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Brush Holder.

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Fig. 1

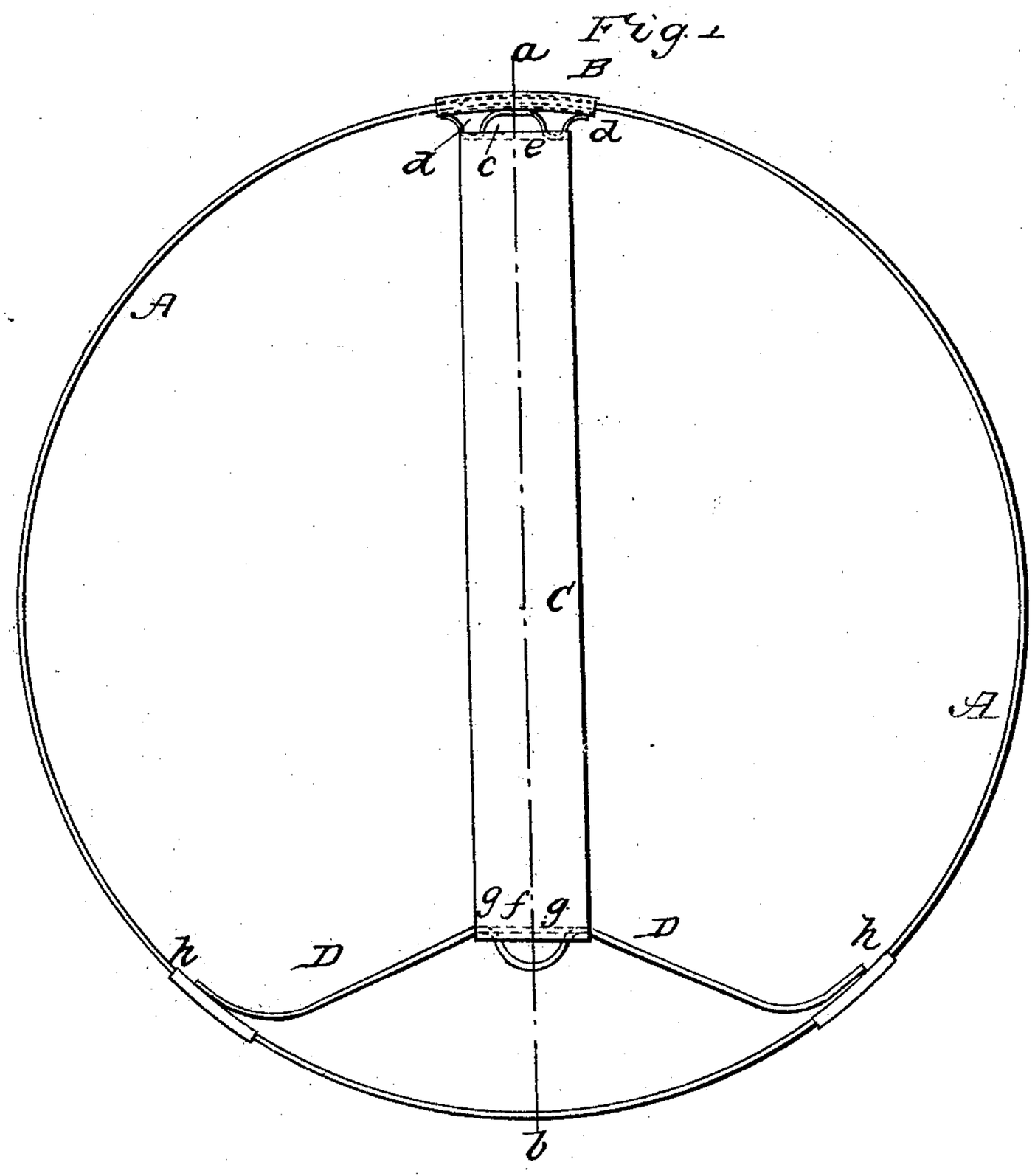
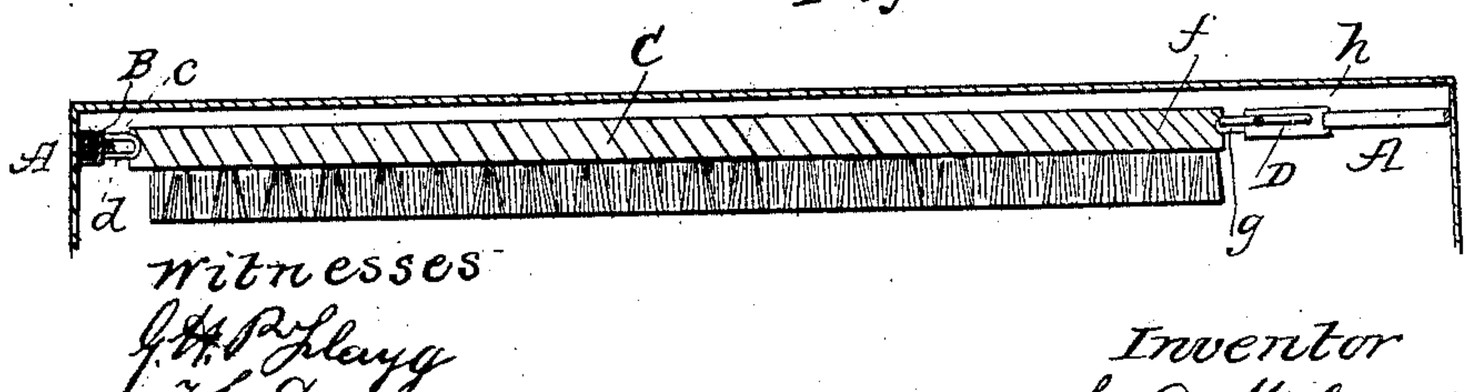


