

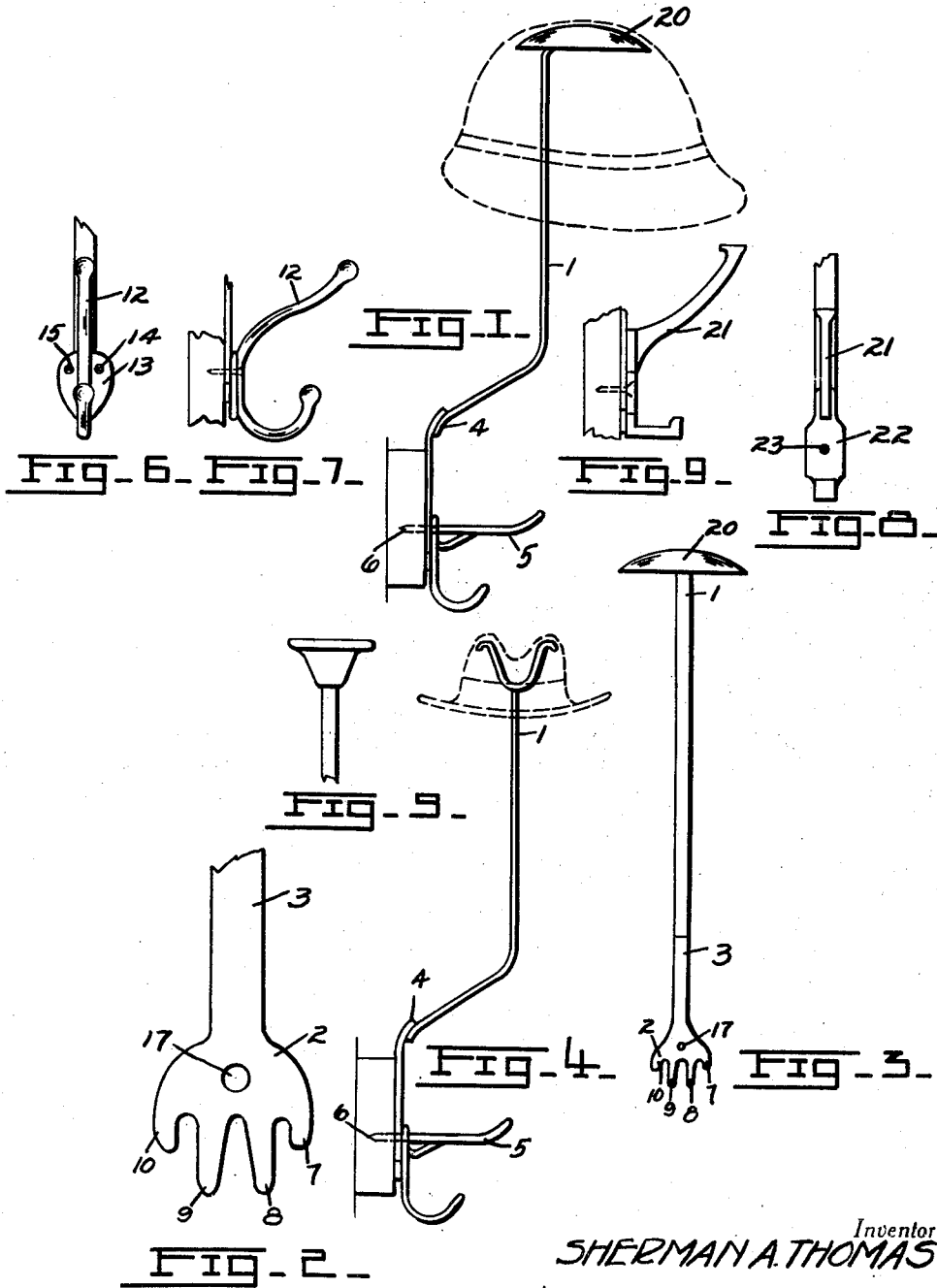
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The object of this invention is to provide a new and improved hat support that can be used in combination with an ordinary coat hook, and which is adapted to be clamped against the wall by the coat hook with which it is used.

Another object is to make the lower part of the upright member of the support of wide flat stock with an opening therein and with a plurality of recesses in the lower margin thereof to provide for a plurality of methods of fastening the support against the wall using the present type of hooks for fastening it against the wall and which can be used in combination with such hooks.

Another object is to make the lower part long enough and straight so that the base of the screw hook can turn thereon without interference while the hook is being screwed in and which base is perforated to receive the screw of the hook.

