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Fig. 1.

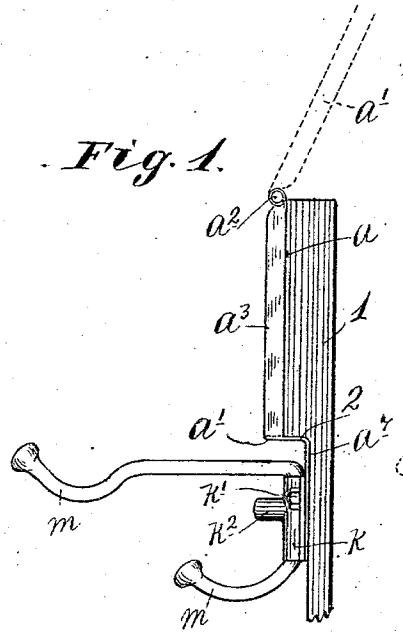


Fig. 2.

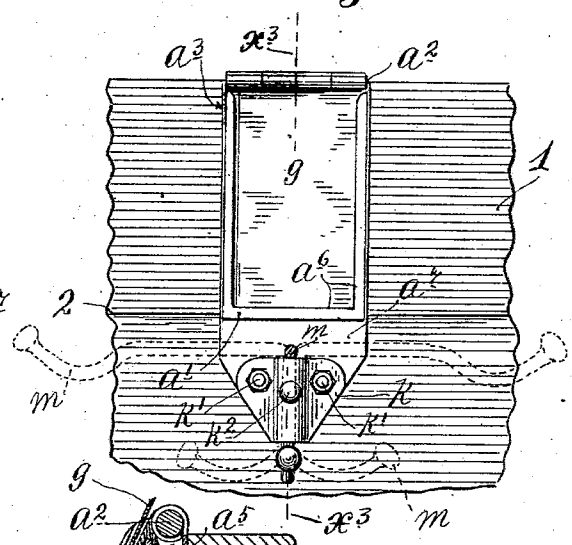
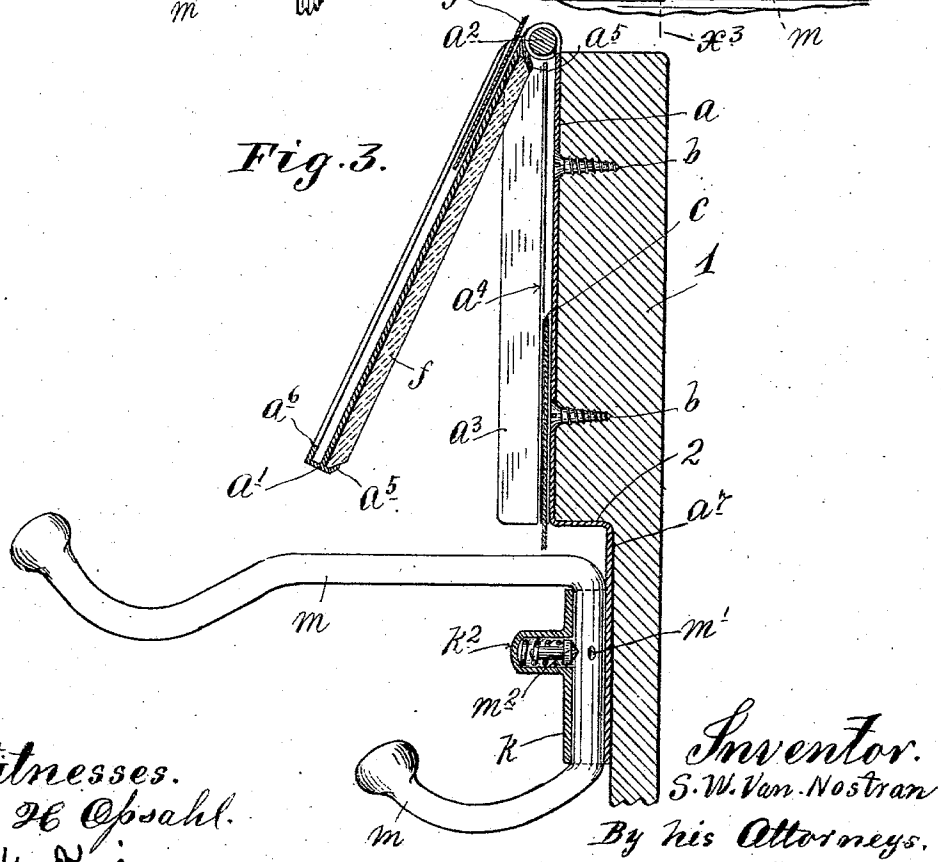


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL W. VAN NOSTRAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Theater-Seats; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to provide an attachment for the backs of theater-seats adapted to hold an advertisement, to afford a hat or clothes rack, and also to hold a looking-glass.

