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Fig. 1.

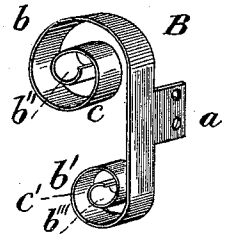
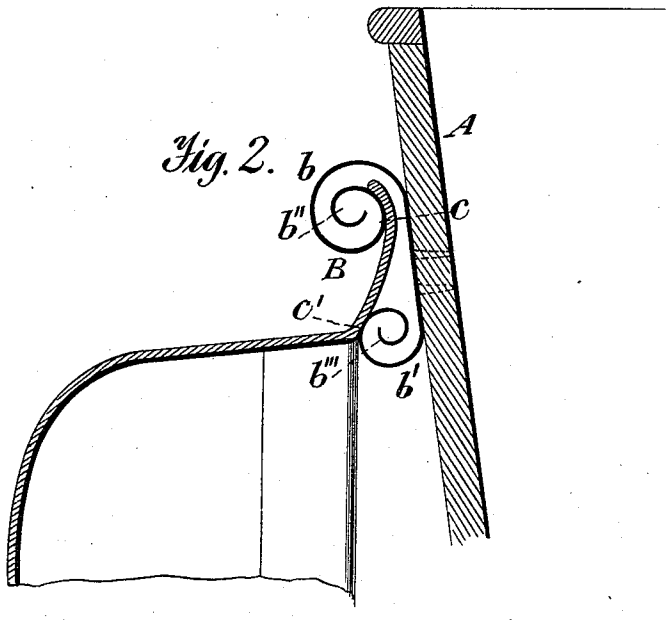


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM T. CLASON, of Danbury, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Supporting Hats, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists in a hat-holder especially adapted to be placed on the back of an opera or other chair, a church pew, or the like, for the purpose of holding the hat of the occupant of the seat or pew during the performance or service. The device can be placed in any position or at any inclination.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section showing the use of the invention.

A represents the back of a chair or pew, or it may represent a wall or other stationary object.

B is the device constituting my invention. The base *a* is preferably of metal, although it may consist of any other suitable material. It is preferably integral with the hat-holding devices, which are shown by *b b'*. The upper holder, *b*, extends forward and downward, and is provided with a curve, *b''*, at its extremity. The lower holder, *b'*, turns upward, and is similarly curved or bent over at its upper extremity, *b'''*. The two holders *b b'* are separated, as shown, the inner point, *c*, of the upper holder being within the vertical plane of the part *c'* of the lower holder, so that the brim of a hat on being inserted between the holders acts as a lever of which the lower holder is the fulcrum, and is securely held.

Most of the stiff hats now made are provided with a heavy curl on the side of the brim, and a slight curl in front, but which is sufficient to fit over the upper holder, *b*, the elasticity of the felt keeping it over the curve.

In removing the hat it is only necessary to take it by the bottom of the brim and draw it slightly outward, when the brim, moving on the fulcrum, becomes released above. The invention will, however, hold a hat not having any curl.

The holder may be made elastic or not, the spring of the brim being all that is necessary to hold the hat securely.

The invention is found to satisfactorily serve the purpose in view without inflicting any injury whatever upon a hat.

Having described my invention, I claim—

A hat-holder consisting of the base *a*, the upper curved holder, *b*, having the bearing-point *c*, and the lower curved holder, *b'*, provided with the bearing-point *c'*, the plane in which the point *c* stands being nearer the base than is the plane occupied by the point *c'*, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal.

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