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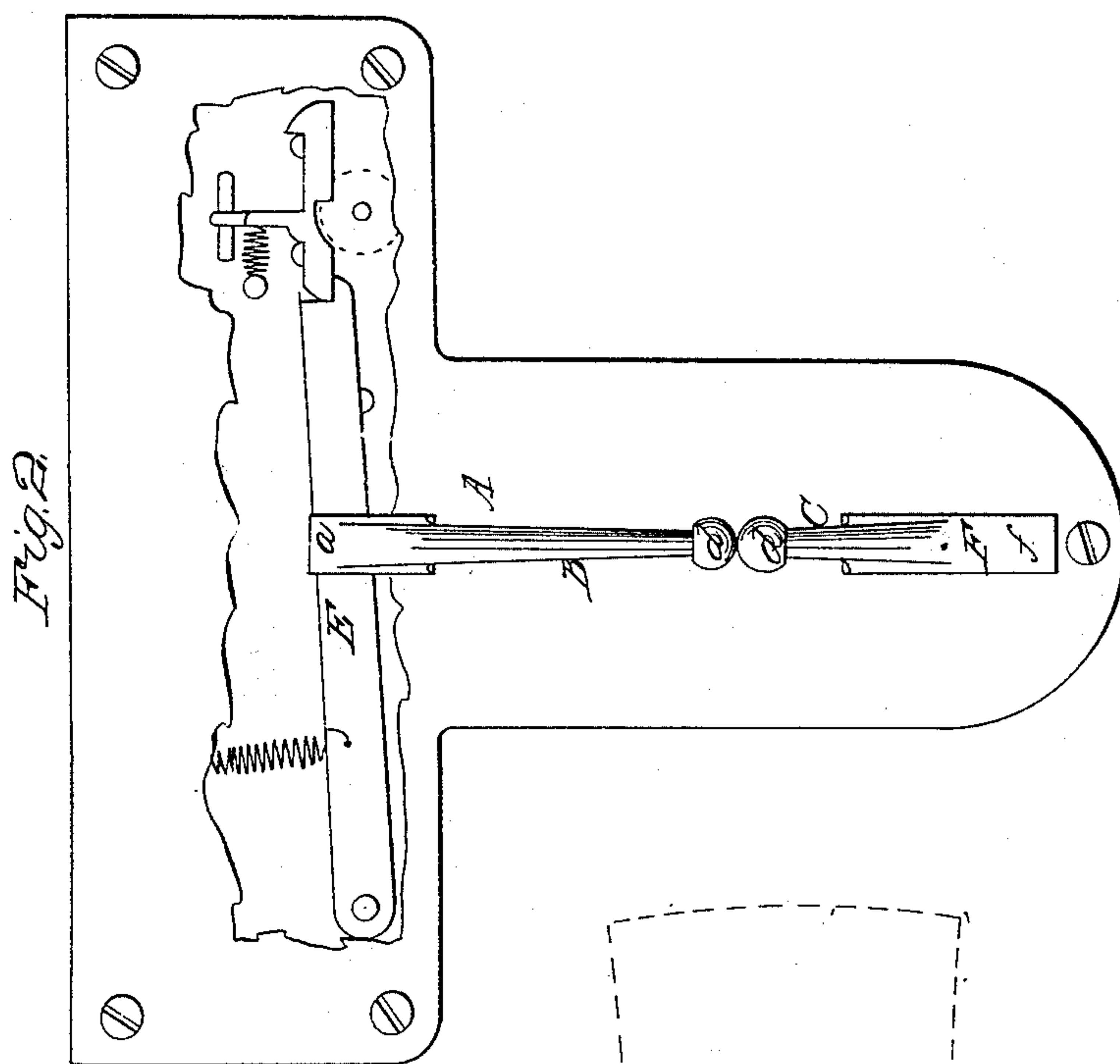
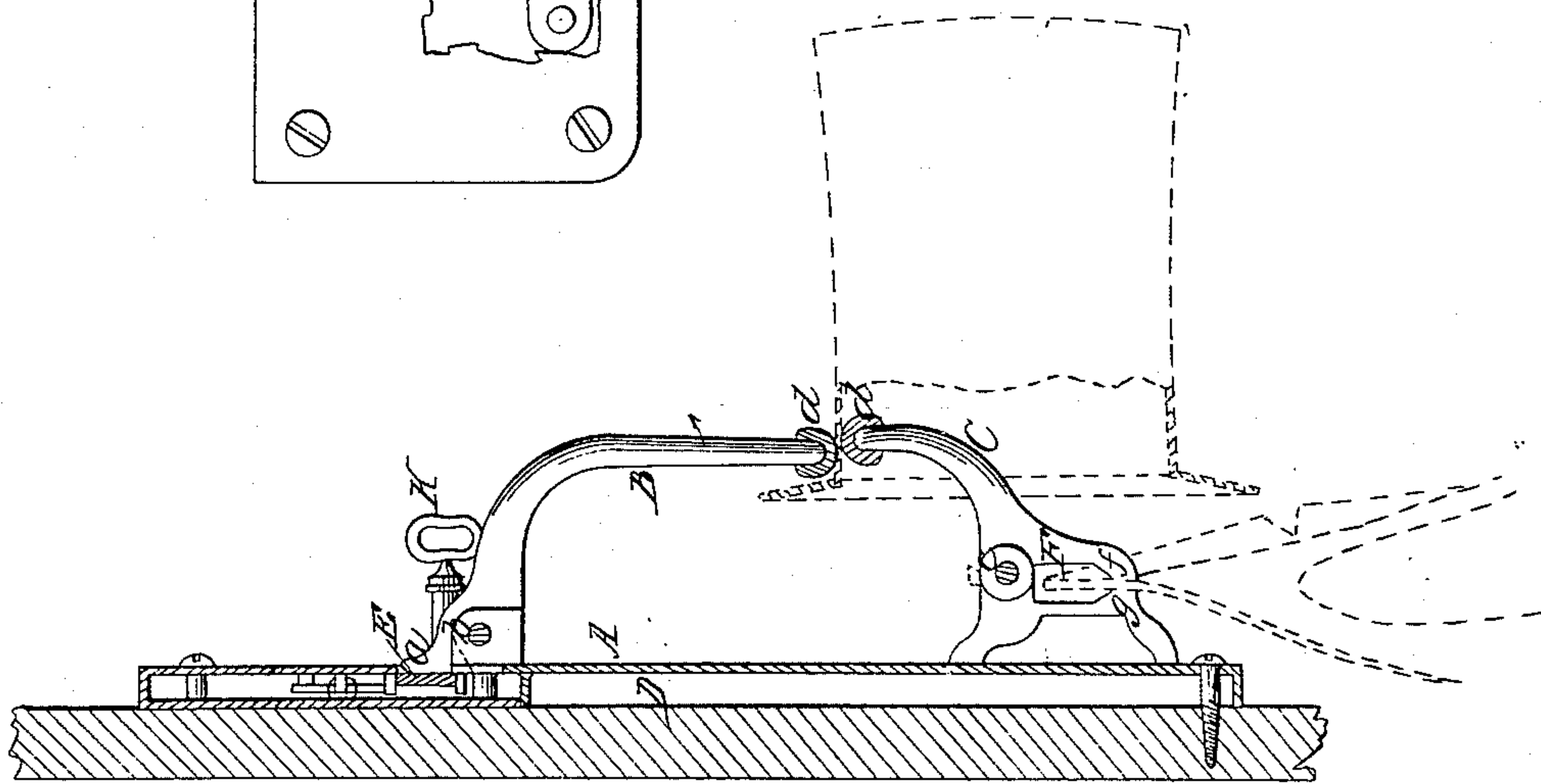


