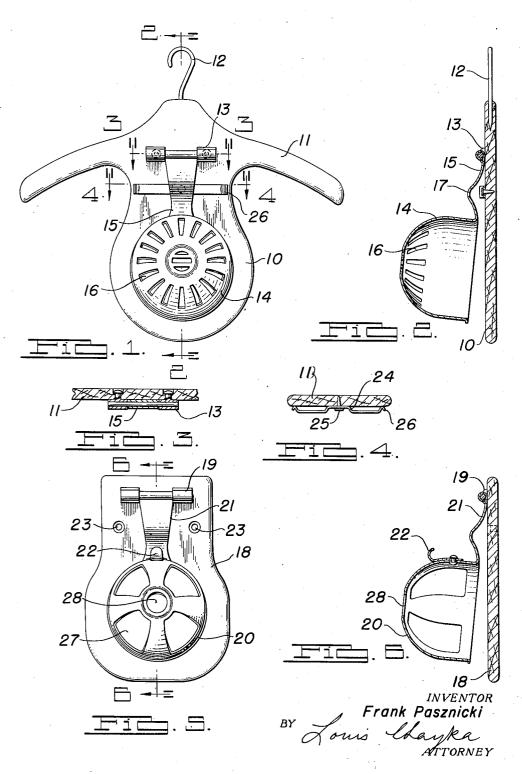
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The purpose of my improvement is to provide a hanger including means for enclosure of a hat to save it from being crushed.

Another purpose of my improvement is to make the hanger, including said hat enclosure means, simple in construction and economical in cost but thoroughly practical for the purposes for which the hanger was designed.

I shall now describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawings in which: 10

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a combined coat hanger and a hat protecting enclosure mounted thereon;
Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1:

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is a plan view of a hat protecting en-

closure, somewhat modified, as affixed to a mounting board;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view on line 6—6 of Fig. 5. Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The improved hanger of my invention includes a flat body member 10, which body is substantially circular in form in its lower portion and includes two side arms 11 in its upper portion in the manner adopted in conventional coat hangers. A suspension hook 12, preferably made of wire and imbedded in the body of the hanger extends upwardly therefrom.

Centrally disposed upon the lower part of the hanger on the circular portion thereof, is a hat enclosing member 14, made in the form of a semi-spherical shell having a plurality of radial slots 16. The slots have a two-fold purpose, namely to ventilate the shell and to reduce its weight. A thin strip 15 extends upwardly from the shell and is connected by means of a hinge 13 to the body of the hanger, midway the arms 11. The strip bulges upwardly at 17 for purposes which will be presently described.

The arms 11 of the hanger may be used in the conventional manner to support the shoulder portion of a coat. The hat enclosing member is intended to receive the crown of a hat. To effect this, the shell 14 is swung upwardly away from the 4 body of the hanger so that the crown of a hat may be placed manually within said shell, whereupon the shell is allowed to drop down from its hinge, that is the hinge at the upper end of strip 15, to assume its normal position as shown in 5 Fig. 1. The brim of the hat will not be covered by the shell but will be held in abutment with the

circular portion of body 10. Bulge 17 in the strip 15 is intended to allow for the outward curl of the brim.

To make the hanger useful for another purpose, I have equipped it also with a tie hanger. This is made out of a metal band 26, mounted horizontally on the body of the hanger, where strip 15 forms a bulge 17. The band is flexible and is affixed in place, midway its length by means of a nail or screw 25, as shown in Fig. 4, the ends of the band being in abutment with the body of the hanger, while portions adjoining said ends are in a spaced relation to the surface of said body.

A modified hat enclosing shell is shown in Figs. 5 and 6 in which said shell is shown provided with a radial strip 21, the latter being hinged at 19 to a board 18. The board may be mounted on a wall or on some other supporting structure. Screw holes 23 are provided for the purpose. The shell, 20, which for lightness has large radial openings 27, is provided with a hook 22 upon which clothes may be suspended.

It will be apparent that the device shown by me, may be modified in some respects without departing from the inventive principle disclosed by me. What I, therefore, wish to claim, is as follows.

A hanger of the kind described including a flat body member provided with arms extending laterally therefrom in opposite directions for suspension of a coat, a semi-spherical shell to fit over the crown of a hat and a narrow strip extending radially from said shell and hinged at its upper end to the surface of said flat body member at a point midway said arms, the strip having an upwardly forming curl to accommodate the upwardly turning brim of the hat, the open side of the shell tending to abut by gravity, the surface of said flat body portion.

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