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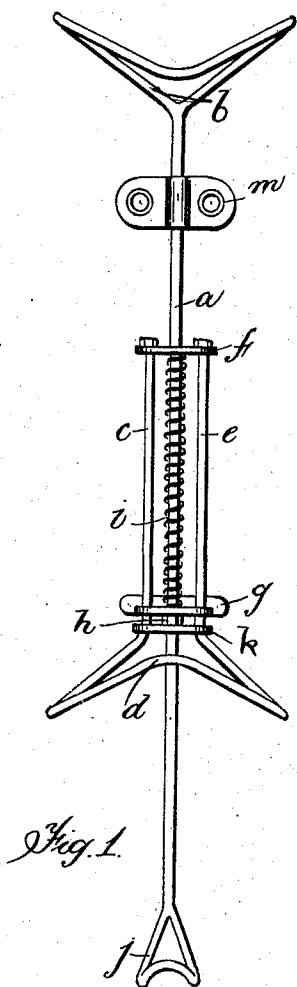


Fig. 1.

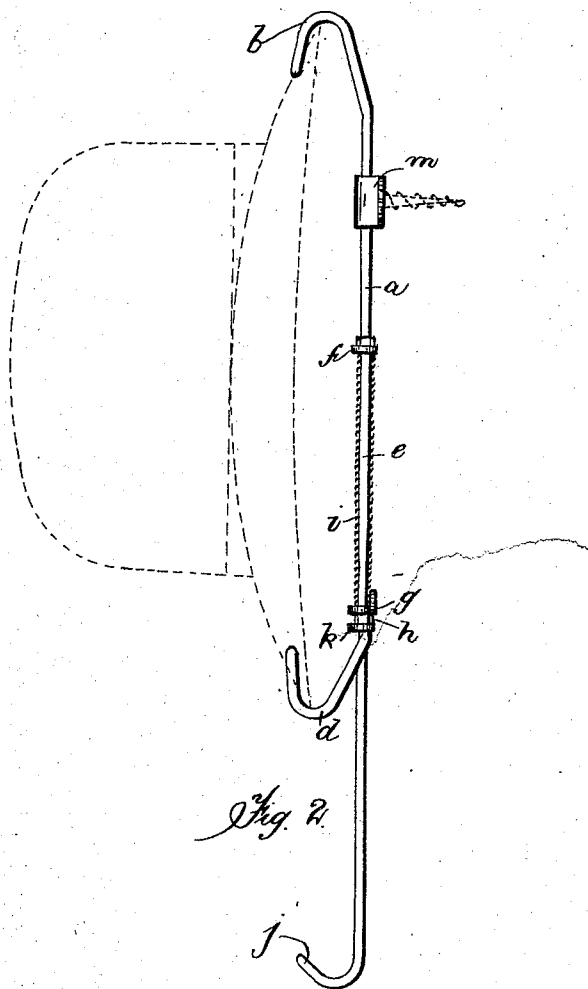


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES ISAAC ADAMS, residing at 8 Crescent Gardens, Bath, in the county of Somerset, and CHARLES OLIVER CLARK, residing at 48 Sydney road, Ealing, in the county of Middlesex, England, subjects of the King of England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a hat-holder by means of which a hat of any size is held firmly in position and from which it may be withdrawn with extreme facility.

The holder consists, essentially, of two portions so fitted and arranged that they are drawn normally toward one another by means of a spring or springs. The two portions are furnished with suitable grips, so bent or formed that they will receive hats of various sizes by pressing the hat between the said grips, where it is held by the tension of the spring pressing the grips toward one another. A hook may be attached, if desired, for holding a coat or other article.

In order that our invention may be better understood, we will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the drawings accompanying this specification, which show one form of holder constructed according to our invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a holder constructed according to our invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of same, showing a hat dotted in position.

The same letters of reference are employed to denote the same parts in both views.

a b show a metal rod bent at *b* into the form of a clip, as shown. *c d e* represent a second rod bent into the form of a clip at *d* and having the portions *c* and *e* parallel to one another. The portions *c* and *e* are passed through holes in a plate *f* and are retained therein by means of nuts, riveting, or by other suitable means. In the drawings they are shown retained in position by means of nuts. *g* is another plate through which the portions *c* and *e* slide and to which the portion *a* of the first-mentioned rod is fixed by means of a nut *h*. *i* is a helical spring

placed on the rod *a* between the plates *f* and *g*, the plate *g* acting as an abutment for the end of the spring. In the form of the device shown on the drawings the rod *a* is extended downward to form a hook *j*. *k* is another plate through which the parallel portions of the piece *c d e* pass and to which they are fixed in order to keep them in position. Through a hole in this plate *k* the extension of the rod *a*, carrying the hook *j*, passes.

m is a plate suitably formed to take the rod *a* and provided with screw-holes for the purpose of attaching the device to the wall or in any required position.

It will be seen that when the device is fixed in position it is simply necessary to catch the brim of the hat on the lower clip, press the same down, and slip the brim under the upper clip, when on releasing the pressure the clips tending to come together under the influence of the spring *i* hold the hat firmly in position. The hat can be withdrawn instantly by a slight pressure on the lower clip. It will also be observed that a coat or other article may be suspended from the hook *j* without affecting the spring or disturbing the hat.

It is obvious that the device may be made in various forms while retaining the essential principle of clips or the like mounted on sections normally drawn toward one another by the action of a spring or springs.

Clips constructed according to this invention will be found far more useful than the ordinary form of hook or holder for hats. They can be adjusted so as to accommodate any-sized hat, and they are much more sanitary and far cleaner in use than the ordinary peg, since the device does not touch the inside of the hat or lining.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States of America, is—

1. An article of the character described comprising a rod provided with a fixed hat-clip, in combination with a second hat-clip composed of a single piece of wire bent to form a loop and terminating in elongated parallel arms, cross-pieces, connecting said parallel arms, and slidably mounted on said rod, an abutment on said rod, a spring coiled around said rod, engaging said abutment and the inner cross-piece of said second hat-clip

to normally draw the latter inwardly, and means for securing said rod to a wall or similar support, substantially as described.

2. An article of the character described,
5 comprising a supporting-rod terminating in inwardly-bent hooks, one of said hooks adapted to form a clip member of a hat-support and the other hook to form a hanger for a garment, in combination with a second hat-clip member interposed between said hooks,
10 means normally tending to draw said second

clip member toward said first clip member, and means for securing said rod to a wall or similar support, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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