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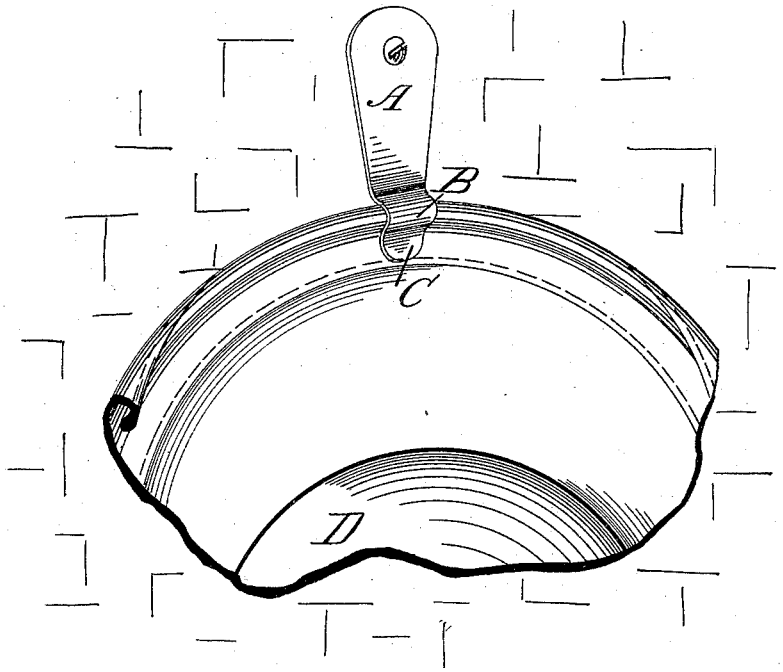
Fig. 1.



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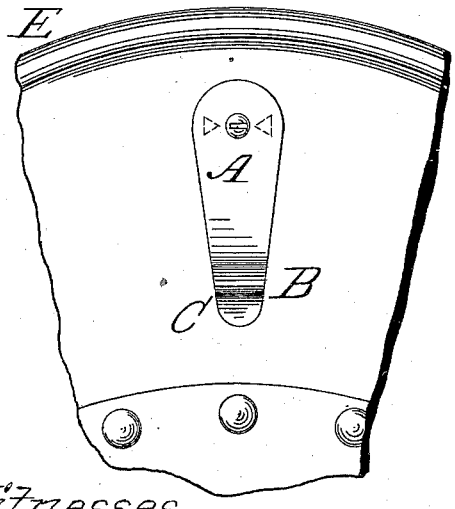

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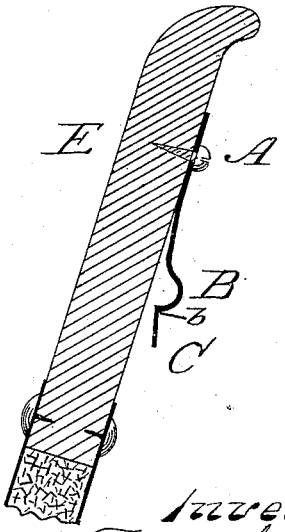

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK A. WOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, cheap, and effectual contrivance whereby a hat may be securely held and at the same time be capable of easy disengagement. It is intended to be fastened upon a wall, pew-seat, hat-rack, car-seat, opera-chair, or in any convenient place.

In the drawings, similar letters refer to similar parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the holder fastened against a wall and holding a hat. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the holder attached to an opera-chair, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same.

The body A of the holder is made of sheet-brass or other suitable material, and is provided near its upper end with a hole, through which passes a screw or other fastening device. Near its free end the holder is bent, as shown, to form the corrugation B, which is substantially semicircular in cross-section. Below the corrugation there may be a lip, C, which stands out at an angle to the plane of the body A. When the wired rim of a hat, D, is pushed up under the lip C, the holder yields outwardly and allows the hat-rim to enter until the wire comes under the corrugation B, when the holder springs back to place again and the hat is secured.

In order to resist any tendency to twist sidewise when the hat is shoved against the lip C, the holder may be secured by two screws; or one or more V-shaped prongs may be punched from the body A, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2, which will enter the object to which the holder is attached and retain it in position.

It will be observed that not only does this holder act to some extent by friction, in that it clamps the hat against the wall or chair-back E, but the weight of the hat is principally supported by the shoulder *b*, formed by the lower side of the corrugation B, which hooks under the wired hat-rim, and is capable of resisting a considerable downward strain. The holder may therefore be made of comparatively light and cheap material, since not so stiff a spring is necessary as in the case of holders which depend solely upon friction.

As will be seen by reference to the drawings, the lip C stands out at such an angle that no part of the holder comes in contact with the flat portion of the brim of the hat, while the corrugation B snugly encircles the wire in the rim, and not only supports the hat from falling, but prevents it from any accidental upward movement. This is a decided advantage, since it obviates all danger of marring the surface of the hat-brim by sliding it about under the holder—a circumstance which is liable to happen with all the hat-holders of which I have any knowledge, especially those in which the end of a strong spring presses directly against the surface of the brim. The hat may be released by giving it a smart pull or by swinging it out away from the object to which the holder is fastened.

The entire device may be readily stamped out at one blow by suitable dies, and may be varied somewhat in shape to accommodate the circumstances under which it is to be used or the fancy of purchasers.

I am aware that a hat-holder has been patented consisting of a sheet-metal tapering spring secured at its upper end to a flat plate, and curving outward, downward, and inward, so as to bring its lower end against a piece of rubber secured in a depression made in the flat plate, and this I do not claim; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A hat-holder consisting of a spring-metal clip having near its lower end a lip, C, and a corrugation, B, the inner lower wall of which forms a substantially square shoulder, *b*, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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