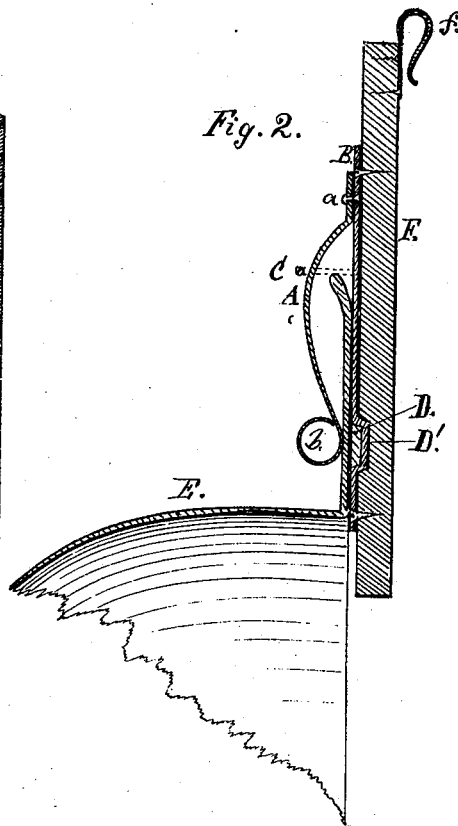
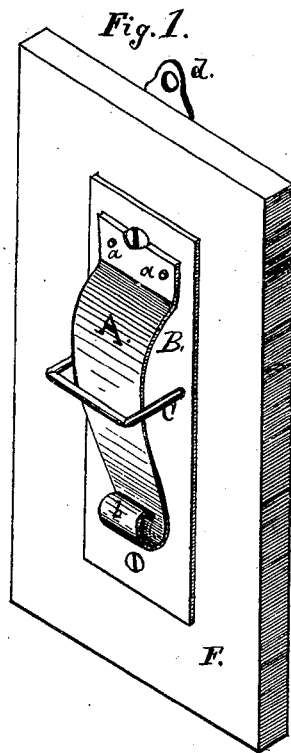


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAT AND CAP-HOLDERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES BEENY, of Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Device for Holding Hats and Caps when not in use; and I hereby declare that the following is a specification of my said invention.

The object of my invention is—

To construct a holder for hats and caps, by which they may be suspended from the wall of a hall or bedroom, or wardrobe, or other place where the head apparel is kept when not in use.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical central section of the same.

A is a sheet-metal tapering spring, formed in the shape shown in figs. 1 and 2.

The upper end of said spring A is secured by rivets *a*, or otherwise, to a flat plate B, as shown in the same figures.

The lower end of spring A is curved, as shown at *b*, in figs. 1 and 2.

C is a square staple, which is secured to plate B, and stands over spring A, at any convenient distance from its top, say about one-third the length of spring A from its top. The object of said staple C is to prevent spring A from being pulled up too far, thus being a protection to spring A.

D is a small circular piece of rubber, or rubber-cloth, secured into a corresponding depression D', made in the center of the lower part of plate B, and immediately under the lower or curved end of spring A, as shown in fig. 2.

E is a central section of a hat or cap, showing the

operation of my invention, or the relative and proper position of a hat or cap when being held by my improved holder.

In place of the sheet or ribbon-spring, my improved hat and cap-holder may be secured singly, or in any desired numbers, to a block or a strip of wood, and hung against the wall by means of back-suspending plates *d*, shown in fig. 1, or by means of hooks *f*, shown in fig. 2.

They can be suspended to the back part of a car-seat, or to any other convenient part of a car; or the plate B can be permanently secured to the backs of seats in public halls, theaters, churches, and other places of public resort.

It will be seen from the above description that the mode of using my invention will be to secure the holder in any place required, viz., in a hall, or ante-room, or in a wardrobe, or in a car, or on the back of a seat, &c.; then by thrusting the rim of a hat or cap between the spring A and plate B, the said hat or cap will be securely held for any length of time.

All that is necessary to do to release the hat or cap is to pull the same downward, which will instantly release it.

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

The spring A, plate B, and staple C, with or without rubber D, combined and arranged in the manner and for the purpose herein shown and described.

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