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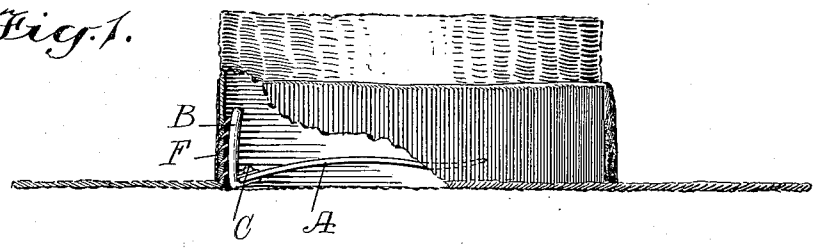

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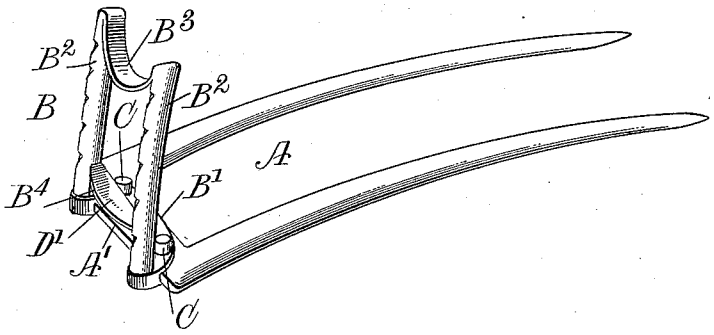

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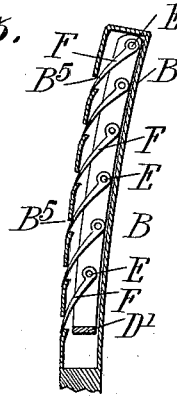

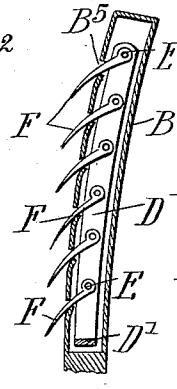

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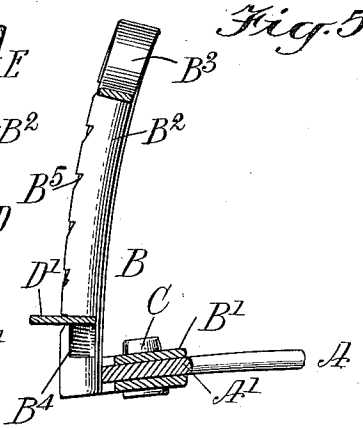

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUIGI VIEZZI, a subject of the King of Italy, and a resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Hat-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved holder for holding ladies' hats securely in place on the head, and arranged to permit the user to readily place the holder in position in the hair and engage the retaining devices of the holder with the lining of the hat, or to release the said retaining devices whenever it is desired to remove the hat.

For the purpose mentioned use is made of a hairpin provided with a retaining device extending at an angle to the pin and having normally concealed retaining prongs adapted to be moved into extended position for engagement with the lining of the hat.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the hat holder as applied, part of the hat being shown in section; Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the hat holder; Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional side elevation of part of the hat holder and showing more particularly the retaining prongs in folded and concealed position; Fig. 4 is a similar view of the same and showing the retaining prongs projected for engagement with the lining of the hat; and Fig. 5 is a sectional side elevation of the hat holder.

On the head A′ of a hat pin A is secured the base B′ of a frame B by the use of rivets C or other fastening devices. From the base B′ extend upwardly spaced hollow arms B^2 connected with each other at the top by a cross piece B^3, preferably curved downward to form a finger hold for the purpose hereinafter more fully explained. Within the hollow arms B^2 are mounted to move up and down slides D, rigidly connected with each other at their lower ends by a fingerpiece D′ extending through openings B^4 formed in the inner opposite faces of the hollow arms B^2. On each of the slides D are pivoted at E prongs F having their pointed ends extending into openings B^5 formed in the outer edges of the arms B^2, the bottoms of the openings B^5 being slightly inclined in an inward and upward direction, as will be readily understood by reference to Figs. 2, 3, 4 and 5. When the slides D are in an uppermost position, as shown in Fig. 3 then the prongs F are held in a folded and concealed position, that is, are held within the hollow arms B^2 with the terminals of the prongs resting on the upper portions of the several bottoms of the openings B^5.

When it is desired to use the hat holder, the pin A is engaged with the hair of the user and the hat is placed in position with the lining or inner surface of the hat close to the outer edges of the arms B^2, and then the user presses the fingerpiece D′ downward with a view to move the slides D in a like direction, whereby the prongs F are caused to move outward into a projected position and into engagement with the lining or end surface of the hat, as will be readily understood by reference to Figs. 1 and 4. In order to enable the user to exert the desired downward pressure on the fingerpiece D′ for projecting the pivoted prongs F, the user places, say, the forefinger on the fingerpiece D′, and the thumb on the under side of the head A′ of the hatpin A. When it is desired to remove the hat the user pushes the fingerpiece D′ upward so as to move the slides D in a like direction, thereby withdrawing the prongs F from engagement with the lining or the inner face of the hat, and moving the said prongs F into folded and concealed position, as shown in Fig. 3.

In order to enable the user to exert a convenient upward pressure on the fingerpiece D′, the latter is engaged at the underside with one finger while another finger is placed in position on the crosspiece B^3.

The device is very simple and durable in construction and composed of comparatively few parts, not liable easily to get out of order. It will also be noticed that the hat holder can be conveniently placed in position for securely holding the hat in place or for releasing the hat whenever it is desired to remove the same.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A hat holder, comprising a hairpin and a retaining device attached thereto, the retaining device having a hollow fixed arm,

prongs normally concealed and folded in the said arm and adapted to be moved into extended position at angles to the said arm for engagement with a hat, and manually controlled means connected with the said prongs for moving the said prongs into folded or extended position.

2. A hat holder, comprising a base for attachment to a hairpin, a hollow arm rising from the said base and provided with openings, a manually-controlled slide in the said arm, and prongs pivoted on the said slide and having their pointed ends extending into the said openings, the prongs in one position of the slide being folded and concealed in the said arm, and in another position of the slide the prongs are projected through the openings to extend from the arm, the prongs being adapted when in extended position to engage the hat.

3. A hat holder, comprising a hairpin, a frame having a base attached to the said hairpin, hollow arms rising from the said base, the arms having their outer edges provided with spaced openings, slides in the said arms, a fingerpiece connecting the said slides with each other, and prongs pivoted on the said slides and having their pointed ends extending into the said openings and adapted to be projected through the openings and beyond the outer side edges of the arms, the said prongs being adapted, when in extended position, to engage the hat.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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