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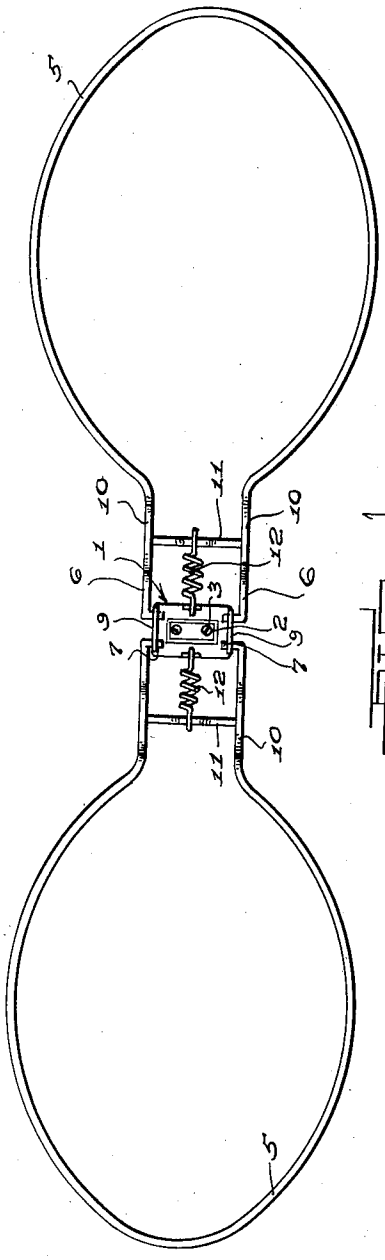


FIG. 1.

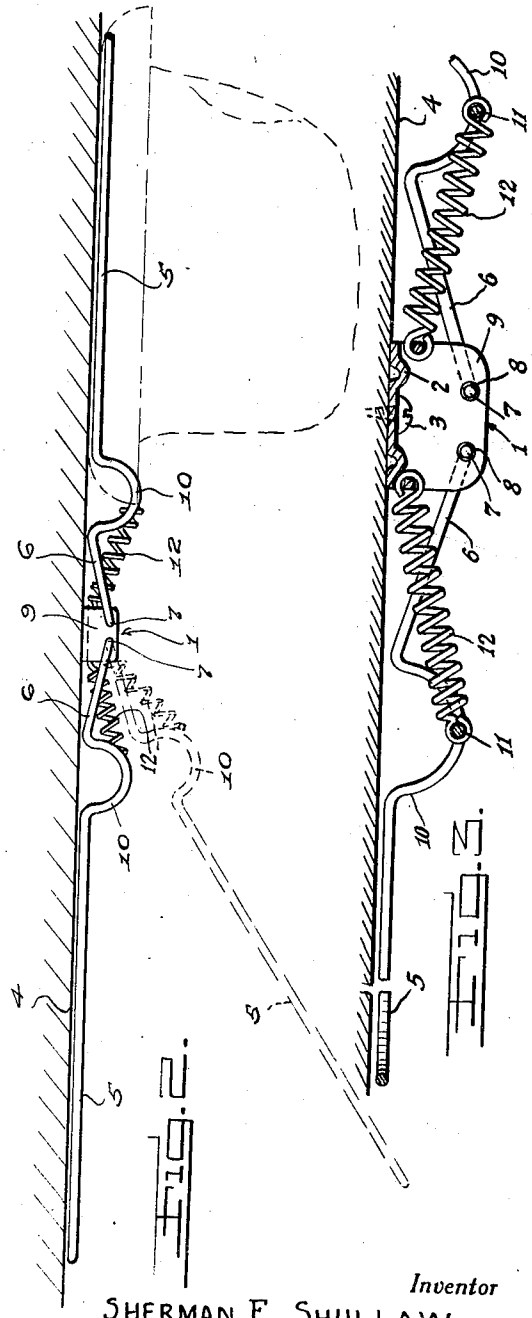


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1 Claim. (Cl. 211—31)

The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders for hats, caps and other articles for use particularly in motor vehicles although it will be understood, of course, that the device may be used in any other place for which it may be found adapted and desirable.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of the aforementioned character which is adapted to hold hats or caps without distorting same in an out of the way place, such as beneath the roof of a motor vehicle.

Another very important object of the invention is to provide a holder of the character described embodying a construction and arrangement which is such that hats or caps may be expeditiously mounted therein and removed therefrom.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a hat or cap holder of the character set forth which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, highly efficient and reliable in use, compact and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a hat or cap holder constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a view in side elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a view in vertical longitudinal section through a portion of the device.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a substantially U-shaped bracket of suitable metal which is designated generally by the reference numeral 1. The bracket 1 has stamped thereinto reinforcing or strengthening ribs 2. Also, the bracket 1 is apertured to accommodate screws 3 for firmly securing said bracket to a suitable flat support, such as beneath the roof 4 of a motor vehicle.

Mounted for swinging movement on the bracket 1 toward and away from the support 4 is a pair of loops 5 of suitable wire. The loops 5 are substantially oval and said loops are open at their inner ends. It may be well to here state that the loops 5 are for the reception of the hats or caps to be held by the device.

On the inner ends of the loops 5 are integral arms 6 which terminate, at their free ends, in inturned trunnions 7 which are journaled in openings 8 which are provided therefor in the lower portions of the legs 9 of the bracket 1.

Adjacent the loops 5 the arms 6 are formed to provide substantially U-shaped portions 10. Extending between the U-shaped portions 10 of the arms 6 are wire rods 11. Coil springs 12 have one end connected to the rods 11 and their other ends connected to the bracket 1.

It is thought that the manner in which the device functions will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foreging. The coil springs 12 are under tension at all times. As best seen in Fig. 3 of the drawing, the construction and arrangement is such that the swinging loops 5 are yieldingly urged upwardly toward the roof or other supporting surface 4 by the coil springs 12. To insert or remove a hat or cap the loops 5 are simply swung downwardly on the bracket 1 against the tension of the springs 12. The substantially U-shaped portions 10 of the arms 6 accommodate the roll on the rim of a hat or the back band of a cap. From the U-shaped portions 10, the arms 6, it will be observed, extend downwardly to the lower portions of the legs 9 of the bracket 1. Thus, the loops 5 are adapted to be held substantially in the plane of the upper portion of the bracket 1 by the coil springs 12 in a manner to clamp the hats or caps against the roof 4 without distorting said hats or caps. Should but one of the loops 5 be desired the other may be expeditiously removed by disconnecting its respective spring 12 and springing the arms 6 thereof apart sufficiently to disengage the trunnions 7 from the openings 8.

It is believed that the many advantages of a hat or cap holder constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A holder including a substantially U-shaped bracket adapted to be mounted on a support, an open loop, for the reception of a hat, mounted for swinging movement on said bracket, a pair of spaced, parallel arms on the ends of the open loop, said arms projecting at an angle to the plane of the loop and terminating, at their free ends, in inturned trunnions journaled in the legs of the bracket, each arm including a substantially U-shaped portion adjacent the loop for the reception of a portion of the hat, a rod extending between and secured to the U-shaped portions, and a coil spring having one end connected to said rod and its other ends connected to the bracket at a point intermediate a line between said trunnions and the support engaging surface of the bracket for swinging the loop toward the support.

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