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Fig. 1.

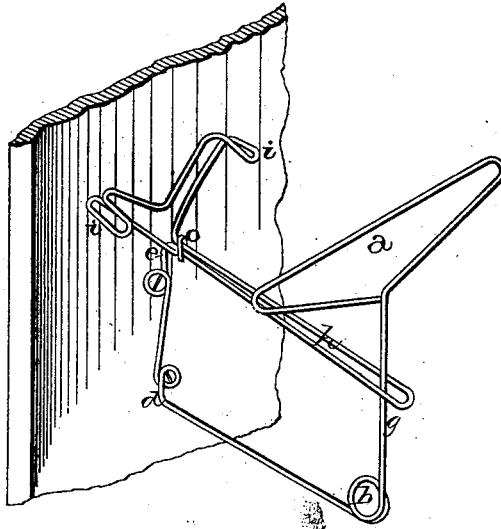
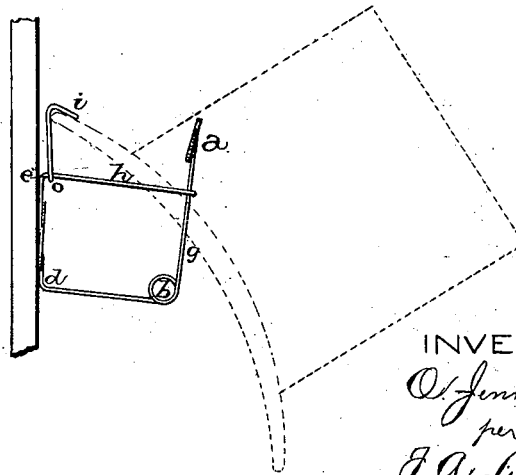


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HAT-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORLANDO JENNESS, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders; and I do hereby 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in hat-holders, and is designed especially for railroad-cars, where the hat is being constantly jarred and shaken, and for hotels and other such places; and it consists in a spring-wire bent in such a form that the hat is held upon the inside at the rim, and upon the top of the rim, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The accompanying drawings represent my invention.

I take a single piece of spring-wire or other suitable material, and I bend one end into the form *a*, as shown, which form is to enter the inside of the hat. The wire passes downward to where the loop *b* is formed, for the purpose of making a spring, and from thence backward to the corner *d*. Just above this corner are formed one or two small loops, through which screws or bolts are passed for the purpose of securing the holder to the wall or other support.

In case it should not be desired to use these loops, the holder may be secured to a plate, and the plate secured to the wall or support in any desired manner.

The wire passes upward above the loops for the screws to the corner *e*, and thence outward, so as to pass around the vertical portion of the wire *g* and back upon itself, thus forming a double spring-bar, *h*. After forming this spring-bar *h*, the wire passes and is bent so as to form the two points or projections *i*, and then is passed downward again and wrapped around the bar *h* at *o*.

Thus it will be seen that the entire holder is made from a single piece of wire.

In using my holder after it has been secured

to the wall or other support, the frame *a* is first passed inside of the hat, and then the rim is pressed downward until it strikes the spring-bar *h*, and then it is allowed to drop downward at its outer end, thus causing the rim of the hat to rise up and catch under the two points *i*.

The hat being thus held from the inside upon the lower side of the rim and upon the edge of the rim, the more it is shaken by the jarring of the cars the more securely it is held and prevented from coming off the holder.

A holder constructed, as above described, from a single piece of wire, can be quickly and cheaply made, and will prove, not only in railroad-cars, but in hotels and other places, of the greatest advantage in holding silk and other hats in position, without the slightest danger of their being knocked or blown down. As the wire is made very springy and elastic, should anything strike against the hat, the holder will yield to such an extent that the blow will not hurt or injure the hat to any extent.

It will be noticed that the lower rim of the hat is raised outward by the peculiar construction of the spring, and hence the hat will not be rumpled or injured when clothes are hung upon hooks next to the hat.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A spring hat-holder formed from a single piece of wire, consisting of the form *a*, spring *b*, bar *h*, and points *i*, whereby the hat is held at three different places, substantially as set forth.

2. A hat-holder constructed of a single piece of wire, having the form *a* and the points *i*, whereby the lower rim of the hat is raised upward, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of December, 1877.

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