

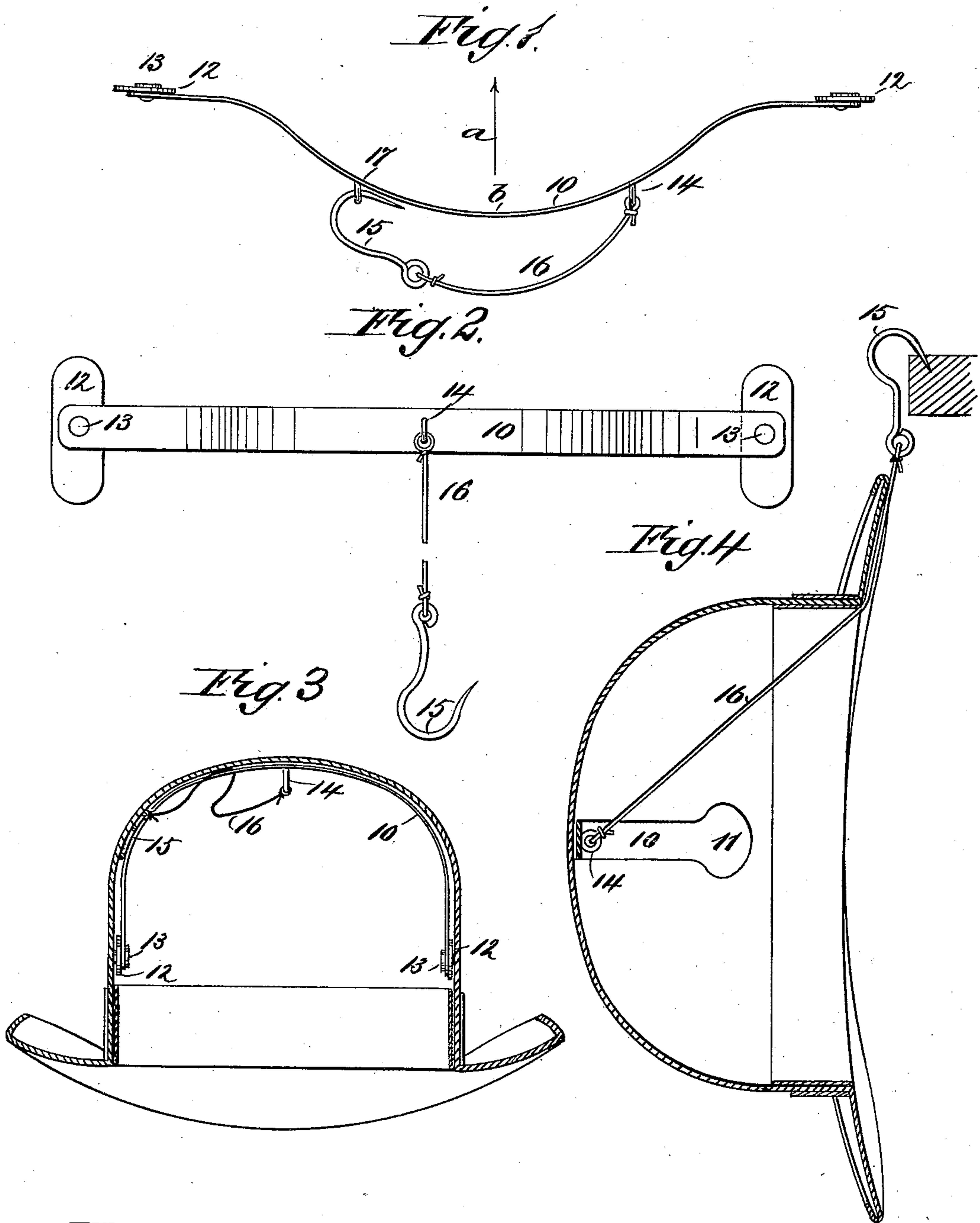
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDMUND B. CULVER, of Great Barrington, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Hat-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a novel form of hat-holder, the object of the invention being to provide an apparatus whereby a hat may be suspended from the clothing of the person, or from any fixed support, as will be hereinafter described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved form of hat-holder. Fig. 2 is an inverted plan view thereof. Fig. 3 is a side view of the holder as it appears when placed within a hat, which hat is shown in section; and Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view of the holder, representing the same as arranged within a hat, the hat being shown in central longitudinal section and as it would appear when suspended from a fixed support by means of the holder.

In constructing such a holder as the one forming the subject-matter of this application, and illustrated in the drawings above referred to, I provide a flat metallic strip, 10, of spring metal, the ends of which are broadened, as shown at 11 in Fig. 4, or provided with plates 12, that are riveted to said ends by rivets 13.

The plate 10 is preferably in the form illustrated in Fig. 1—that is, bent to the approximate form of a bow, and to the convex face of this bow there is secured an eye, 14, preferably in the position shown in Fig. 1; but the eye may be secured to the strip in the center thereof, as indicated in Fig. 2. A hook, 15, is connected to the eye 14 by means of an elastic band or strip, 16, and in the construction illustrated in Fig. 1 the strip 10 is provided with a second eye, 17, arranged to support the hook, as indicated in said figure.

Such being the general construction of my improved form of hat-holder, it is applied for use as follows: Two ends of the strip 10 are grasped and bent downward, so as to carry the central portion of the strip upward in the direction of the arrow shown at *a* in Fig. 1—that is, the two ends are bent downward against

the tension of the spring. When the parts have been bent as described, the spring is introduced so that its upper face, *b*, will bear closely against the inner face of the crown of the hat, after which the pressure brought to bear against the ends of the strip is released and the plates 12 are allowed to press hard against the hat-body just above the sweat-leather, as indicated in the drawings. If the eye 14 is located at the center of the strip 10, the hook 15, when not in use, is disposed beneath the spring, as indicated in Fig. 3.

In using my improved form of hat-holder the hook 15 is brought into engagement with the object from which it is desired to suspend the hat, which object may be the clothing of the owner or any proper support—as, for instance, the side of a pew or the molding of the wainscoting or the window-sills.

This hat-holder will be found to be especially convenient for undertakers and their assistants, inasmuch as the hat may be secured to and carried about the person without interfering with the movements of the hand, as will be readily appreciated.

Although I have described my spring-strip as flat and as being made of metal, it will of course be understood that the spring could be round or made of any proper material—such, for instance, as hard rubber or celluloid.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The herein-described hat-holder, consisting of a spring-strip, a hook, and an elastic band, the elastic band serving as a connection between the strip and hook, substantially as described.

2. In a hat-holder, the combination, with a spring-strip formed or provided with enlarged ends, of an eye fixed to the strip, an elastic band fixed to the eye, and a hook carried by the band, substantially as described.

3. In a hat-holder, the combination, with a strip, 10, having plates 12 and eyes 14 and 17, of a hook, 15, and an elastic strip, 16, by which the hook is connected to the eye 14, substantially as described.

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