Another object is to shape the upper part of the support so that it bends out from the wall in a way that does not interfere with the clamping operation and effect of the coat hook, and supports the hat thereon clear of the wall and independent of clothes that may be supported on the hook.

Another object is to provide a support that will hold a hat in an upright position clear of the wall instead of in a horizontal position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a support that is adapted to hold gloves at an intermediate point between the hat support and the hook.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the hat support clamped against the wall.

Figure 2 is an enlarged detail view of the lower end of the upright.

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the support shown in Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a side elevation of the support shown in Figure 1 with a modified form of the dome at the top.

Figure 5 is a side elevation of the dome shown in Figure 4.

Figure 6 shows the lower portion of the

upright clamped against the wall by a cast hook held with two screws.

Figure 7 is a side elevation of the parts shown in Figure 6.

Figure 8 shows the lower portion of the upright clamped against the wall by a cast hook held with one screw, placed central therein.

Figure 9 is a side elevation of the part shown in Figure 8.

In the drawings like reference numerals indicate like parts.

In the drawing reference numeral 1 indicates the hat support which consists of a piece of flat stiff wire bent to a suitable shape. At the lower end is a base 2 formed of flat stiff wire of extra width, the upper portion 3 of which is cut down to reduced width, the base 3 and upper part 1 being joined together at 4 in any suitable manner, such as for example by spot welding. The upright member so formed has a base that is straight and is long enough below where the upright bends out away from the wall so that the coat hook 5 which has a screw end 6 which passes through an opening 7 can turn thereon without interference until it clamps the base firmly against the wall.

As stated above, the lower edge of the base is indented to form fingers 7, 8, 9 and 10 with recesses or notches between them. These form additional means by which the base may be clamped against the wall. The simplest and preferred form of clamp is the screw hook 5 shown in Figures 1 and 4 but sometimes it is desirable to use the cast hook 12 shown in Figures 6 and 7. This cast hook 12 has a base 13 with two screw holes 14 and 15 therein and is fastened against the wall with two screws. If the cast hook 12 is used, the two screws used to fasten it would pass through the recesses between the fingers 7 and 8 and between the fingers 9 and 10. If such a cast hook were already on the wall the screws could be loosened up slightly and the fingers would be pushed down back of the base of the hook until the recesses engaged with the screws and then the screws would be tightened up securely clamping the base in place. In this manner the hat support can be

easily and quickly clamped against the wall.

At a suitable distance above the base the support 1 curves out from the wall and then curves up so that the upper part of the support will be located several inches from the wall. Fastened to the upper end of the support is a circular dome 20 shaped like the bottom of an inverted cup, which dome has a large bearing surface on the top suitably rounded off and is adapted to hold the hat thereon without injury to the hat and without distorting its shape. The dome is placed far enough out from the wall so that the hat supported thereon will be practically free from the wall.

In Figures 4 and 5 I have shown a modified form of the dome in which the dome is made with a groove in it which is adapted to engage and hold the crease that is folded in a soft hat.

In Figures 8 and 9 I have shown another type of cast hook 21 which is provided with a base 22 having a single opening 23 therein so that it is fastened against the wall by a single screw. If such a hook is fastened in place against the wall, the screw can be turned out a single turn or so to release the base of the hook and the base of the hat support can then be pushed down behind it so that the central recess thereof will engage the screw and the screw can then be tightened up thus clamping the hat support in place without removing the screw from the wall.

It will also be understood that the upper part of the upright may be made of round wire in which case the upper and lower ends of it will be flattened.

I claim:

1. A hat support having a base adapted to rest against the wall and an upright extending therefrom and curved out from the wall and extending up with a dome on the top thereof, the lower end of the base having downwardly extending fingers formed thereon with recesses between them, said fingers and base being adapted to be interposed between the base of a hook and the wall, and to be held against the wall thereby, the fingers being adapted to engage on either side of the screws that fasten the hook to the wall, by which means the hat support is held in an upright position.

2. A hat support as an article of manufacture comprising a wire having its lower end suitably flattened to form a base adapted to be clamped against the wall, said wire extending straight up in the base, and then extending outwardly from the wall and then extending up and being provided with a top that is adapted to support a hat, the lower end of the base having downwardly extending fingers formed thereon with recesses between them, a perforation in said base adapted to receive the screw of the screw hook, said base being made long and flat to bear against the

wall at the back and to receive on the front thereof the base of the screw hook that fastens it against the wall, said support curving out from the base at a suitable distance above the perforation in the base to permit the screw of the hook to be inserted in said perforation and permit the hook to be turned on the base while being screwed to position to clamp the base against the wall with the support in an upright position without any interference between any part of the screw hook and any part of the support, said support and its top being adapted to support a hat above the screw hook.

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