

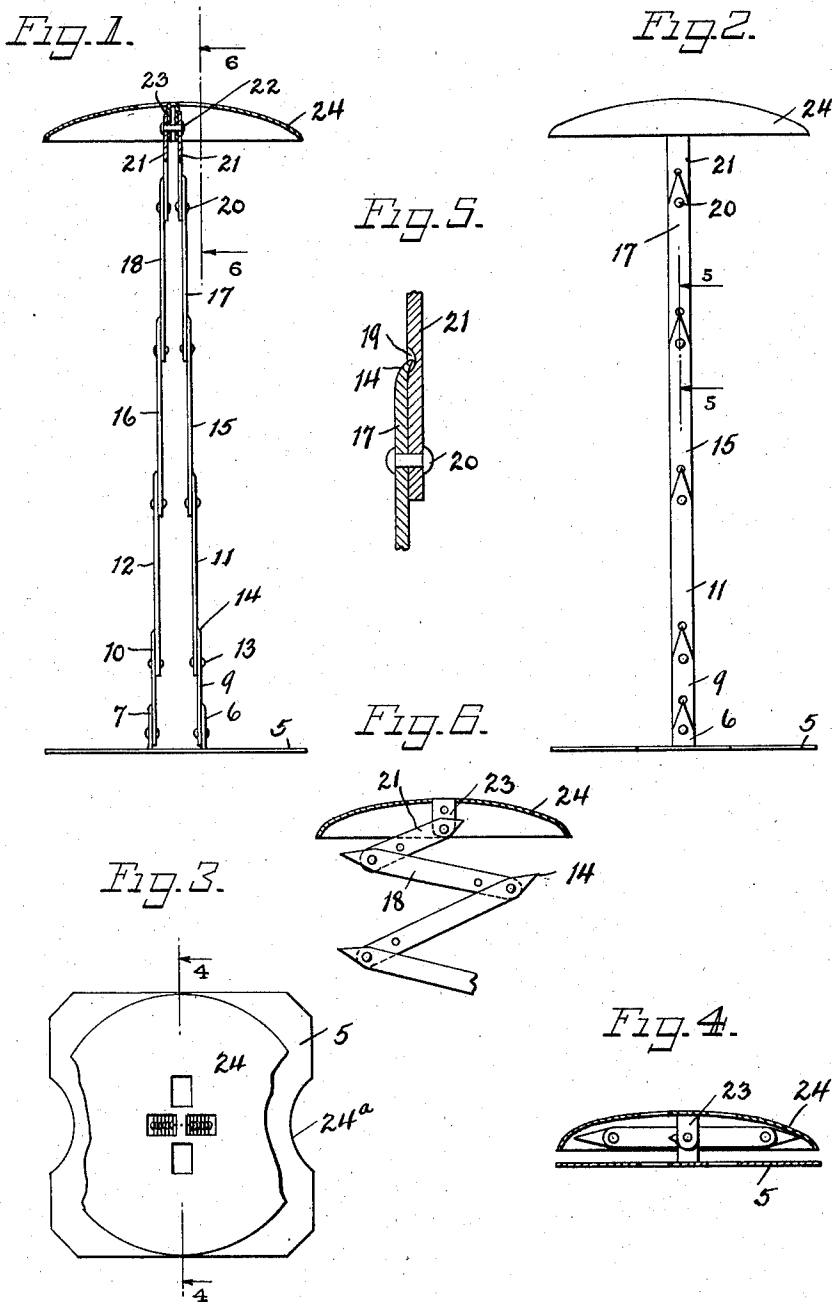
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This invention relates to collapsible or folding supports and more particularly to a hat or article support or display stand either for individual or commercial use.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a folding or knockdown support or stand for individual use which may be collapsed in a substantial flat condition so as to minimize space when not in use and easily packed as in a travelling bag or kit.

More specifically my invention relates to a folding hat support or stand in which the crown or head of the same may be expanded relative to a base to loosely receive a hat body or other article so as to preserve its shape.

A continued object of my invention resides in a hat stand or support having a base and crown interconnected by a series of folded links whereby the article may be collapsed to a substantially flat condition.

To enable others skilled in the art to more fully comprehend the underlying features of my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of my invention in which

Fig. 1 is a front view partly in section.

Fig. 2 is a side view.

Fig. 3 is a top plan.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing the support or stand in its collapsed condition taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 6 is a section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 5, designates a flat base preferably of metal which may be square or rectangular and of substantial area to form a support. The base 5 is struck up to provide a pair of vertical, parallel lugs 6, 7 to which are pivotally connected as at 8 a pair of links 9, 10. The links 9, 10, have pivoted thereto a pair of somewhat longer links 11, 12, the pivots 13 connecting the bottom or lower end of the links 11, 12, but somewhat below the upper inwardly bent ends 14 of the links 9, 10. The links 11, 12 are similarly pivotally connected to upper

links 15, 16, and links 17, 18, each pair of links folding within each other so that they may be knocked down and folded from the extended position as shown by Figs. 1 and 2 to that shown and illustrated by Fig. 4. The inwardly bent ends 14 of the links are adapted to snap and lock within recesses 19, of the next adjacent link as shown by Fig. 5, thus retaining the links in their aligned, expanded position as shown, but which permits the links to be folded as shown further by Fig. 6. The upper links 17, 18 are pivotally connected as at 20 to short links 21 which are in turn riveted as at 22 to downwardly struck lugs 23 of a convex-concave head or crown 24 which is adapted to loosely support the cap or object as desired. The diameter of the head or crown 24 may be substantially the width of the base or plate 5 so that when the device is folded or knocked down, it is in a substantially flat condition. In order to permit the links to be expanded and for convenience and opening the device, the plate 5 is cut to provide the recesses 24^a whereby the outer opposite edges of the convex-concave head or crown 24 may be gripped or seized by the fingers.

From the above construction, it will be seen that I have provided a novel and improved article of manufacture capable of a multiplicity of uses and more particularly for supporting an article such as a lady's hat. The lengths of the links may be varied as occasion may require so as to permit the head or crown to be expanded relative to the base or plate 5, the width of said base or plate being necessarily of such dimensions as to permit the device to stand in an upright position without falling. For the purposes of uniformity of manufacture, both the base or plate 5 and the crown or head 24 may be stamped out to provide recesses corresponding to the upwardly and downwardly struck lugs, heretofore referred to.

While I have shown and described my invention with some degree of particularity, it will be realized that other modifications and changes may be resorted to under special conditions. I therefore do not wish to be limited and restricted to the exact details

shown and described but reserve the right to make such changes and modifications as may fairly fall within the scope of the subject matter now being claimed.

5 Having shown and described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A hat support of the class described comprising a base having upwardly struck lugs,
10 a plurality of pairs of flat links connected to said lugs, the upper ends of said links bent inwardly and adapted to be locked within recesses of the next adjacent link and a concave crown having downwardly struck lugs
15 connected to the end links, said base, links and crown being adapted to be folded in a substantially flat condition, said crown being of such size as to conceal said links when folded.

2. A hat support of the class described comprising a base having upwardly struck lugs, a plurality of pairs of flat links, the upper ends of said links being pointed and bent inwardly and adapted to be locked with-
25 in recesses of the next adjacent link, a concave crown having downwardly struck lugs pivotally connected to the end links, said base having side recesses whereby the crown may be seized by the fingers and expanded with
30 said links, said base, links and crown being adapted to be folded in a substantially flat condition, said crown being of such size as to conceal said links when folded.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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