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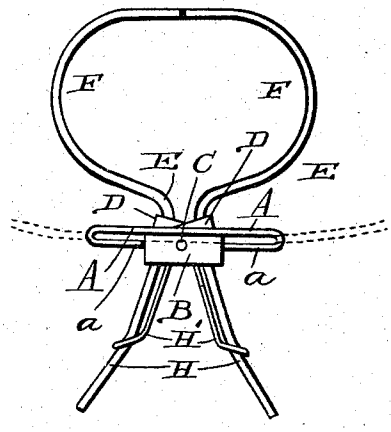
Fig. 1.



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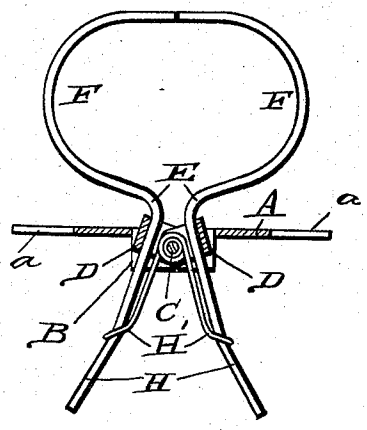

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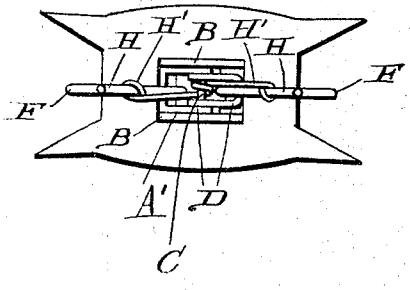

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED M. STACY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portsmouth, in the county of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hat-fasteners, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the application of the invention, the hat being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a top plan. Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the fastener.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates a plate, which may be of any desired size and shape and material and provided with bendable prongs *a* of any desired number, and which are designed to be passed through the hat and bent upon the other side, as indicated, to hold the plate to the hat. This plate is formed with an opening A′, and the material that is removed to form said opening constitutes the ears B, in which is supported the pin C, on which are pivoted, in any suitable manner for independent movement, the oppositely-disposed substantially U-shaped arms D, to which are secured the pins E, which are secured thereto in any suitable manner, the portions thereof upon one side of the said plate being oppositely curved, as seen at F, while the portions upon the other side of the plate are extended at an angle, as shown, and constitute the fingers or levers H, by which the pins are actuated. Springs H′, secured to the said levers and around the pivots thereof, serve to normally keep the curved pins closed.

The operation will be readily understood. The plate being fastened in position on the hat with the curved pins inside and the fingers or levers extending outside thereof, the hat is placed upon the head, with the fingers of one hand grasping the levers to press them together and open the curved pins, and when the hat is in position the pressure on the levers is removed, when the springs will close the pins and force them into the hair and hold the hat firmly on the head.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What is claimed as new is—

1. A hat-fastener comprising a plate with an opening and having U-shaped bearings oppositely disposed and pivotally secured to the plate in said opening and oppositely-curved pins mounted in the said bearings of the plate and having fingers and springs mounted around the pivot of said bearings and acting on said pins to close the same, substantially as described.

2. The hat-fastener described comprising a plate with prongs and an opening having ears formed from the metal stamped out to form said opening, U-shaped bearings oppositely disposed and pivotally secured to the ears of the plate in said opening, oppositely-disposed curved pins mounted in said bearings of the plate upon opposite sides of the pivot thereof and a spring arranged around the pivot of said bearings with its ends bearing upon the pins at a distance from their connection with the bearings, all substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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