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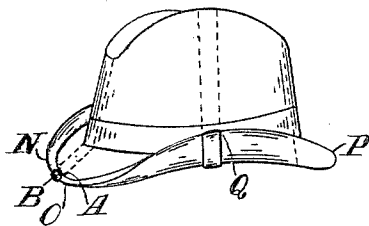


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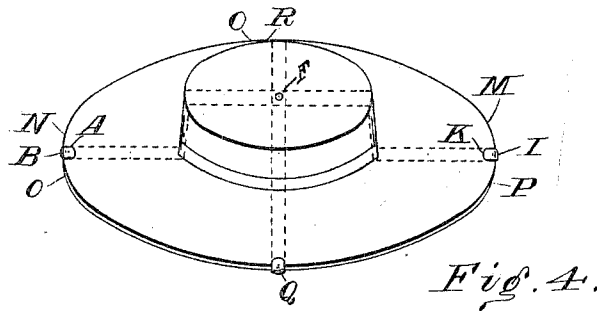


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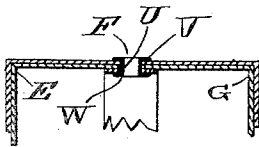


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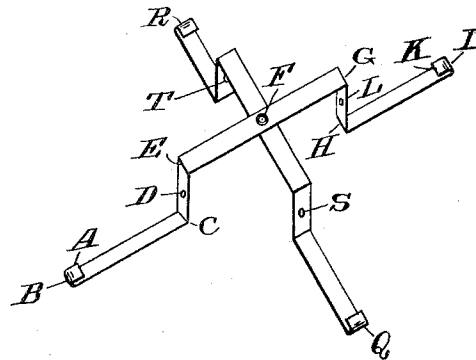


Fig. 1.

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## HAT-SHAPE SUSTAINER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH L. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat-Shape Sustainers, of which the following is a specification.

My improvement in hat-shape sustainers, a new article of manufacture, is not restricted in its application to any class of hats, yet more especially relates to such hats as are not unyielding—such as straw hats, palm hats, felt hats, wool hats, &c.—which by the ornamental mechanism I employ causes the hats to which attached to retain the shape in which they are placed and susceptible of being placed in a variety of shapes, such as may suit the fancy of the wearer. Hence the novelty, utility, and ornamentality of my invention. I attain these results by the means shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of frame; Fig. 2, a central longitudinal section through frame of hat. Fig. 3 shows application of frame to rolled brim of Alpine soft hat, and Fig. 4 application of frame to broad straight-brimmed sombrero hat.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The frame is composed of two narrow thin strips or bars of non-elastic pliable metal, preferably of aluminium, adapted to be placed within a hat, which are pivotally attached near their middle by a tubular rivet F and also attached to the tip of the hat by the same tubular rivet and extend outward in the same plane

with the tip of the hat, then downward with the side crown, and outward underneath and adjacent to the under brim of the hat and adapted to be clamped to the edge or rim of the hat at any point to which they are susceptible of being shifted, and also adapted to be attached to the side crown of the hat by eyelets placed in the eyelet-holes D L S T at any point to which the said bars are susceptible of being shifted. The hat thus secured to the bars at five different points in their length is forced to conform to any shape to which the bars are bent. The brim may be rolled up on one side and turned down on the other side or may be held in a plane at right angles to the side crown.

The variety of shapes in which a hat may be placed and held by the application of my device largely depends upon the construction which enables the shifting of the bars around their pivotal attachment F at the top to any desired point for the other attachments of the bars to the hat.

What I claim as of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A hat-shape sustainer comprised of two or more pliable non-elastic metal strips pivotally secured together at their central portions by means of an eyelet, and provided at intermediate portions thereof with apertures, and at their outer ends with clamps whereby the said strips may be secured to a hat and adapted to be bent to change the shape thereof.

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