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Hat-Holder.

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Fig. 1

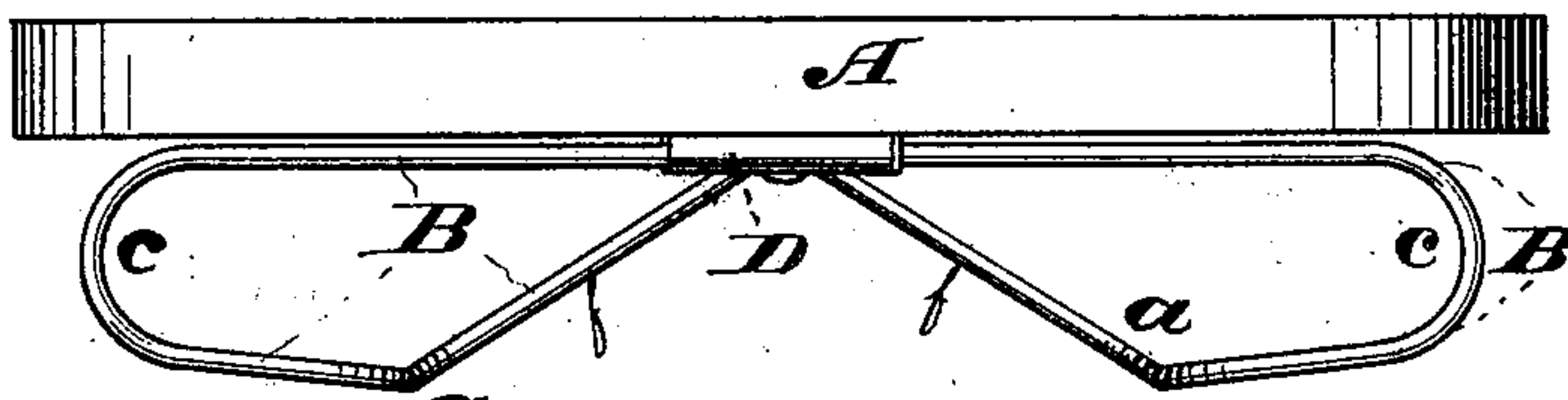
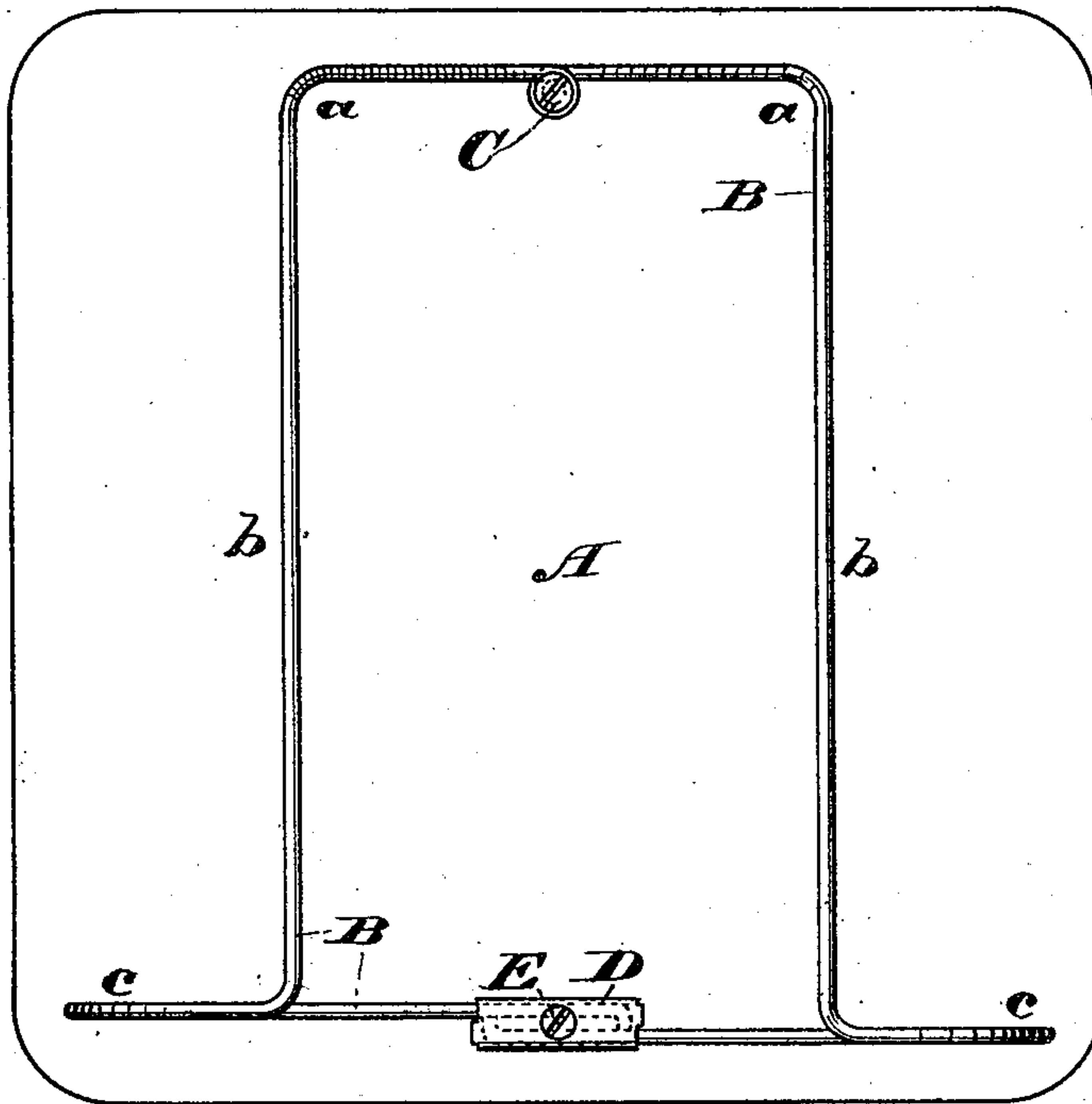


