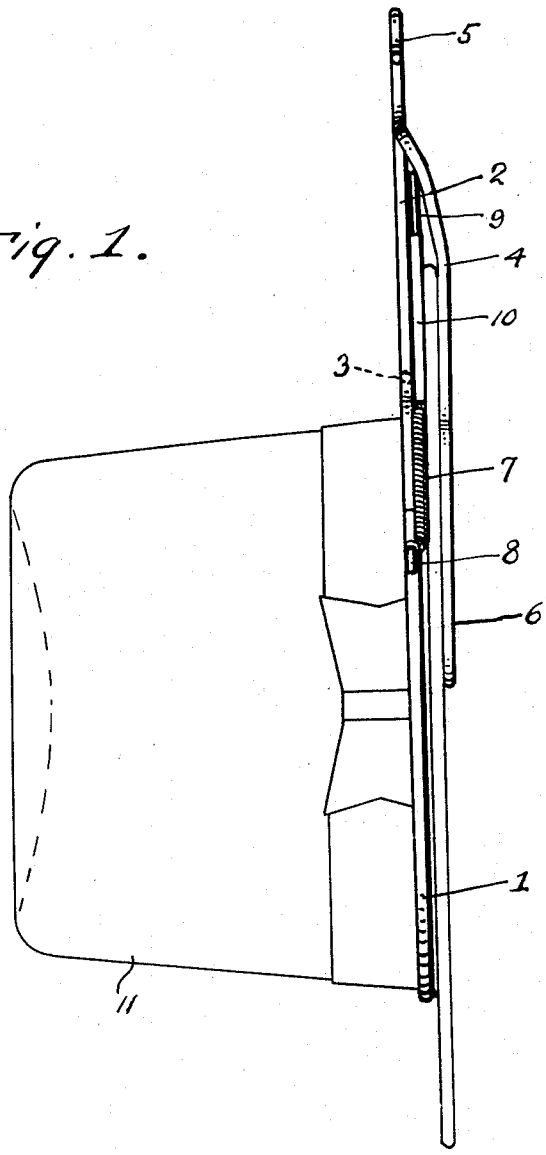
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Fig. 1.



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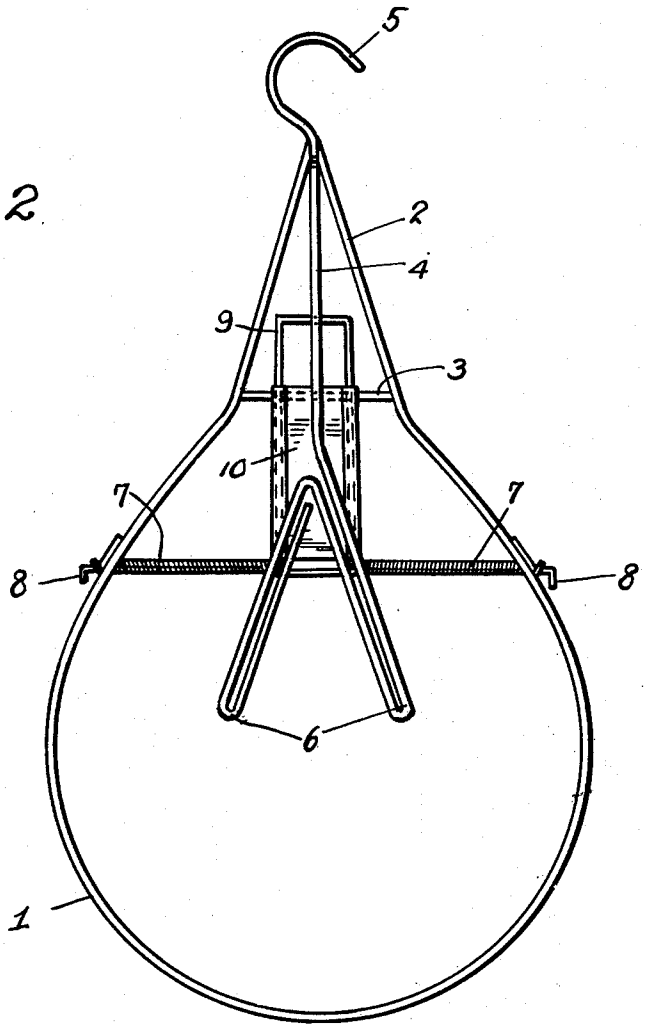
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Fig. 2.



