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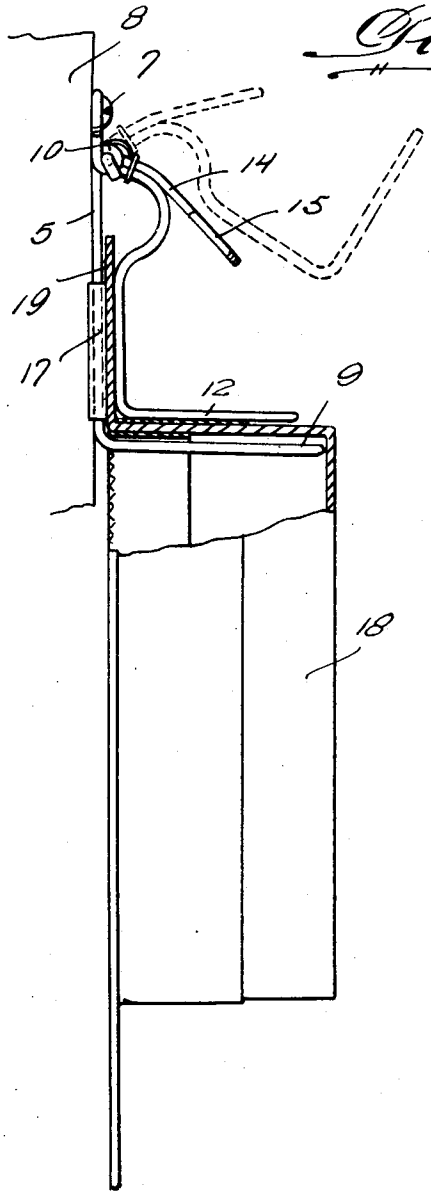


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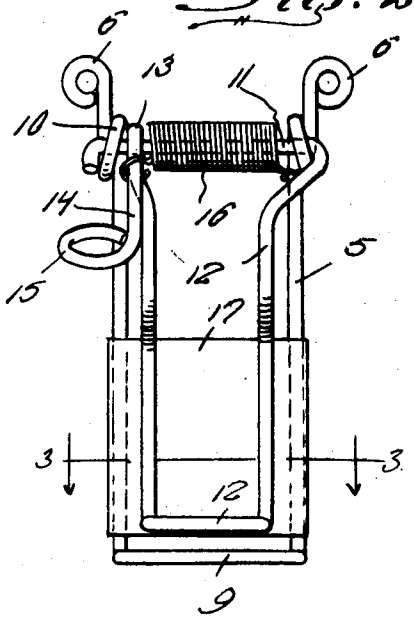
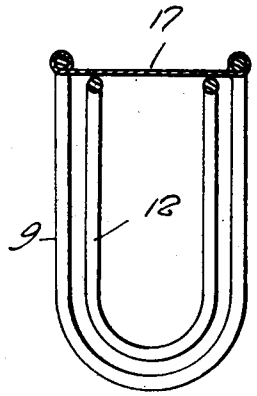


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 6.

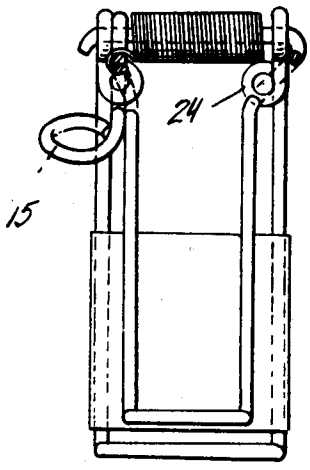
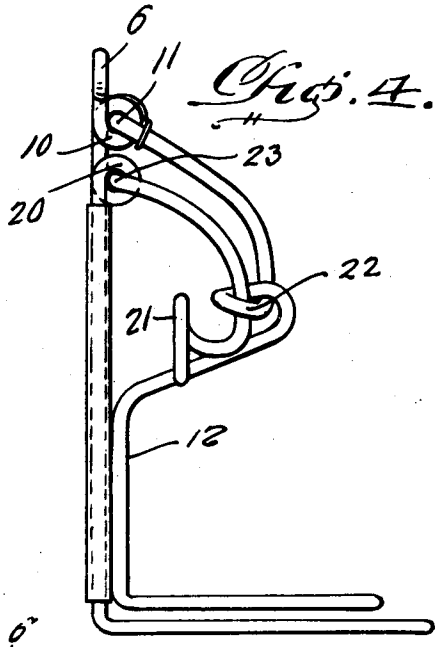