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED COAT AND HAT-HOOK.

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, WILLIAM SCHMITT, of No. 148 East Twenty-Eighth street, have invented a new and improved Coat and Hat-Hook; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a sectional side elevation of this invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional front elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference in both views indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a coat and hat-hook, which consists of two hinged jaws, which are provided with soft and elastic tips at their ends, and which are arranged, in combination with a locking device, in such a manner that a hat or other similar article can be clamped between them, and that said hat will not be liable to be injured, and will be firmly retained as long as the locking device is fastened or closed. The lower-hook jaw is provided with nipper-like arms, which serve to catch hold of the coat collar or other portion of the garment, and which retain the same securely, and prevent the garment from being removed as long as the locking device is closed. If desired, the hat and coat can be secured in the hook simultaneously, and the danger of having either of these articles stolen or exchanged is avoided, or at least materially reduced.

A represents a coat and hat-hook, which is composed of two hook-shaped jaws, B C, which are connected to the bed-plate D by pivots *b c*, as clearly shown in fig. 1 of the drawing, and which are so arranged that the jaw B turns up while the jaw C turns in, as indicated by arrows marked near the same in said figure. From the upper end of the hook-jaw B projects a lip, *a*, and if said jaw is turned down as far as it will go, a spring-latch, E, can be made to catch under said lip, and jaw B is locked. The spring-latch E is situated in a suitable cavity of the bed-plate D, and it is operated by a key, K, which is inserted into a key-hole in said bed-plate, or, instead of the spring-latch, a sliding bolt or any other suitable mechanism can be employed for the purpose of locking the hook-jaw B. When this jaw is locked, its tip is in such a position that it prevents the hook-jaw C from being turned inward on its pivot *c*, and a hat or other article placed between the tips of the two hook-jaws cannot be removed until the jaw B is unlocked. The tips of the two hook-jaws B C are protected by caps *d*, of India rubber or other soft and elastic material, so that the hat or other article held between said tips is not injured. The hook-jaw C is so constructed that the same forms a clamp, F, composed of the movable jaw *f* and the stationary jaw *g*. When the hook-jaw C is turned in, the clamp opens, and the collar or any other part of a coat or other garment can be introduced between the same, and when the hook-jaw C is turned back to its original position, the collar or other part of the garment is firmly held between the clamp, and said garment cannot be removed unless the hook C is turned in. The loop of the coat or other garment may be passed over the hook-jaw C, so that the garment is supported if the clamp F is opened. When the upper hook is locked it is somewhat inside of the lower hook, so that the latter cannot be turned in. The hat is intended to be firmly clamped between the elastic tips, so that it would occupy some time to work it out, particularly if the coat is between the clamps.

By this arrangement the hat and coat or other garment can be hung up and locked simultaneously, and the danger of having these articles stolen or exchanged is avoided, or at least materially reduced.

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

1. The hinged hook-jaws B C, in combination with a spring-latch or other locking device, constructed and operating substantially as and for the purpose described.
2. In combination with the hook-jaws B C, I claim the elastic tip *d*, substantially as and for the purpose described.
3. The clamp F, in combination with the hook-jaws B C, and with a suitable locking device, constructed and operating substantially as and for the purpose described.

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