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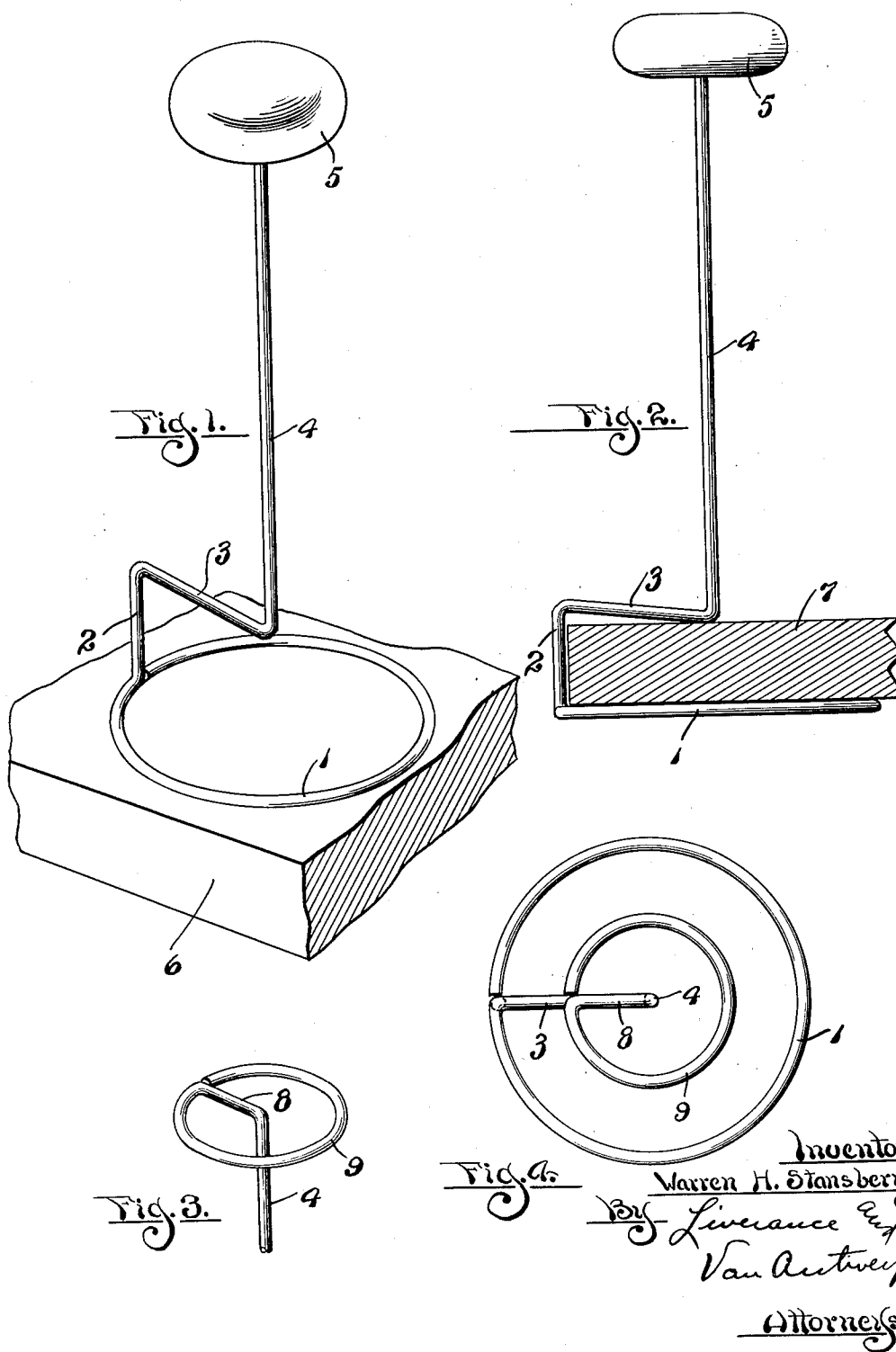


Fig. 4.
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This invention relates to a stand useful particularly for display purposes and on which hats or similar articles may be readily held and displayed.

5 It is a primary object and purpose of the present invention to provide a very simply constructed stand for supporting hats or similar articles in display position and which can be located at the upper side of any flat support such as the top of a table, counter, shelf 10 or the like, or which can be gripped and held at a free edge portion of a shelf or like support equally well, the stand without change in construction being adapted for either manner of support thereof. A further object of the invention is to provide a stand in which the base portion on which the stand rests when upon a flat supporting surface may be utilized as one member of the clamping means for engaging the stand with a shelf or the like at 15 an edge portion thereof. An understanding of the invention and of the simple an economical construction which has been provided for attaining the ends stated may be had from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the stand illustrating the same as resting upon the upper side of a flat support such as the top of a 20 table or counter.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the same in clamping engagement adjacent the edge of a flat supporting member such as a shelf, the shelf being shown in vertical section.

