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FIG. 1.

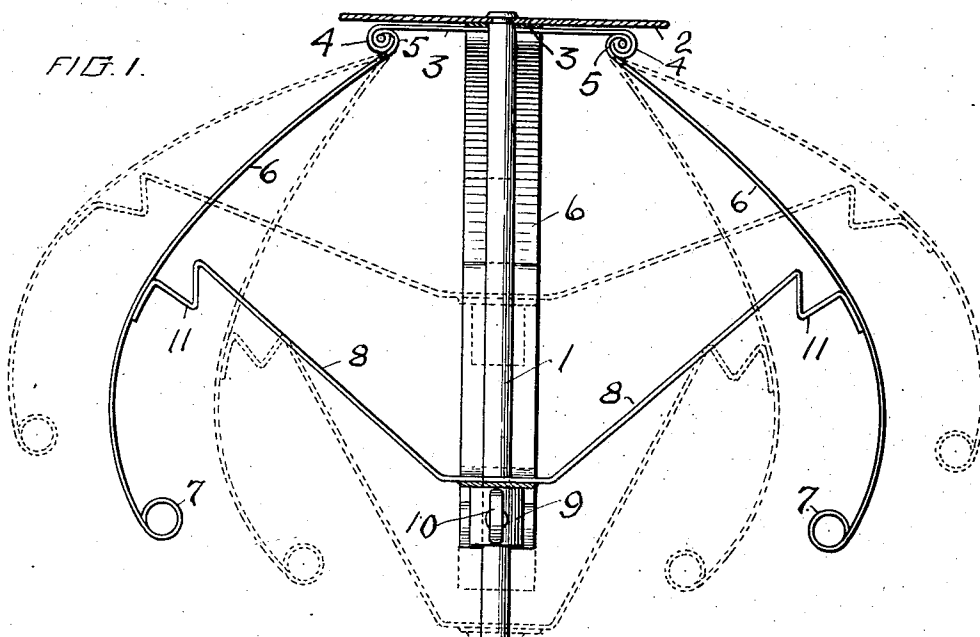
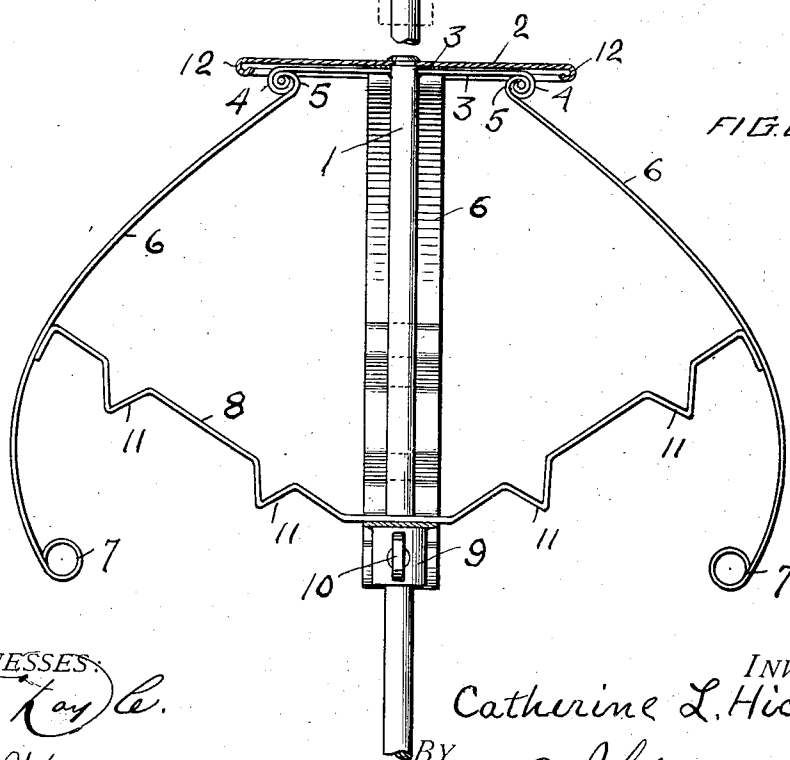


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CATHERINE L. HICKEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Stands, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to display stands, particularly intended for displaying ladies' hats, bonnets, and the like, and has for its object to so construct a device of this nature that it will support such hat or other article from base side and crown and hold it in shape without gripping, and will permit the hat or other article to be removed without catching on draw strings, lining, or other portion.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is vertical sectional view of a display stand embodying my invention; and Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modified form.

In the drawings 1 is a vertical rod arranged to be held in vertical position by any convenient means, 2 is a plate, preferably circular, at the upper end of rod 1. On the under side of the plate 2 are arranged strips 3, having their ends curled or rolled inward, as shown at 4. The strips 3 are preferably two in number, so as to provide four incurled ends 4, but may be more or less in number if desired. With each of the incurled ends 4 is engaged the incurled end 5 of a curved rib 6, the outer or free end of which is preferably incurled as shown at 7. These ribs 6 are preferably formed of strips of sheet metal sufficiently wide to form a surface which will support the hat without injury to the texture of the material of which it is made.

To each of the ribs 6, at a point between its midlength and its outer end, is secured the end of a stay 8, the inner end of which is secured to a sleeve 9 arranged to be slidable on the rod 1, and to be secured at any desired position thereon by a set screw 10. The stays 8 are preferably formed of strips of sheet metal, and in order to make them sufficiently resilient they are pro-

vided with one or more V-shaped bends 11. In Fig. 1 such bend is shown, and in Fig. 2, two such bends are shown in each rib. By moving the sleeve 9 up or down the ribs 6 will be more or less expanded as may be necessary to fit the hat which is to be exhibited. The ribs 6 and the stays being both formed of relatively broad strips of resilient sheet metal, yield easily, and thus will not mar or injure a hat, however soft its material. The plate 2 is preferably formed with a rolled edge 12, and forms an efficient support for the crown of the hat.

In constructing the device the incurled ends 5 of the ribs 6 are readily interlocked with the curled or rolled ends 4 of the strips 3, and when the stays 8 are secured in place the ends of the ribs cannot be detached.

The device may, of course, be used for the display of articles other than hats.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A display device for hats and the like, comprising a vertical rod, a plate at the upper end of the rod adapted to support the crown of the hat, horizontal strips extending radially beneath the plate, having their outer ends curved downwardly then upwardly, curved ribs of resilient metal having their upper ends curved to fit within the ends of the horizontal strips, an adjustable sleeve on the vertical rod, and stays of resilient sheet metal connecting the sleeve with the ribs.

2. A display device for hats and the like, comprising a vertical rod, a plate at the upper end of the rod adapted to support the crown of the hat, horizontal strips extending radially beneath the plate, having their outer ends curved downwardly then upwardly, curved ribs of resilient metal having their upper ends curved to fit within the ends of the horizontal strips, an adjustable sleeve on the vertical rod, stays of resilient sheet metal connecting the sleeve with the ribs, and provided with bends or offsets.

This specification signed and witnessed this 27th day of January, A. D. 1912.

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