To these ends the invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described and defined in the claim.

The recent custom in theaters of requiring ladies to remove their hats has hitherto found its greatest inconvenience in the fact that such hats being usually bulky and at the same delicate must be handled with care and held in the lap during the whole performance.

One feature of my invention provides a device upon which the hat and other articles of wearing-apparel may be conveniently and safely hung to the back of the chair just in front of the one occupied by the owner. The provision of a looking-glass is also very desirable, since it enables the lady, or other person for that matter, to inspect and properly adjust her hair and various articles of wearing-apparel. The device also affords an extremely serviceable means for displaying advertising matter. This last feature is not the least important of those noted.

In the drawings like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation, showing one of my improved devices applied to the back of a theater-seat. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the parts shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line $x^3 x^3$ of Fig. 2.

The numeral 1 indicates the back of an ordinary theater-seat, the upper portion of which, it will be noted, is thicker than the lower portion thereof, so that a ledge 2 is thereby formed, as best shown in Fig. 3.

The character a indicates the back or relatively fixed member, and the character a' indicates the pivotally-movable member, of a metal case, which parts are hinged at their upper ends, as shown at a^2. Screws b, passed through perforations in the back of the case-section a and screwed into the top of the seat-back 1, securely hold the said case-section a to the said seat-back. At its sides the case-section a is provided with side strips a^3, which overlap the sides of the member a' when the latter is turned downward into a closed or vertical position. Said side strips a^3 are provided with inturned ribs or flanges a^4, which serve to frictionally hold a card c against the back of the case-section a. On its outer face the card c is marked with advertising matter. On its inner face the hinged case member a' is provided with a marginal inturned flange a^5, which engages the beveled edge of the mirror f, and thereby secures the said mirror to the said case-section. On its outer face said case-section a' is provided at its sides and free or lower edge with marginal flanges a^6, which afford a keeper serving to hold a card g against the outer face of the said case-section a'. The card g, like the card c, will be marked with advertising matter. The card c is inserted into working position by upward movement from the lower end of the case-section a, while the card g is inserted in working position by a downward movement through the upper or hinged end of the case-section a'. As is evident, the advertising matter on the card g will be exposed to view while the case-section a' is turned downward into normal position, while the advertising matter on the card c will be exposed to view when the case-section a' is turned upward, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, so as to expose the mirror f for use.

The fixed case-section a is provided with a depending supporting-plate a^7, which is bent to fit against the ledge 2 and against the thinner portion of the seat-back 1. A bearing or keeper k, detachably secured to the plate a^7 by short nutted bolts k', pivotally connects a clothes bracket or hook m to the

back of the seat and to the said plate a^7. As shown, the bracket m is provided with a long upper and a short lower hook, upon the upper of which a hat and to the lower of which a cloak or other article of wearing-apparel may be conveniently hung.

The bracket m is free to swing from one extreme position into another extreme position, (indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2,) in both of which positions it will lie close against the back of the seat 1 and entirely below the legs 2. To yieldingly hold the said bracket or hook m in either of these extreme positions or in its operative outturned position, (shown by full lines in the drawings,) its vertical shaft-section is provided with recesses or indentations m', with which coöperates the conical point of a spring-pressed retaining-dog m^2, mounted in a thimble-like projection k^2 of the keeper k. In this way the bracket m is held so that it will not under ordinary conditions be moved from any one of the three positions into which it may set. At the same time it will readily swing from its operative or outturned position in case a person's clothing should catch thereon, and will thus prevent tearing of the clothes. When the hook m is turned outward, it prevents the insertion or removal of the card c; but when it is turned to either side back against the offset portion a^7 it stands out of line with the said card, so that the card may then be readily inserted or removed.

It will of course be understood that the device described is capable of modification within the scope of my invention as herein set forth and claimed. It will also be understood that the device is not limited to its use in connection with theater-seats, but is capable of application wherever such a device is desired.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

The combination with the case-section a having the card-holding flanges a^4 and the offset plate-section a^7, of the hook m pivoted to the said offset plate-section a^7 and movable into extreme positions underlying the shouldered portion thereof and inward of the plane of the said flanges a^4, whereby a card may be readily inserted into the holder afforded by said flanges or removed therefrom when the said hook is turned into an extreme position, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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