3.5 Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a modified upper end of the stand, and

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the modified form of stand structure.

Like reference characters refer to like parts 40 in the different figures of the drawing.

In the construction of the stand, it is made of a single length of wire or wire rod. A circular base 1 is provided and one end of the wire of the base where the two ends come 45 together is bent upwardly for a short distance at right angles as indicated at 2. The wire is then bent inwardly and downwardly at a slight angle to the horizontal making a section 3 which is brought to a point substantially 50 directly above the center of the circular base.

At this point the wire is bent to extend vertically upward making a supporting standard which at its upper may have a knob 5 of wood or equivalent material attached thereto on which the article to be displayed is adapted 55 to rest.

With this construction the base 1 of the stand may rest upon the upper surface of any suitable support as 6 which may be a table or counter, or a shelf in a store, or as is done in 60 many instances, it may rest upon the bottom member of the upper display section of sectional wall store furniture commonly in use in stores. In such position as the center of gravity of the stand with the article supported on the part 5 is directly over and substantially in alignment with the center of the base there is no tendency to tip over and the stand is very stable and is not readily upset.

The same construction may be utilized very 70 readily to clasp the edge portion of a shelf or other like support. As shown in Fig. 2 the base 1 of the stand may be passed underneath a shelf 7 while the section 3 passes above the upper side of the shelf and bears at its inner 75 portion against the upper side of the shelf which is gripped between the base and the inner end portion of the section 3 described. The device may be applied to the shelf and moved inwardly until stopped by the section 80 2 coming against the edge of the shelf. The device in this position as shown in Fig. 2 is clamped on the shelf, the base forming one member of the clamp. A hat or other article held on the upper support 5 and the stand are 85 thus held securely against accidental or aimless movement.

In Figs. 3 and 4 a modification in the upper end support of the stand is shown. The member 5 is replaced by an equivalent supporting 90 head made as a continuation of the wire at the upper end of the standard 4. That is, at the upper end of the vertical standard 4 the wire is continued and bent at right angles for a short distance, as indicated at 8, lying in 95 a horizontal plane, and from the outer end of the section 8 the wire is continued and bent into circular form as indicated at 9, the circle 9 preferably lying in the same horizontal plane with the section 8. This provides the 100

equivalent of the knob 5 at the upper end of the standard 4 on which the article displayed, a hat, cap or the like, may be readily placed.

The construction described may be made from a single length of wire rod and very economically produced. The stand when made from a wire rod nicked and polished is of very attractive appearance. It is not essential for the purposes of the invention that the base 1 be of circular form as many other geometric forms, for instance a triangle or any of the various polygonal forms will serve quite as well. The invention is defined in the appended claims and is to be considered comprehensive of all forms of structure coming within their scope.

I claim:

1. A stand of the class described comprising, a base, a vertical member extending upwardly a short distance at one side of the base, an inwardly extending member extending from the upper end of said vertical member inwardly over the base to substantially above its central point, and a vertical standard extending upwardly from the inner end of said inwardly extending member, said stand being provided at the upper end of the vertical standard with a head on which an article to be displayed may be placed, and said stand being adapted to rest upon its base on a supporting surface or to clamp upon the edge portion of a support received between upper side of the base and lower side of said inwardly extending member.
2. A hat holder comprising a ring-like base, a clamping member disposed in a radial plane of said base above the same and having its outer end integral with said base, said member converging toward the center of said base, a vertical standard extending upwardly from the inner end of said member and disposed centrally of said base, and a knob at the upper end of said standard, the diameter of said base being substantially greater than that of said knob to provide a stable support when said holder is placed on a surface in non-clamping relation.
3. A hat stand comprising a ring-like base, a clamping member disposed in a radial plane of said base above the same and having its upper end integral with said base, said member converging toward the center of said base, a vertical standard extending upwardly from said member and disposed substantially centrally of said base, and a knob at the upper end of said standard, the diameter of said base being substantially greater than that of said knob to provide a stable support when said holder is placed on a surface in non-clamping relation.
4. A hat holder comprising a base, a clamping member disposed in a radial plane of said base above the same and having its outer end integral with said base, a vertical standard extending upwardly from said member and

disposed substantially centrally of said base, and a knob at the upper end of said standard, the area enclosed by said base being substantially greater than that of said knob to provide a stable support when said holder is placed on a surface in non-clamping relation.

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