Fig. 2

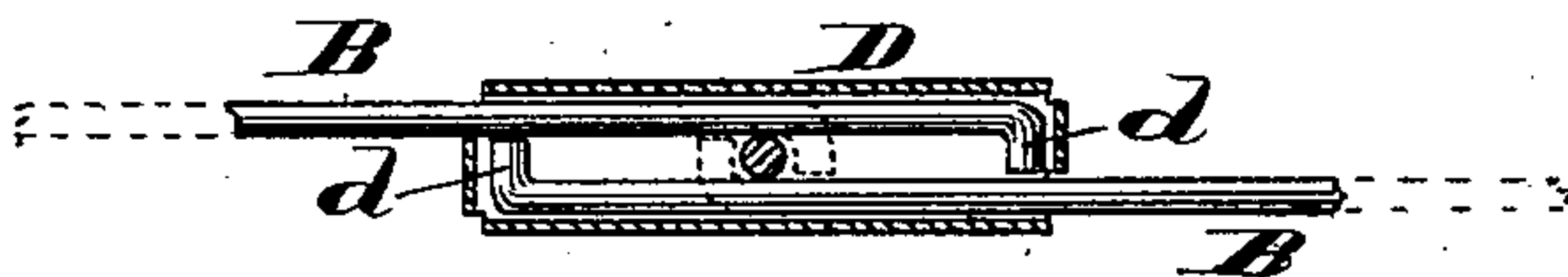


Fig. 3

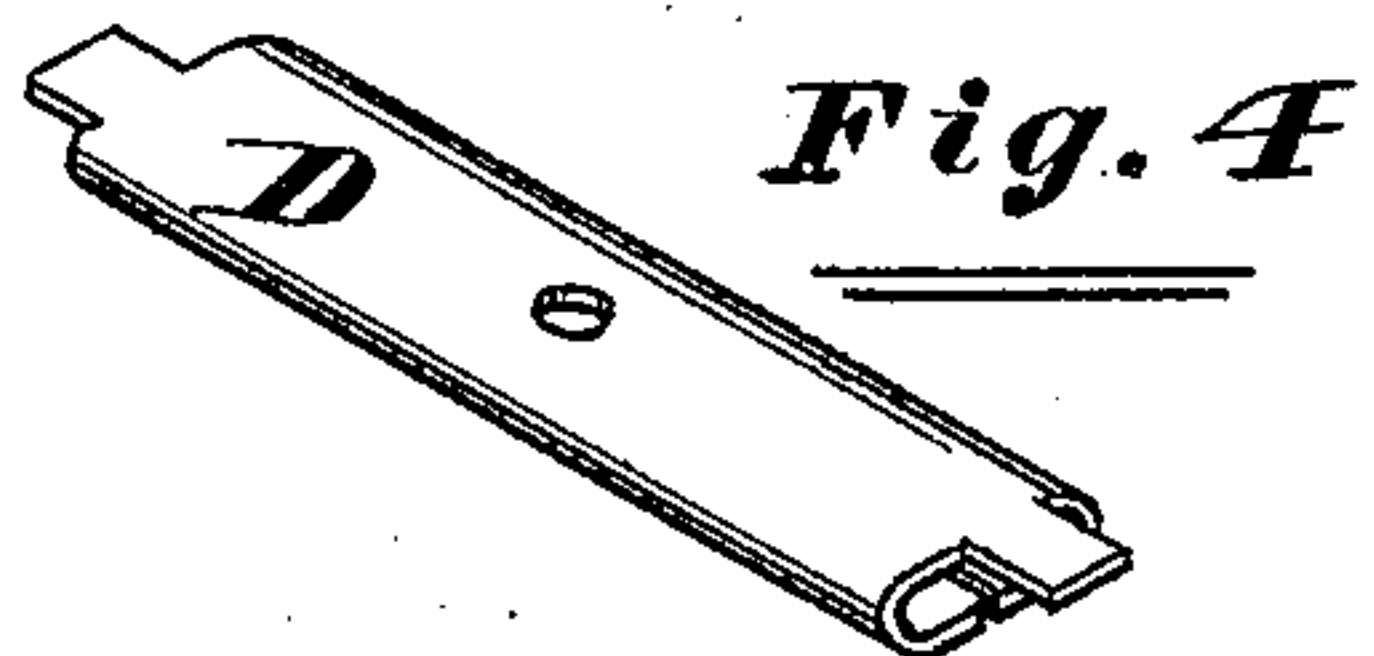


Fig. 4

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IMPROVEMENT IN HAT-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUSSEL O. DUNNING, of Jefferson, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders, of which I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description, which will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved hat-holder; Fig. 2, a view looking at the end, and Figs. 3 and 4 sectional details.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a skeleton frame or bracket of wire, or equivalent material, to be attached to the under side of seats for holding hats, and preventing them from coming in contact with the floor and getting soiled.

This invention has more especial reference to seats in churches, theaters, halls, and public buildings generally.

The peculiar construction and formation of my device admits of it being attached to almost any kind of a seat, and particularly where the seat is a mere frame, the central portion thereof being of flexible material, and does not admit of the attaching of any hat-holding device requiring a central fastening on the under side of the seat.

In the drawings, A represents the seat, and B a wire frame secured to the under side of the seat. This wire-frame representing the hat-holder is constructed of a single piece, the wire being bent to form an eye, through which passes the screw C. By this means one end of the holder is secured to the seat. The wire, after being bent to form this eye, runs downward from the seat in a diagonal line until it reaches the corners *a a*, and from this point it

runs at right angles to the opposite end, and is then bent to form the rounded corners *c c*, leaving sufficient space between the wires *b b* and the under side of the seat for the easy insertion of any ordinary hat-rim. After forming the rounded corners *c c*, the wire runs close to the seat, the ends meeting, and are turned at right angles, as shown in Fig. 3, and secured in the sleeve D, of which Fig. 3 is a central section. The sleeve D is secured to the seat by means of the screw E passing down through the center thereof. Said screw also operates as a stop for the ends of the wire *d d*, and prevents the ends from slipping out of the sleeve D, the width of this end of the hat-holder being adjustable by means of the ends of the wire moving in the sleeve.

The diagonal wires *f f* act as a stop for the hat when placed in the holder, and prevent it from dropping out at the opposite end, this form of the device being particularly useful in opera-chairs, from the fact that when the seat is turned up the hat cannot drop out, as is the case when both ends of the holder are left open.

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

In a hat-holding device, the sleeve D, for the purpose of securing the ends of the hat-holder to the seat, and making the same adjustable by means of the screw E, and the ends *d d* of the holder B, in combination with the seat A, substantially as set forth, and for the purpose specified.

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