Fig 2



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IMPROVED HOLDER FOR HAT-BRUSHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. OSGOOD, of Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Hat-Brush Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practice it.

My invention consists in a peculiar contrivance for holding or carrying a hat-brush in the upper part of what are commonly known as stiff silk or beaver hats, so that the brush can be readily carried with the hat when worn and be easily detached therefrom when at any time it may be desirable to brush or smooth down the surface of the hat.

Figure 1 of the drawings shows a plan of my invention, and Fig. 2 a cross-section taken on the line *a b* of Fig. 1.

A denotes a long metallic band or spring, made to correspond or nearly correspond in length to the inner circumference of a hat, and having its opposite ends so brought together that the length of the band or the size of the circular ring made by bringing the ends together may be increased or diminished, so as to readily adapt the band to different-sized hats. I confine the ends of the bands together by means of a metallic clasp, B, which slides freely on the band, the clasp being made long enough to permit the ends of the band to be separated therein in order to give any desired increase to the size or length of the band, or one of the ends of the band being made to overlap and slide upon the other, as seen in Fig. 1.

Attached to the clasp B is a wire, C, on which are formed one or more studs or projections, *d*, which fit into a groove, *e*, made in one end of the brush C. The other end of the brush is made with a similar groove, *f*, into which fit one or more projections or holders, *g*, made in a spring, D. This spring D is attached by its opposite ends to slides *h h*, and it is made of such length and the support or hold given to the brush at such distance from the band that the pressure of the brush against the spring is distributed over the entire length thereof, instead of coming at one point on the band, or directly against one portion of the hat, as it would were the brush to extend entirely across the hat or be confined at its opposite ends directly against the inner surface thereof. The slides *h h* (one of which, I would remark, may be fastened permanently to the band) are made capable of being moved toward or away from each other over the band, and by such movement they will cause the spring D or the projections *g* thereon to approach or recede from the band in such manner as to increase or decrease the length between the projections *g* and *d*. By this means brushes of different lengths may be used, or the same brush applied to the band in hats of different sizes.

To apply the band and brush, the ring is first made small enough to be easily placed in the top of the hat, and the band is then enlarged, so that it will bear all around and upon the inner surface of the hat. One end of the brush being then placed against the holder *d*, the holder *g* is borne back by the hand, and then permitted to spring into the other groove of the brush. The projections *d* and *g* will hold the brush in place in the band, and the band will bear sufficiently hard upon the inner surface of the hat to keep it in place at the top of the hat.

I am aware that a brush has been before placed in a hat, but only by using a brush corresponding in length, or nearly so, with the diameter of the hat, and being confined directly thereto by attachments fixed to the brush. This contrivance was objectionable because the pressure of the ends of the holder, when the brush was in the hat, had a constant tendency to press the hat out of shape, or to cause protuberances upon the outer surface of the hat, contiguous to the opposite ends of the brush, while in my invention, by using the band and the spring D, all contact or pressure of the ends of the brush, or of the parts supporting the same against small portions of the surface of the hat, is prevented.

What I claim is—

1. The combination of the band A and projections or holders *d g*, or their equivalents, for supporting and carrying a hat-brush, as above described.

2. Making the spring D adjustable, so as to increase or diminish the distance between the holders *d g*, for the purpose described.

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