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Fig. 1.

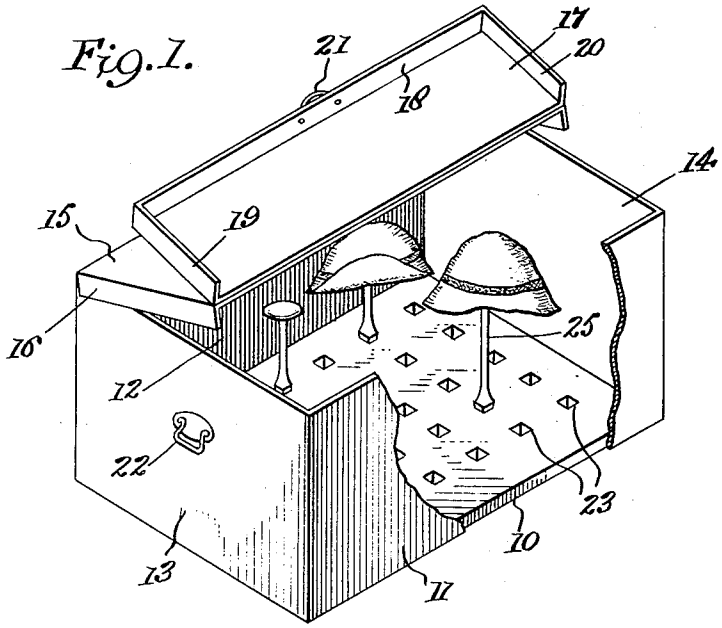


Fig. 2.

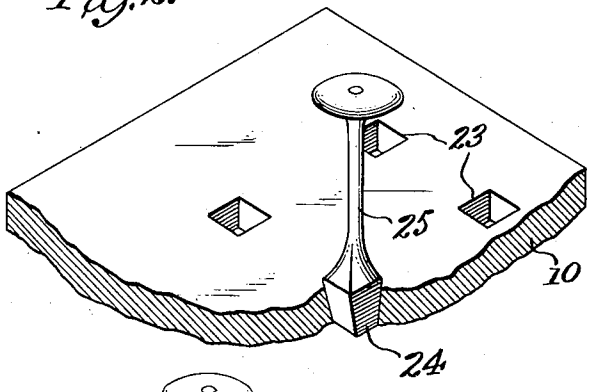
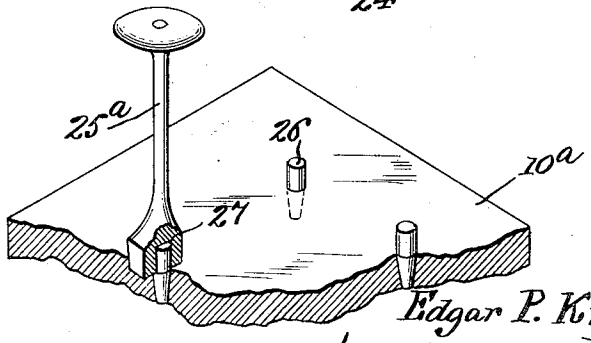


Fig. 3.



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The present invention relates to improvements in a hat storage box and has for an object to provide a box or container of suitable height and capacity for the storage of hats in the home, whereby these hats may be held upon suitable holders in a closed container excluding moths or other insects and dust or foreign matter.

It is another object of the invention to provide an improved storage box for hats which will preserve both men's and ladies' hats in good condition and appearance and against deterioration from light, insects, etc.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved hat storage box for use in the home, in which straw hats may be kept in good condition during the winter months and felt hats in the summer months, and in which provision is made for adjustable and movable hat stands or holders of various heights whereby hats may be properly spaced from one another and from the walls of the container.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention will be more fully described hereinafter, and will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto.

In the drawing, wherein like symbols refer to like or corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a perspective view with parts broken away, showing an improved hat storage box constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 shows a fragmentary perspective view of the bottom of the box, showing one type of adjustment for the hat stands, and

Figure 3 is a similar view showing a modification.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, in accordance with the invention, a box or container is provided made up preferably of a bottom 10, front wall 11, rear wall 12, ends 13 and 14 and an open top which may receive a suitable cover.

A novel form of cover is shown in the drawings, consisting of a rear section 15 having flanges 16 adapted to extend over the end walls 13 and 14 including rear walls 12, if desired. This section 15 may or may not be hinged to the rear wall 12.

The cover also includes a front section 17 which may be hinged to the rear cover section 15, if desired, so as to permit same to be swung up into the position indicated in Figure 1. A front flange 18 and side flanges 19 and 20 are provided upon the front cover section 17. The front flange 18 is also equipped with a handle 21, if desired, for convenience in lifting the front section. Handles 22 may also be provided upon the end walls 13 and 14 of the box, if desired, to facilitate the lifting and carrying of the same. The box may be made of any appropriate material, for instance strong cardboard, wood or other light material. It may be painted in bright colors or covered with cretonne or other attractive material.

The bottom 10 of the box is provided with a number of holes or sockets 23 therein, preferably of the tapered form as shown in Figure 2, whereby to receive the correspondingly tapered base sections 24 of the hat stands 25.

The openings or sockets 23 may be provided in intersecting rows, as indicated, or they may be grouped in any other desired arrangement. The size and formation of these sockets or openings may be varied as desired. Also, hat stands 25 of various sizes and shapes may be provided, each being removable from the sockets 23.

In accordance with the modification shown in Figure 3, the bottom 10*a* of the box, instead of having openings or sockets therein, receives the dowel or other pins 26 of round or other cross section for fitting into base sockets 27 in the hat stands 25*a*.

In accordance with either Figures 2 or 3, the hat stands may be placed selectively in any part of the box and at any desired distance from the walls thereof or from one another. In this way, with large hats the hat stands may be placed remotely from the walls and from adjacent hat stands in order to support the large hat in freedom all around from contact with other hats or parts of the box. Hat stands of various heights

will be employed in order that one hat may fit above or beneath the brim of another and thus economize on the enclosed space within the container.

Access to the container may readily be had by simply swinging up the front section 17 of the cover. This will give access to a large portion of the box.

Should it be necessary to remove the entire cover, the two sections may simply be swung back on the rear wall 12. The cover is, therefore, easily opened and closed, and when closed will form a dust and insect tight container which will be light proof. The hats are thus stored and kept in good condition.

It will be obvious that various changes in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts could be made, which could be used without departing from the spirit of my invention, and I do not mean to limit the invention to such details, except as particularly pointed out in the claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A simple and flexible hat chest for the storage of hats when not in use as a protection from dust, moths, etc. comprising a chest body consisting of a bottom, sides and ends, pegs upstanding in numerous intersecting rows from the bottom, slender hat stands having wide socketed bases to fit removably over a selected pin, the stands being of variable height to permit the storage of a large number of hats in small space by superposition, and a removable cover for the chest.

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