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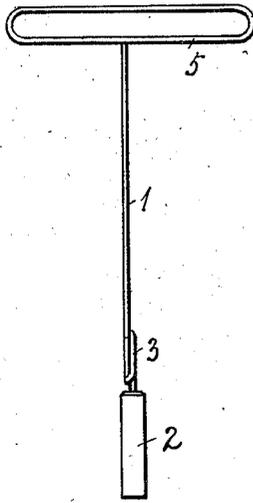


Fig. 2.

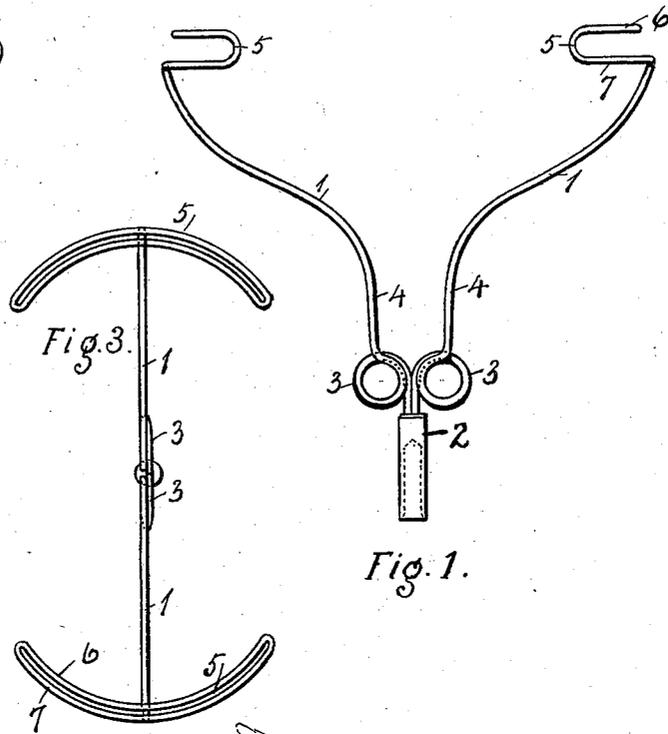


Fig. 1.

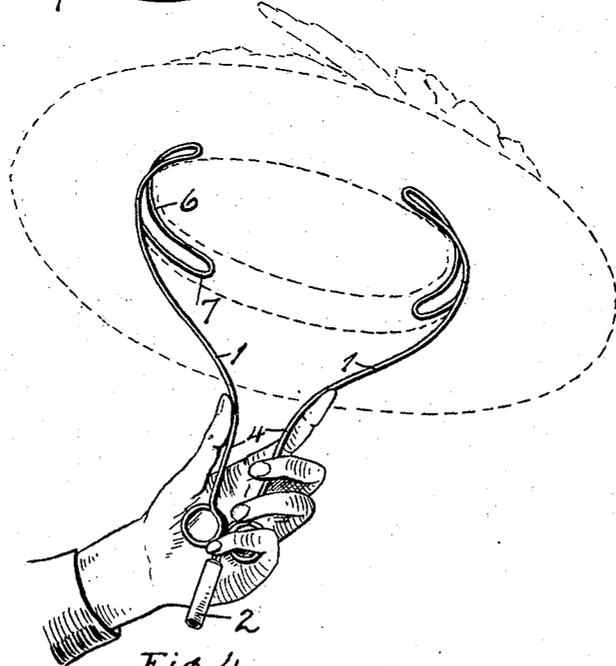


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK P. RABIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Colma, in the county of San Mateo and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Holders for Ladies' Hats, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in display-holders for ladies' hats, the object of my invention being to provide a neat and inconspicuous device by which a lady's hat can be displayed in the store or store-window, so as to hold the hat firmly and securely against displacement or tilting from any accidental cause.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which can be conveniently held in the hand when showing the hat to a customer and which when so held can be very readily operated to allow the hat to be removed from the holder.

My invention therefore resides in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts for the above ends hereinafter fully specified, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of the holder. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the same; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the holder in use, the hat being shown in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawings, the main portion of my improved display-holder consists of a piece of spring-wire bent at its middle portion to form two arms 1, the bent middle portion being secured in the end of a socketed support 2. Said arms extend upwardly from said support and are then bent through a complete circle to form loops 3, from which the arms extend vertically upward substantially parallel with and at a comparatively short distance from each other, as shown at 4. The arms at this part thus constitute the means by which the device can be conveniently held in the hand when showing the hat to a customer, the distance between them being considerably less than the length of the forefinger, while the end of the thumb rests against the outer arm, so that the whole de-

vice is very conveniently held in a natural position without unduly stretching the hand to grasp the same. The arms extend from this point in ogee curves outward and then upward to form the spreaders 5, which engage the inner surface of the hat. (Shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4.) These spreaders are formed by bending each arm at right angles to itself and also to the plane of the two arms, extending said bent portion in an inward horizontal curve, then bending it back upon itself and continuing it to an equal distance on the other side of the arm, and then bending it back to the point of departure of the arm, and there preferably connecting it by solder. Each spreader is thus in the form of an elongated loop concave toward the other spreader to conform to the curvature of the hat. Now an important feature of my invention is the shape of these spreaders. It is of the greatest importance for the success of the device that the hat should be held immovably and not be liable to tilt or change its inclination when placed upon the holder and resting on the stand. This is accomplished by forming the upper side 6 of the spreader so that it will lie farther inward than the lower side 7 thereof and in an arc of smaller radius, as shown. The result is that the hat is engaged most firmly by the lower side 7 of the spreader, and if the hat commences to tilt in either direction it will be engaged and arrested by the upper side of the spreader.

I claim—

In a display-holder for hats, the combination of the spring-arms secured at their lower ends and having at their upper ends the spreaders, each spreader having upper and lower edges concave toward the opposite spreader, and the upper edge being located farther inward than the lower edge and in an arc of smaller radius, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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