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Fig. 1.

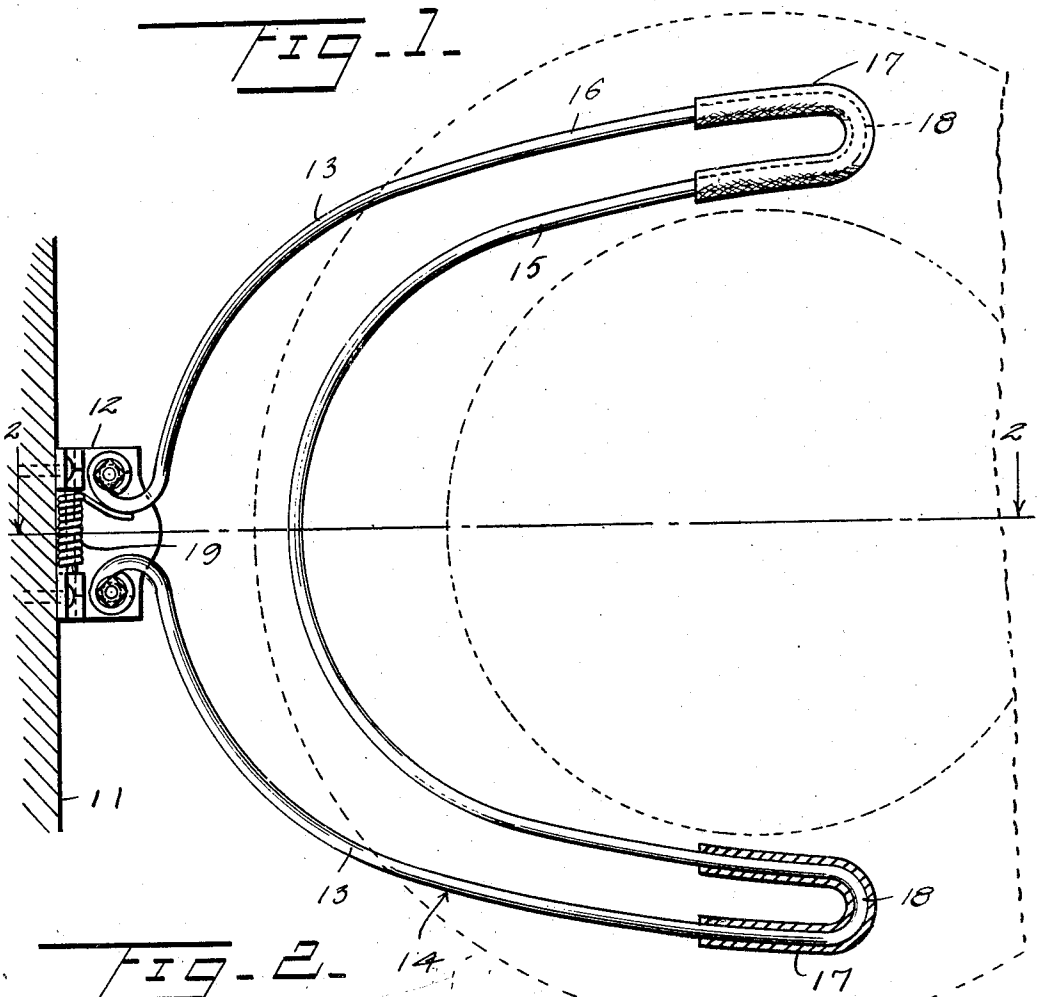
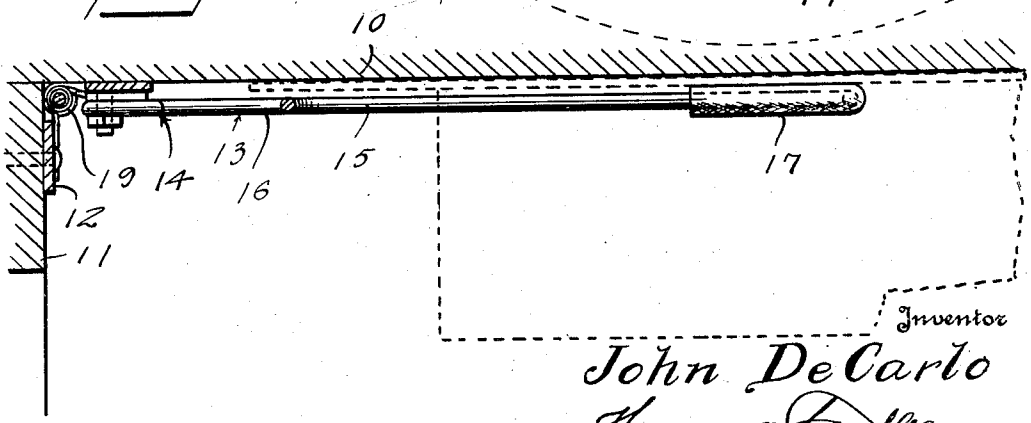


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders or supports, and particularly to holders or supports for hats.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient device for supporting a hat in an automobile.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which will support a hat in such a position that the hat will not interfere with the movements of any of the occupants of the automobile, but which may be easily and quickly retrieved, when needed.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings:

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a view looking upwardly toward the ceiling of an automobile, showing the invention in use.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Referring particularly to the accompanying drawings, 10 represents a portion of the roof of an automobile, while 11 represents a portion of the side wall, above the door, in connection with which the present invention is adapted for use.

During the summer, it becomes a problem as to the disposition of hats, by the occupants of automobiles, and especially men's hats. Often there is no place to put the hat, and it falls to the lot of someone to hold the same. The present invention provides for the disposition of the hat, at a point where it can be easily gotten, when needed, and yet not be in anyone's way.

Secured to the wall portion 11 is one leaf of a spring hinge 12, and secured to the other leaf of the hinge are the arms 13 of the crescent-shaped wire member 14, such member being formed of comparatively heavy wire, and having the inner and outer portions 15 and 16. Rubber tubing strips 17 are slipped on the wire frame and disposed in covering relation to the outer bights 18 thereof.

As clearly shown in the drawings, the spring 19, of the hinge 12 normally urges the crescent-shaped member 14 upwardly against the roof of the automobile, but it will be particularly noted that only the rubber-covered bights 18 engage with the roof or ceiling. By grasping one bight of the frame, and pulling downwardly thereon, the frame will be moved from the ceiling, when the person slips the hat into the frame, with the crown downwardly, and the rim between the frame and ceiling, and releases the frame, whereupon the same presses the hat upwardly.

The pressure of the spring or the hinge serves to hold the hat firmly against the ceiling, where such hat is completely out of the way of the occupants of the automobile. To retrieve the hat, it is only necessary to grasp the outer edge of the rim and pull the hat from the frame. The rubber tips of the frame prevent marks being made on the rim of the hat, while supporting the hat.

While I have shown the device attached to the wall of the automobile, over the door, it will be understood that the support may be mounted over the windshield, or any other desired point on said wall.

What is claimed is:

A device for holding a hat flatly against a wall comprising a yoke member, and flexible means secured to said yoke member adapted to be attached to a support for urging said yoke member into position to press said hat rim against said wall, said yoke member including a pair of spaced approximately concentric open loops arranged in a common plane and connected at their outer ends, the arms of the inner of said loops being laterally flexible whereby to grip the sides of the crown of a hat.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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