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Fig. 1.

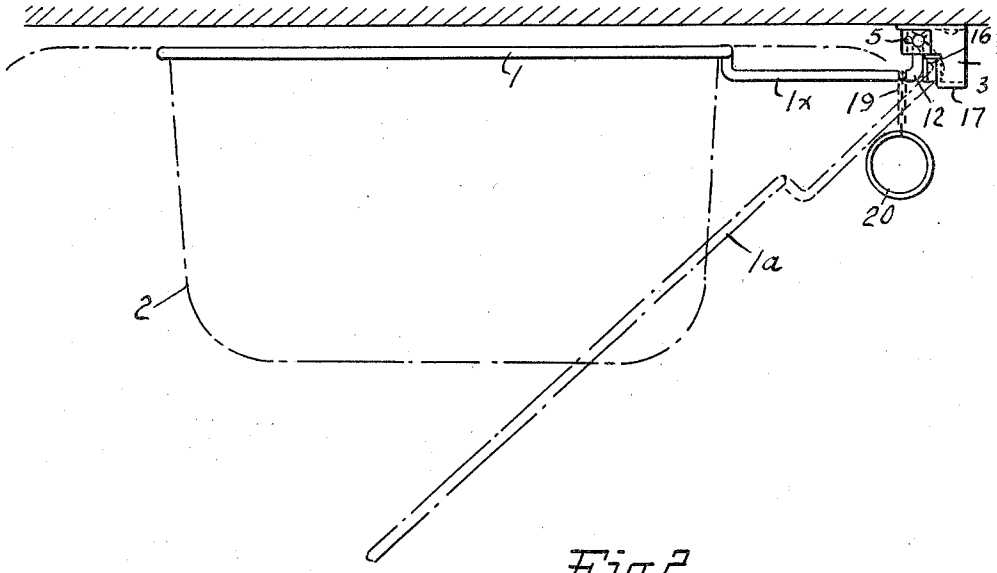


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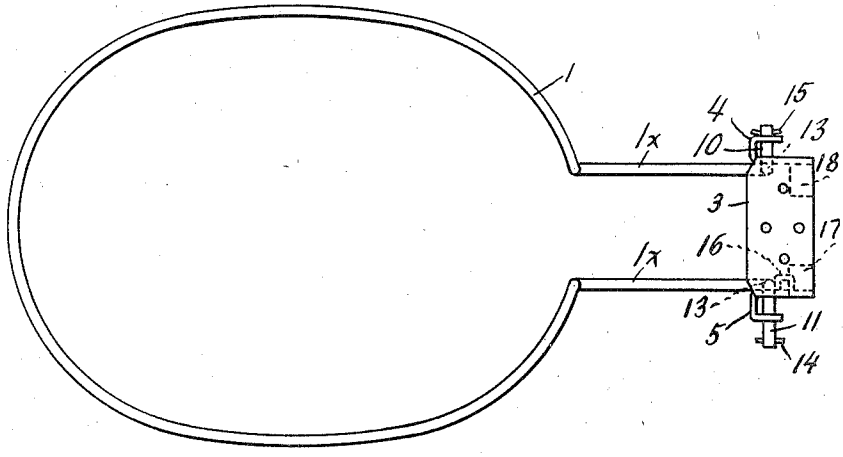


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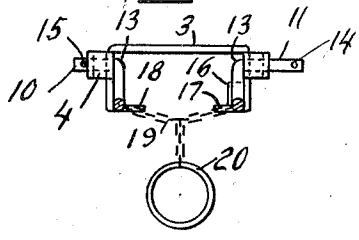
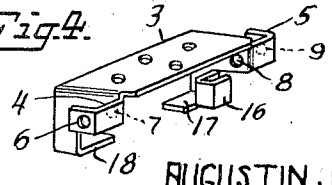


Fig. 4.



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Our invention relates to improvements in hat holders adapted for use in automobiles and elsewhere, and has for its objects to provide a hat holder having simplified construction, minimum number of parts, low cost of manufacture and convenience of operation.

These objects are attained by means of the mechanism shown in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a side view.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the mechanism.

Fig. 3 is a detail of the releasing device, and

Fig. 4 is a detail of one of the parts of the mechanism.

In each of the figures like numerals indicate like parts.

A loop 1, of suitable size and shape to receive within it the crown of a hat 2, is formed to an oval shape with two parallel extensions at one end of the oval. These extensions have oppositely protruding ends, permitting pivotal engagement with openings in a formed body member 3. This formed body member 3, which may be of sheet metal or other suitable material, is provided with bearing lugs 4 and 5, which project outwardly and which have aligned openings 6 and 7 in lug 4 and aligned openings 8 and 9 in bearing lug 5, adapted to receive end portions 10 and 11 of the extensions 1*x* of loop 1, which are formed to an approximate right angle at 12 and 13, and extend in opposite directions and in alignment each with the other. End portion 11 is longer than end portion 10, permitting it to be retracted in openings 8 and 9. Near the extreme end of end portions 10 and 11 are pins 14 and 15 which prevent end portions 10 and 11 being withdrawn from openings in bearing lugs 4 and 5. On one end of body member 3 is formed a lug 16, extending inwardly and adapted by position and construction to function as a stop to hold the loop 1 in a horizontal position. The body member 3 is also provided with stop lugs 17 and 18 adapted to limit the swing of loop 1 when in its lowered position shown in broken lines at 1*a*. Attached to loop 1 near the ends of extensions 1*x*, where shown, is a chain 19 of two or more links, to the midportion of which is attached a suitable handle, such as a ring 20. The loop 1, when formed, is wider across the tips of end portions 10 and 11, when free and unrestrained, than when confined within body member 3, thus there is a constant outward pressure of both loop extensions against body member 3, due to the spring of the loop.

In use our hat holder is operated as follows; assuming that the loop 1 is in the position 1*a* shown in broken lines in Fig. 1, a hat is placed with its crown in the loop. The loop is then pushed upwardly until it reaches an approximately horizontal position, when that portion of the loop extension which is pressing against lug 16 will snap off the side of lug 16, and end portion 14 will take the position shown in Fig. 2, thus holding the loop in a substantially horizontal position. When it is desired to remove the hat from the holder, a pull on the ring 20 displaces the alignment of links 19, thus contracting the distance between the extensions of loop 1 causing end portion 11 to be retracted through openings 8 and 9 in bearing lug 5 until the portion of the loop extension adjacent to lug 16 slips off the face of the lug 16 permitting the loop to drop from its horizontal position shown in full lines to an inclined position shown in broken lines, where it is stopped by contact with stop lugs 17 and 18, in which position the hat may be removed. When not in use the loop is returned to the horizontal position.

We are well aware that numerous hat holders of divers and sundry designs have been made, and that some of them have been patented. We are, however, unaware of any holder having the advantages of simplicity, small number of parts, low cost of manufacture and ease of operation which characterize our invention.

Having described our invention and the manner of its construction and use, we now state what we believe to be new and novel and for which we pray that Letters Patent be granted.

We claim:

A hat holder comprising a loop member, provided with spaced apart extensions, said member adapted to receive the crown of a hat, a body member having bearing lugs provided with openings and stop lugs, said extensions of said loop member formed and adapted to pivotally engage said openings in said bearing lugs of said body member, linkage connecting said extensions, a handle intermediate thereof, and secured thereto, whereby, by the displacement of said linkage there is effected a contraction of the distance between said extensions, whereby releasing said loop member and permitting a limited motion thereof.

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