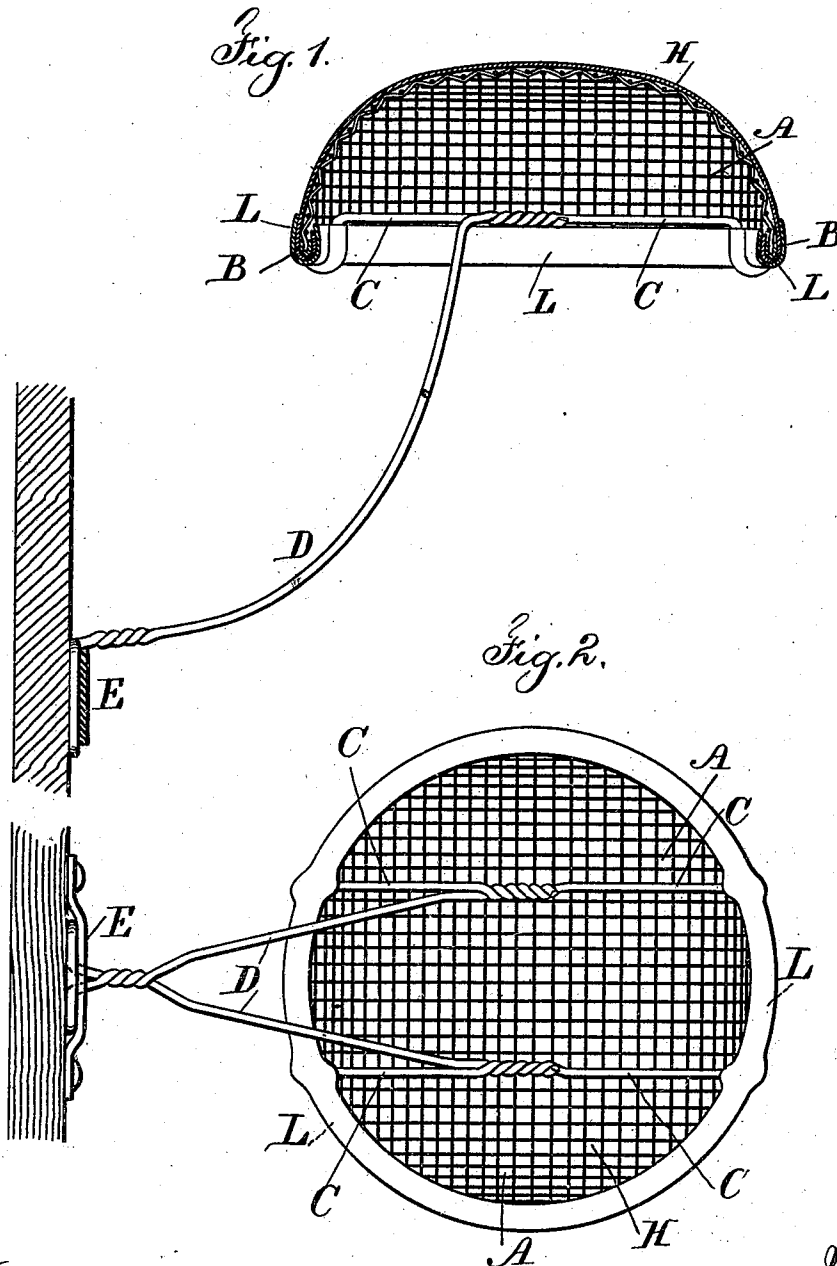


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE CROUCH, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and State of New York, have invented an
5 Improvement in Hat or Bonnet Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This device is especially intended for use by ladies in traveling trunks for the support of the hat or bonnet to prevent the same
10 being injured by the rough usage to which trunks are generally subjected in traveling.

A supporting arm, connected with the interior of the trunk or in any other convenient place, receives at its end a convex form or saddle made of wire open-work and permanently
15 connected with the arm, so that the hat or bonnet can be set upon this form and secured thereto by a pin passed through the hat and through the open-work form. In this manner
20 the hat or bonnet is reliably supported and held in position regardless of the direction in which the trunk may be turned in transportation; and I usually apply upon the exterior of the open wire-work a fabric, either woven
25 or felted, which forms a more yielding and softer support for the hat or bonnet than the wire-work and at the same time is well adapted to receive through it the hat pin.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation
30 illustrating the hat holder in position, the form or saddle being in section, and Fig. 2 is an inverted plan of the same.

The holder or saddle A is of open wire-work, preferably of woven wire formed convex and properly shaped at the edge, and said edge
35 may be bound with a rim of tin or similar material at B, and there are cross wires C permanently connected at their ends with the rim and to which cross wires the bracket arm D
40 is permanently fastened, and at the lower end this bracket arm is received into a loop or support E upon the interior of the trunk or a compartment of the same, or upon any support
45 such as a wall, the interior of a bureau drawer or closet, where the hat holder is to be received, and the lower end of this bracket arm can be easily lifted out of the loop when desired or secured therein when within the trunk to adapt the same to transportation.

50 It is usually advantageous to employ wire

netting that has been tinned or galvanized so that the parts do not become rusty and the wires are held permanently together at the intersections, and the cross wires and bracket
may be tinned or galvanized so that the parts
55 will be permanently connected together; and I remark that the rim B of sheet tin may be dispensed with, but I prefer to employ the same and also to make use of a covering H of textile material such as cloth, Canton flannel
60 or muslin, and to secure the edges of the same by a binding of leather or other suitable material L. The wires forming the bracket may be connected to the central portions of the cross wires C or at the ends of the same.
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The hat, bonnet, or other article to be secured to the form can be placed over the same and a hat pin thrust through the hat and through the form will secure the former to the
70 latter so that the hat or bonnet will not be injured in transportation.

I do not limit myself to the material employed for the open-work form or saddle, as heavy buckram or similar material might be substituted for the open-work or woven wire.
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In consequence of the bracket arms D being of wire and diverging from the place where they are twisted together as seen in Fig. 2, and being connected at their upper
80 ends to the middle portions of the cross wires C, the bracket is stiff and strong and is entirely out of the way of the hat or bonnet and the wires of the bracket arms D, can be bent into any desired shape for the purpose of
85 accommodating the hat holder to the many forms of hats and bonnets that may need support and the hat is easily secured to the openwork form by a pin thrust through the same and all other fastening devices are dispensed with.

I claim as my invention—

90 1. A holder for a hat, bonnet or similar article, composed of an open-work form of woven wire, wire bars to support the form, and a bracket connected to the bars for supporting such open work form, substantially as set
95 forth.

2. A holder for a hat, bonnet or similar article, composed of an openwork form of woven wire, wire bars supporting the form, and a bracket connected to the bars for supporting
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such open work form, and a covering to the open-work wire of fibrous material secured at the edges, substantially as set forth.

3. The hat or bonnet holder consisting of
5 an openwork form of wire, cross wires at the base of the form and a bracket composed of two wires connected to the cross wires near

their middle portions substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 9th day of February, 1893.
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