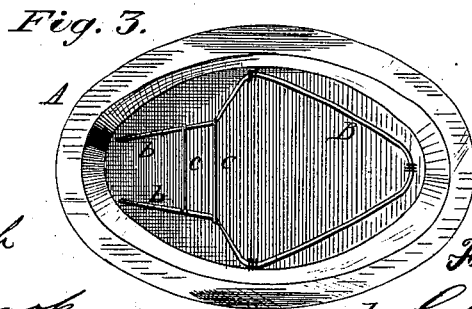
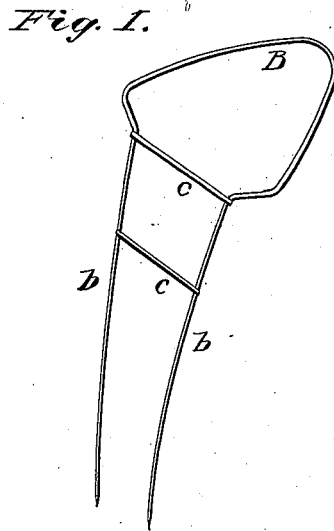


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IMPROVEMENT IN HAT-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREEMAN L. TRIPP, of Eau Claire, in the county of Eau Claire and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat or Bonnet Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the fastener detached. Fig. 2 shows a hat having my improved fastener or holder; and Fig. 3 is a bottom plan of the hat having my improved holder.

Similar letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention relates to an improved fastener or holder to be attached to ladies' hats or bonnets for the purpose of adjusting and securing them upon the head; and it consists of a frame made of wire or other suitable material, and having two or more prongs that enter the hair, substantially as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, A is a hat or bonnet. B is the fastener. This consists of a wire body,

bent so as to form prongs *b b*, which are spaced and stiffened by braces *c c*.

The wire body is so constructed and shaped that it may readily be sewed or otherwise secured in the hat, preferably under the crown, and the prongs are bent in such a manner in relation to the body that they will readily enter the back hair when the hat or bonnet is adjusted upon the head of the wearer.

My improved holder or fastener will hold the hat or bonnet safely in stormy weather, and will at all times be found very convenient, as strings, elastics, and other fastening devices may be dispensed with.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

As an improvement in hat or bonnet holders, the wire body B, having prongs *b b* and braces or stiffeners *c c*, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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