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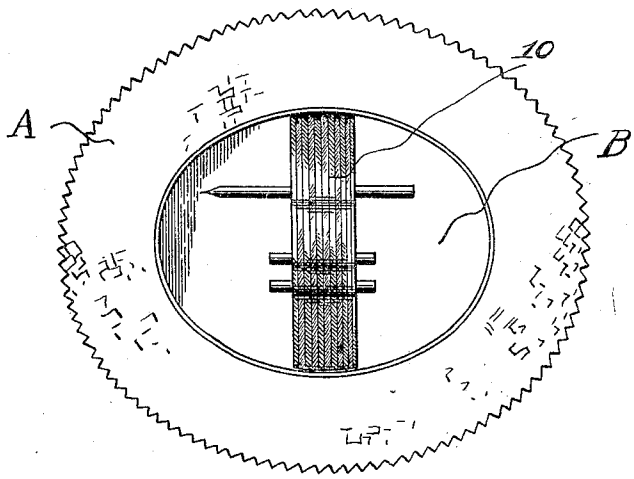


Fig. 1

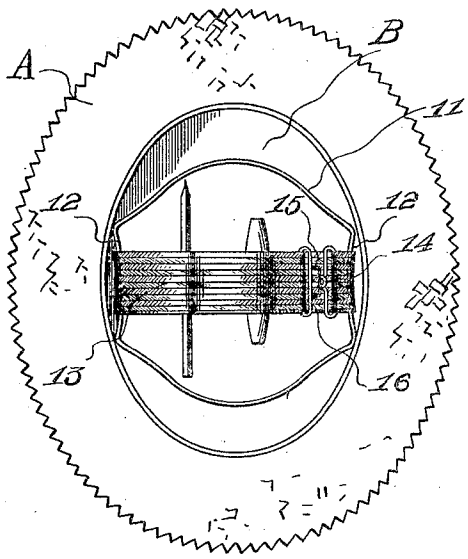


Fig. 2

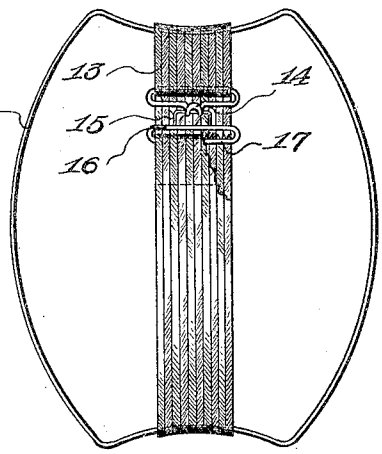


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to devices designed for supporting articles and particularly to a device designed to be placed within the crown of a hat for the purpose of supporting pencils, cigars, cigarettes or other articles within the crown.

The general object of the invention is to provide in connection with a hat having a crown, and preferably a stiff crown, a transversely extending elastic band disposed across the under face of the under side of the crown and adapted to embrace articles such as pencils, cigars, cigarettes, etc.

A further object is to provide an elastic frame which may be readily extended within the crown of a hat and which frame supports a double elastic band between the two thicknesses of which articles may be disposed, the ends of this elastic band being preferably connected by a buckle or like device.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is an inside plan view of a hat having one form of my invention applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a like view to Figure 1 but showing another form of my invention applied thereto;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the holder detached from the hat.

Referring to these drawings in Figure 1, I have illustrated a hat A which as illustrated is a straw hat having a stiff crown B and disposed within the crown of this hat and extending transversely across is an elastic band 10 which may be made of elastic webbing or like material, and which is stitched to the crown of the hat at opposite points so that cigars, cigarettes, pencils, memoranda or the like may be inserted between the top of the hat and this elastic band and carried thereby. The band may have printed upon it advertising matter if desired.

In Fig. 3, I illustrate an elastic band supported by a frame designated generally 11, this frame being somewhat elliptical in form and preferably formed of a single piece of wire, the opposite end portion of the frame being inwardly bent as at 12. A strap of elastic webbing designated generally 13, is looped over one of these inwardly pressed portions 12 and one end of the strap is extended over or around the opposite inwardly pressed portion 12. The ends of the strap are connected by means of a hook 14 and an elongated eye 15 or like means. This eye is mounted upon a cross bar 16 through which the bight portion of the elastic band passes and this cross bar may be engaged with the rubber band in any suitable manner as for instance, by a cross bar 17 having prongs extending into one end of the rubber band or otherwise connected therewith. This will permit the rubber band to be taken up when its elasticity becomes reduced. It will be seen that articles such as pencils, cigars, cigarettes, etc., may be readily inserted between the two lengths or stretches of the rubber band and securely held within the hat. The hook and eye engagement of one end of the band with the other end will permit the band to be opened up and the articles plated between the two stretches of the band and then the two ends of the band connected again. This rubber band 13 may have a surface such that advertising matter may be printed thereon. I do not wish to be limited to the particular means for engaging the end of one of the thicknesses of rubber with the other thickness as various clips for this purpose might be used. It will be seen that the elasticity of the wire frame will hold the frame in place within the crown of the hat in the manner shown in Figure 2.

I claim:—

1. As an article of manufacture an article support for hats comprising an elastic wire frame adapted to be disposed in and expand within the crown of a hat, and a stretched band of elastic material carried by said frame, the band being folded to provide two parallel portions, the ends of the band being detachably engaged with each other, the elastic band constituting means for supporting articles between them.

2. As an article of manufacture, an article support for hats comprising an elastic wire frame formed to provide two opposed inwardly curved cross bar portions and two opposed resilient outwardly bowed portions connecting the ends of said cross bar portions, and a stretched band of elastic material carried by said frame, said frame being adapted to be disposed within the crown of a hat and expand against said crown to thereby support the elastic band in proximity to the inner face of the crown.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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