribs with inclined
faces to fit the aforesaid grooves in the faces
of the bifurcated lug, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 18th day of July, A. D. 1892.

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