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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in hat holders and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character embodying a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts through the medium of which a hat will be maintained in perfect shape and the life thereof materially lengthened.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a hat holder of the character described which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, highly efficient and reliable in use, compact, light in weight and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a hat holder constructed in accordance with the present invention, showing a hat mounted therein.

Figure 2 is a view in rear elevation of the holder.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a substantially ovate frame which is designated generally by the reference numeral 1. The comparatively small upper portion of the frame is formed to provide a handle 2, the lower portion of which is traversed by a bar 3. The frame 1 is formed from a single piece of suitable material, preferably wire, the ends of which are secured in any suitable manner, as by soldering or welding, to the upper portion of a resilient clamp 4. At its upper end, the clamp 4 terminates in a hook 5 which is engageable with any suitable support upon which it may be desired to hang the invention. The lower end of the clamp 4 is formed to provide a substantially inverted V-shaped hat engaging portion 6.

The reference numeral 7 designates hat retaining coil springs having their outer ends connected with hooks 8 on the frame 1. The inner ends of the coil springs 7 are connected to a substantially rectangular wire handle 9 having mounted therein a metallic plate 10.

In use, the clamp 4 is engaged under the hat, which is designated generally by the reference numeral 11, and the frame 1 is swung downwardly over the crown of said hat in a manner to encircle the same closely adjacent the brim thereof, as illustrated to advantage in Figure 1 of the drawings. When thus mounted in the device the resilient clamp 4 retains the hat in position and, in addition, prevents said hat from coming in contact with a wall or other support upon which it may be mounted. The coil springs 7, which are flexed upwardly when the hat is inserted, yieldingly urge said hat downwardly in a manner to fit snugly in the frame 1. The handle 9 constitutes means for conveniently raising the coil springs 7 when the hat is being inserted or removed. Of course, the handle 2 provides means for conveniently applying the device to the hat and for handling the holder when the hat is mounted therein. Suitable advertising matter may be mounted in the handle portion 2 of the frame and, if desired, advertising matter may also be mounted in the lower portion of said frame 1 before the device is placed in use. Advertising matter may also be placed on the metallic plate 10 and in the wire handle 9, if desired. The elements 7, 8, 9 and 10 may be eliminated to adapt the device for use in holding a cap instead of a hat. The construction of the device is such that proper ventilation for the hat or cap mounted therein is assured. Obviously, the device may be made of any suitable material other than wire.

It is believed that the many advantages of a hat holder constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood, and although a preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:—

1. A hat holder of the class described comprising a substantially ovate frame for the reception of the crown portion of the hat, the upper portion of the frame being free of said crown portion and constituting a handle, a resilient clamp depending from the upper end of the frame and engageable with the hat for retaining said hat in said frame, means for suspending the frame on a support, a pair of springs mounted on the frame and extending thereinto for engagement with the hat, and a handle connected to the springs for operating the same.

2. A hat holder of the class described comprisprising a substantially ovate frame for the reception of the hat, a resilient clamp engageable with the hat for retaining said hat in the frame, said frame being formed from a single length of wire

having its ends secured to the clamp, a supporting hook integral with the upper end of the clamp, coil springs mounted transversely on the frame, and an operating handle for said coil springs connected to the inner ends thereof.

3. A hat holder of the class described comprising a substantially ovate frame for the reception of the hat, a bar transversing the upper portion of the frame, said upper portion constituting a handle, a resilient clamp engageable with the hat for retaining said hat in the frame, said frame being formed from a single length of wire having its ends secured to the clamp, said clamp terminating, at its upper end, in a supporting hook and at its lower end in a substantially inverted V-shaped resilient hat engaging portion, coil springs mounted transversely on the frame and connected at their outer ends thereto, a substantially rectangular handle connected to the inner ends of the coil springs, and a metallic plate mounted in the second-named handle, said coil springs being engageable with the hat.

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