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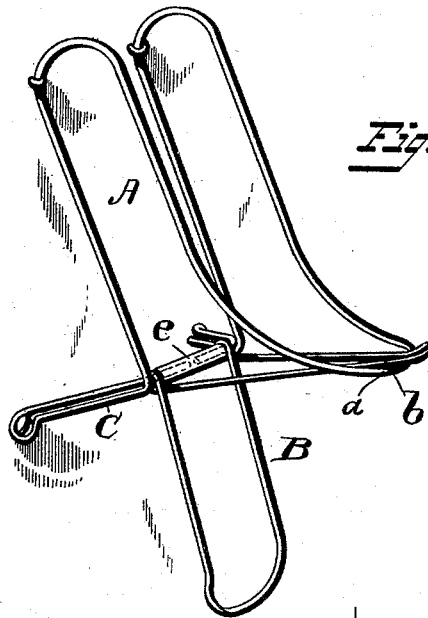


Fig. 1.

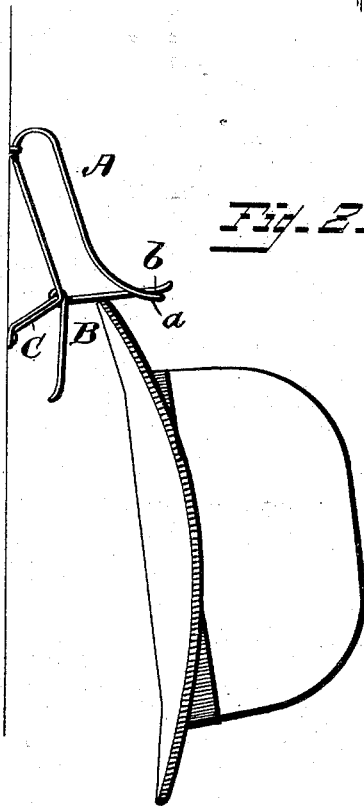


Fig. 2.

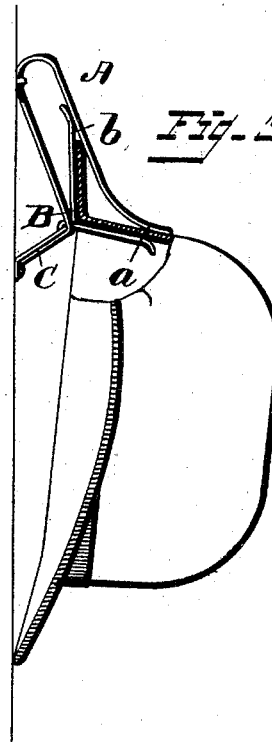


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK L. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wallingford, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Hangers; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to hat hangers.

The object of the invention is to prevent stiff hats from falling off a peg either by a current of air or when lightly struck when in the act of placing a hat or coat on an adjacent peg or removing the same therefrom.

The improvement consists in the novel features and the peculiar construction and combination of the parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and which are shown in the annexed drawings; in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat supporter embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the hat about to be applied to the supporter. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing the hat in position.

The supporter comprises, essentially a clasp A and a pivoted latch B. This latch is elbow shaped and is pivoted at the elbow to one of the pendent members of the clasp A. Normally the latch occupies the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the part *b* extending across the space between the members of the clasp and engaging with the member opposite that to which the said latch is pivoted. The lower end *a* of the outer portion of the clasp is curved outward to obtain a broad purchase upon the hat, and the brace C projected rearward from the lower end of the rear member of the clasp is designed to touch the wall and hold the clasp in proper position. The clasp and the braces are formed of a single piece of wire as most clearly shown in Fig. 1, the ends of the wire being brought together and forming a cross bar on which the latch is mounted. The latch is also made from a single piece of wire, the eyes provided at the angle or elbow to receive the said cross bar being formed by crossing the wire. The sleeve *e* mounted on the said cross bar pro-

teets the ends of the wire that forms the clasp A and comes between the members of the latch to hold them apart the required distance. The wires comprising the member *b* converge and are united at their free ends. The outer ends of the parts of the brace portion C, are turned laterally to obtain a broad bearing on the wall to obviate injury thereto.

The supporter is secured to a wall or partition in any desired manner, preferably by being attached to a strip in the usual way. Staples or other fastenings are driven over the upper end of the clasp and nails or screws are passed through the expanded ends of the parts of the brace portion C. The clasp stands at a slight incline to the perpendicular as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The hat is applied to the hanger by presenting the edge of the brim to the open end of the clasp and against the part *b* of the latch B. On pressing the brim into the clasp the latter will yield, being elastic, and the pendent portion of the latch will enter the hat, the brim being held between the portion *b* of the latch and the outer portion of the clasp and the crown being held between the lower curved portion *a* and the other portion of the latch, as shown most clearly in Fig. 3.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A hat hanger comprising a clasp which is adapted to be arranged in an approximately vertical position, the open end being down and an elbow shaped latch pivoted at the elbow to a member of the clasp, and having one arm projected into the space between the members of the clasp, and having the other arm pendent, substantially as described for the purpose specified.

2. A hat hanger comprising a spring clasp, which is adapted to be arranged in an approximately vertical position, the open end being down and an elbow shaped latch pivoted at the elbow to a member of the clasp and constructed to have one portion extend normally across the space between the members of the clasp, and having its other end pendent, substantially as described for the purpose specified.

3. A hat hanger comprising a clasp which is adapted to be arranged in an approxi-

mately vertical position, the open end being down, and having a rear brace portion, and an elbow shaped latch pivoted at the elbow to a member of the clasp, and having one
5 arm projected into the space between the members of the clasp, and having the other arm pendent, substantially as described and for the purpose specified.

4. A hat hanger comprising a clasp which
10 is adapted to be arranged in an approximately vertical position, the open end being down and having a brace portion C projected from the rear member of the clasp, said clasp and brace being made of wire, the ends of the
15 wire extending across the space between the wires of a member of the clasp and forming a cross bar, and an elbow shaped lever mounted on the said cross bar, substantially as set forth.

20 5. A hat hanger comprising a clasp which

is adapted to be arranged in an approximately vertical position, the open end being down and having a brace portion C projected from the rear member of the clasp, said clasp and brace being made of wire, the ends of the
25 wire extending across the space between the wires of a member of the clasp and forming a cross bar, an elbow shaped latch also formed of wire, mounted on the said cross bar, and a sleeve placed on the said cross bar to protect the ends of the wire and hold the parts
30 of the latch properly spaced, substantially as specified.

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

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