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Coat and Hat Hook.

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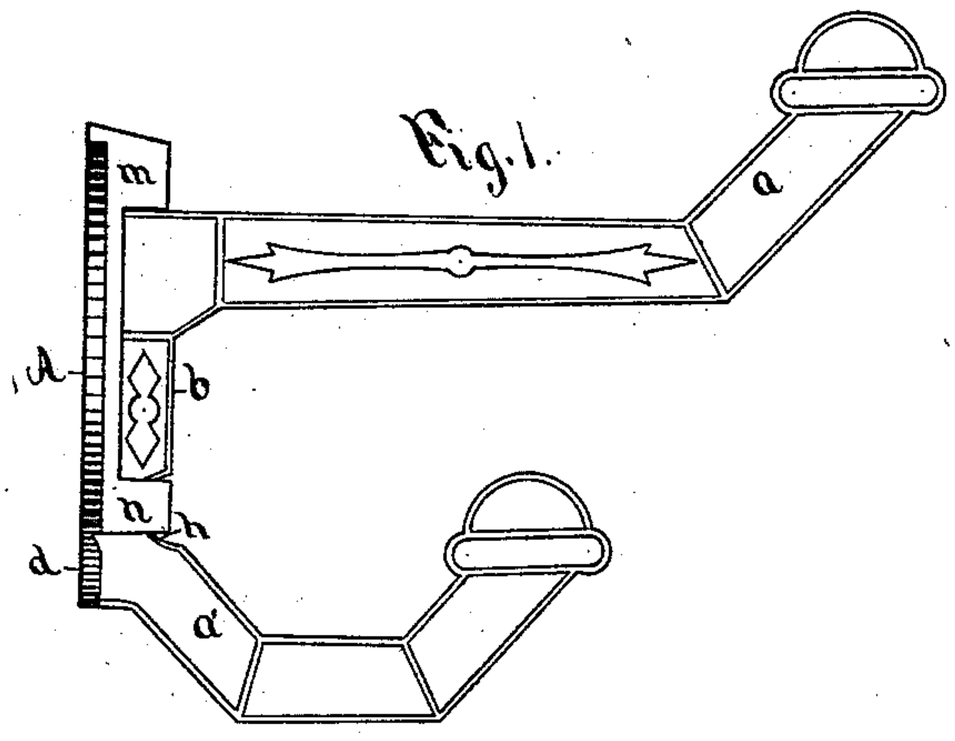
Fig. 1.



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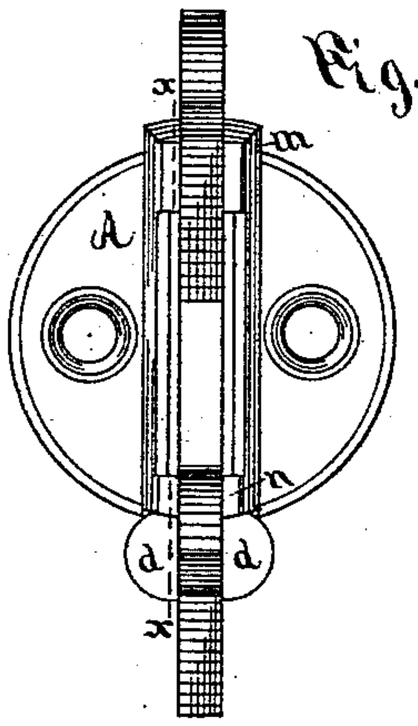

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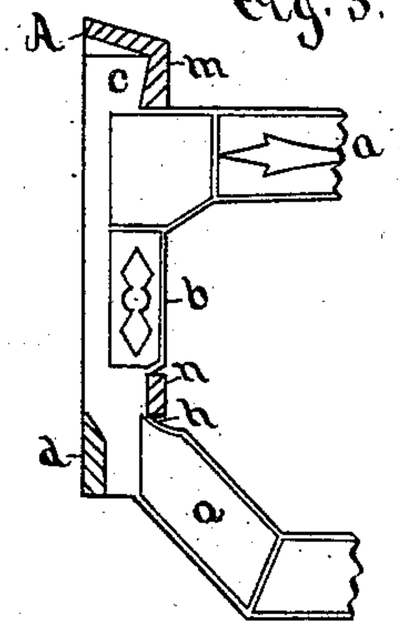

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IMPROVEMENT IN COAT AND HAT HOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ENOS E. STOW, of Plantsville, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat and Hat Hooks, of which the following is a specification:

Prior to my invention coat and hat hooks have been made with a detachable base-plate, some having a cylindrical body fitted to a rounded recess in the back of the plate, so that the hooks would swing, others having a short shank and flattened head fitted in a corresponding recess in the back of the plate, and others with dovetailed shank fitted into a recess in the front of the plate, all of which are disclaimed.

My invention has for its object the production, in an economical manner, of an ornamental hook with detachable base-plate, which shall be held securely and firmly in place; and the invention consists of a hook the body of which is provided with an upward extension at the top and lateral flanges at the bottom, in combination with a slotted base-plate having bridges to embrace the upward extension and body of the hook near the lateral extensions, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a coat and hat hook which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the same on line *x x* of Fig. 2.

The hook is provided with two arms, *a a'*, connected by body *b*, and having an upward extension, *c*, projecting above the arm *a*, and lateral wings or flanges *d d* at the lower end of said body. The front of the body, just above the arm *a'*, is provided with a notch, so as to form a shoulder, *h*.

The base-plate A is slotted to receive the arm *a* and part of the body of the hook. At the upper end there is a box or bridge, *m*, having a depression or recess in its back to receive the upward extension, *c*, of the hook. At the lower edge of the plate there is a loop or bridge, *n*, also recessed on its back. The hook and base-plate are cast separately, whereby they may be made with ornamental work on the sides of the hook and front of the base.

When the parts are finished ready for use, the arm *a* is passed through the slot in the base-plate, the upward extension is received in the back of the bridge *m*, the notched portion of the body of the hook is received by the bridge *n*, the shoulder *h* coming in contact with the upper edge of said bridge to prevent the hook from working downward out of place.

The recesses in the bridges of the plate are of such depth that the back of the body and lateral flanges will be nearly flush with the back of the base-plate; but if from any variation they should project a trifle, so that when screws are put through holes in the base-plate to secure the device to a wall or backing the back of the lateral flanges and of the body will be firmly held against said backing, and thereby secure the hook very firmly in place. The upper bridge, by engaging the hook at the extreme upper corner, holds the hook much more firmly than would be the case if it encircled the body of the hook at a point below its upper arm.

I claim as my invention—

The hook having the upward extension at the upper end of its body and the lateral flanges near the lower end thereof, in combination with the slotted base-plate having bridges *m* and *n*, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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