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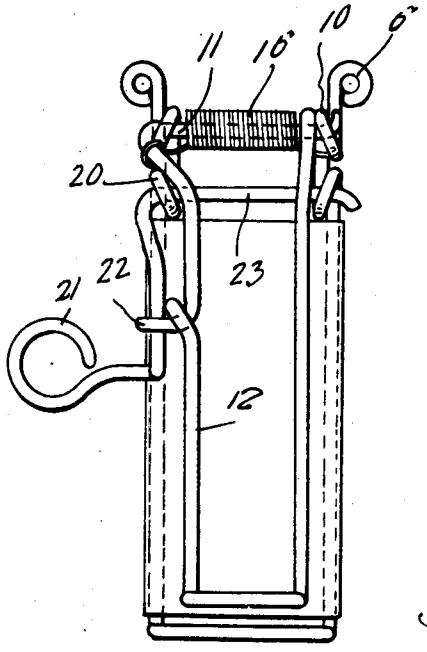


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The present invention relates to hat hangers and is adapted particularly for attaching to one of the inside frames of an automobile in order that the hat of an occupant of the car may be carried thereby. The invention comprises essentially a stationary bracket member adapted to engage one side of the crown and brim of a hat and a movable bracket member arranged to engage the opposite sides of the crown and brim thereof whereby to secure the same in position between said members.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide means for yieldingly retaining the movable bracket in engaged position whereby to prevent the accidental displacement of the hat from the bracket.

Another object is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which will effectively secure the hat in suspended position without injuring the same, which may be easily and quickly attached in position upon any suitable part of the interior of the automobile, which is inexpensive to manufacture, and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the special construction and combination of the various elements forming a part of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevational view showing the device in attached position, and with a hat shown arranged to be supported thereupon.

Figure 2 is a front elevational view thereof.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken along a line 3—3 of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a side elevational view of a modified form of hanger.

Figure 5 is a front elevational view of the form of the device as shown in Figure 4, and,

Figure 6 is a similar view of a further modification thereof.

Referring now to the drawings I have disclosed my invention comprising a stationary hat supporting member indicated at 5, said member being composed of a single strand of relatively stiff wire, with each end thereof formed into a loop 6 adapted to have a screw 7 or the like inserted therethrough whereby to attach said member to one of the vertical frame members 8 at the inside of the automobile. The sides of the stationary members 5 extending from the loop 6 are arranged in spaced parallel relation as shown in Figure 2 of the drawing, with the intermediate section thereof as indicated at 9 being bent outwardly from the frame member 8 along a substantially horizontal plane. In this manner, the intermediate section 9 is disposed substantially at right angles to the section 5 of the stationary member, which latter section as shown in Figure 1 extends vertically with respect to the frame 8 of the car.

Near the ends of the sections 5 the wire is formed into loops 10 with the openings therethrough arranged in alinement with each other on a horizontal plane and forming brackets for receiving the horizontally disposed section 11 of a movable hat supporting member 12, said member being shaped similarly to the stationary member 5 and as illustrated in Figure 2 of the drawing, of slightly smaller dimension therefrom. The end of the movable member 12, opposite from the horizontally disposed section 11, is bent completely about said horizontal section at certain points, with the end 14 thereof extended in a general direction with the side portions of the movable member and formed into a handle 15. A coil spring 16 is mounted upon the horizontal section 11 of a movable member, one end of said spring being secured to the movable member, with the opposite end secured to the stationary member and arranged to normally maintain the movable member in engaged position with respect to said stationary member.

A plate 17 is arranged to extend between the parallel sides of the stationary member 5 against which the movable member 12 is adapted to abut so as to form a substantially flattened surface against which the movable member may bear when in closed position.

