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FIG. 1

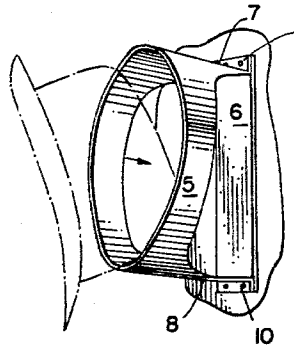


FIG. 2

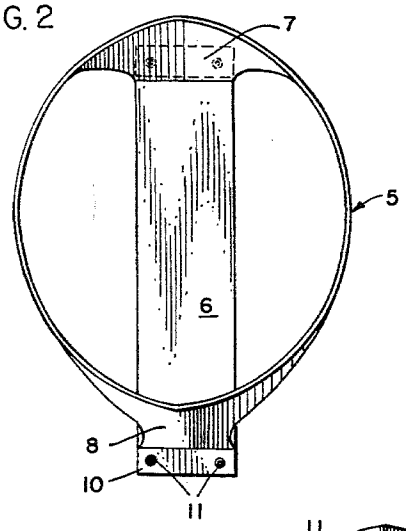


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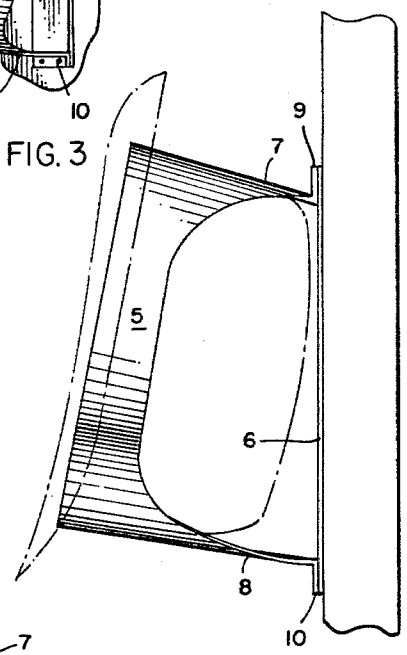
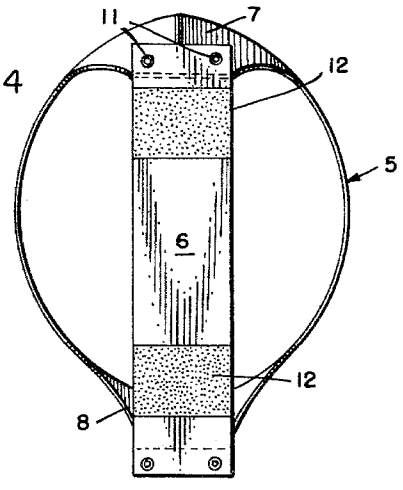


FIG. 4



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This invention relates to improvements in hat holders.

The main objects of this invention are; to provide an improved form of hat holder; to provide an improved for of hat holder primarily for men's hats mountable on a vertical support to dispose the hat at a slightly upwardly-inclined angle; to provide an improved form of hat holder structured from a very light material and contoured to embrace the main portion of the body part of the hat and retain it against accidental dislodgment; and to provide an improved hat holder of this kind positionable on a vertical support by means of a pressure sensitive adhesive which will not adhere to the support and which thereby will facilitate change of the mounting from one place to another as occasion might require.

One specific embodiment is shown in the accompanying drawings; in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a hat-holder constructed in accordance with this invention showing in dotted outline a fedora-type hat being inserted into the holder;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged front view of the hat-holder shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a side elevation of the same showing, in dotted outline, a hat in supported position therein, and

FIG. 4 is a rear view of the hat-holder as shown in FIG. 2.

The essential concept of this invention involves an open, oval-shaped, band of light, thin, flexible material extending axially outwardly, at a slight angle, from a mounting plate adapted for attachment to a vertical support.

A hat-holder embodying the foregoing concept comprises an oval-shaped band 5 integrated in axially-spaced relationship on a mounting plate 6. Both the band 5 and the plate 6 are formed of any somewhat flexible material, such as a plastic or metal. The oval contour, diameter and depth of the band 5 are such as will permit the easy insertion of the crown of a hat with the brim close to or contacting the exposed perimeter of the band 5.

The diametrically-opposite portions 7 and 8 of the band 5 extend rearwardly and are secured in any suitable manner to the ends of the strip 6. The upper band-supporting portion 7 is shorter than the lower portion 8 so as to dispose the band 5 with its axis at a slight upwardly-inclined angle to the plate 6. These portions 7 and 8 here are shown with their ends turned outwardly to form short flanges 9 and 10 to provide for a firm attachment of the band 5 to the plate 6.

The plate 6, a narrow strip preferably of the same material as the band 5, is of a length sufficient to span the opposite flanged strip portions of the band 5. These flanges 7 and 8 and the plate 6 may be secured together

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in any suitable manner. Hollow rivets 11 are shown here as the fastening means.

This plate 6 is designed for positioning on any vertical support. In many instances the inside of a closet door would be most appropriate. It could be secured in place by any appropriate fastening means such as by screws, nails, etc. In the drawing that fastening means consists of layers 12 of a pressure sensitive adhesive applied adjacently inward from each end. This adhesive would be of that type which holds firm to a flat surface but is capable of release without leaving any portion of the adhesive on the support or destroying its subsequent adhesive quality, for remounting of the holder on some other support.

FIG. 1, in dotted outline, clearly indicates the facile manner wherein a hat may be set in the holder and held out of the way of other garment-positioning facilities. FIG. 2, in dotted outline, indicates how the holder maintains a hat in its normal form and protects it against displacement or crushing.

Although but one specific embodiment of this invention is herein shown and described, it will be understood that details of the construction shown may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined by the following claims.

I claim:

1. A hat holder for supporting a hat on a vertical support, the holder being structured from planar, flexible material and comprising, an oval-shaped wide band broadened at its top and base parts, a mounting plate, and a pair of rearwardly-extending, diametrically-spaced support portions integrated with the band to space the band away from the mounting plate, the lower support portion of the band being longer than the upper support portion, the mounting plate being of rectangular contour with the ends thereof secured to the end of the band-supporting portions, the mounting plate being attachable to a vertical support to dispose the band with its axis slightly angled upwardly to the plane of the mounting plate to embrace substantially the entire crown of a hat with the rim abutting the outer perimeter of the band, and positioned entirely exteriorly of the holder.

2. A hat holder as set forth in claim 1 wherein the outer parts of the band support-portions are bent oppositely outward to provide flanges disposed in a common plane and bonded to the ends of the mounting plate.

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