Thus it is apparent that a hat of a type as indicated at 18 in Figure 1 of the drawing may be supported by its crown upon the horizontal section 9 of the stationary member with the brim 19 of the hat resting upon the plate 17 of such member.

In order to support the hat upon the stationary member, the movable member is first moved into an upward position as shown by the dotted lines in Figure 1 of the drawing and after placing the hat in position, said movable member is then released, permitting the spring 16 to force the same against the side of the hat opposite from the stationary member, thus serving to tightly secure the hat in position therebetween.

Figures 4, 5 and 6 of the drawing illustrate

certain modifications in the construction of the invention, Figures 4 and 5 illustrating one modified form, and Figure 6 representing a further modification thereof. The stationary member 5 in the modified form shown in Figure 5 and in Figure 4 is substantially the same in construction as heretofore described, except that an additional loop 20 is formed at each side adjacent the loop 10 provided for supporting the horizontal section 11 of the movable member. The movable member likewise is substantially similarly formed, having one end provided with a horizontally disposed section 11 inserted in the support 10 provided therefor and retained in engaged position with respect to the stationary handle by a coil spring 16. In this instance, however, the opposite end of the movable member terminates at the point of its engagement with the horizontal section 11 and a separately formed handle is provided for the movable member comprising a strand of wire having one end formed into a handle 21 and supported in a twisted loop 22 formed in one of the side sections of the movable member 12, with the opposite end of said handle extending at a horizontal plane in parallel relation with the section 11 of the stationary member and supported in the loops 20 arranged at each side thereof. It is apparent that the end 23 of the handle being fulcrumed in the loops 20 of the stationary member, the opposite end of the handle may therefore be raised or lowered to move the movable member with respect thereto.

In the modified form of the invention illustrated in Figure 6 of the drawing, the movable member is constructed in an identical manner as the construction thereof illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 and as heretofore described in detail, and the stationary member of such modified form is likewise constructed substantially similar to the form shown in Figures 1 and 2, except that the loop 24 thereof provided for receiving the screws for attaching the member to the frame of the car are arranged slightly inwardly of the ends thereof with the loops 10 arranged for supporting the horizontal section 11 of the movable member disposed outwardly of the attaching loops, or in other words, arranged in a reversed relation with respect to the arrangement shown in Figure 2. In either form of the invention, it is apparent that the movable member may be readily raised upwardly to permit the hat to be supported upon the stationary member and then upon releasing said movable member the same will be forced against the opposite side of the rim and crown of the hat and thus secure the same in position.

It is obvious that the device is susceptible of various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of the various parts forming the invention, without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claims, and I accordingly claim all such forms of the device to which I am entitled.

I claim:—

1. In a hat supporting device, a pair of hat engaging members including a stationary member and a movable member, each being formed of a single strand of wire and adapted to engage the opposite faces of the brim and crown of a hat, said stationary member having loops formed therein providing means for fixedly attaching the same, the wire forming said movable member having one end formed into a transversely disposed section, outwardly extending loops formed in said stationary member adapted to receive said transverse section and forming a pivotal support for the same, a handle formed at the opposite end of the wire of said movable member and a spring mounted on said transverse section having its ends connected with said member and arranged to yieldably retain the same in engaged position with respect to the hat, said stationary member having a plate carried thereby constituting a flattened surface for supporting the brim of the hat against the pressure of the spring and the movable member.

2. In a hat supporting device, a plurality of hat engaging members, each being formed of a single strand of wire with one of said members comprising a stationary member formed with a return bend intermediate its ends with the section of wire adjacent its bent end in position for engaging the inner face of a hat crown, attaching means formed at the opposite end of said member with the section of wire adjacent thereto disposed at right angles to the hat crown engaging section and adapted to engage the underside of the brim of the hat, said other member comprising a movable member pivotally mounted at one end to said stationary member adjacent its attached end and formed substantially complementary with said stationary member and adapted to engage the opposite faces of said brim and crown so that said members will be disposed in opposed relation with respect to the opposite faces of the brim and crown portions of the hat, a plate carried on said stationary member forming a supporting base for said hat brim, and means yieldably connecting said members whereby to normally force the movable member in engaged position with respect to said stationary member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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