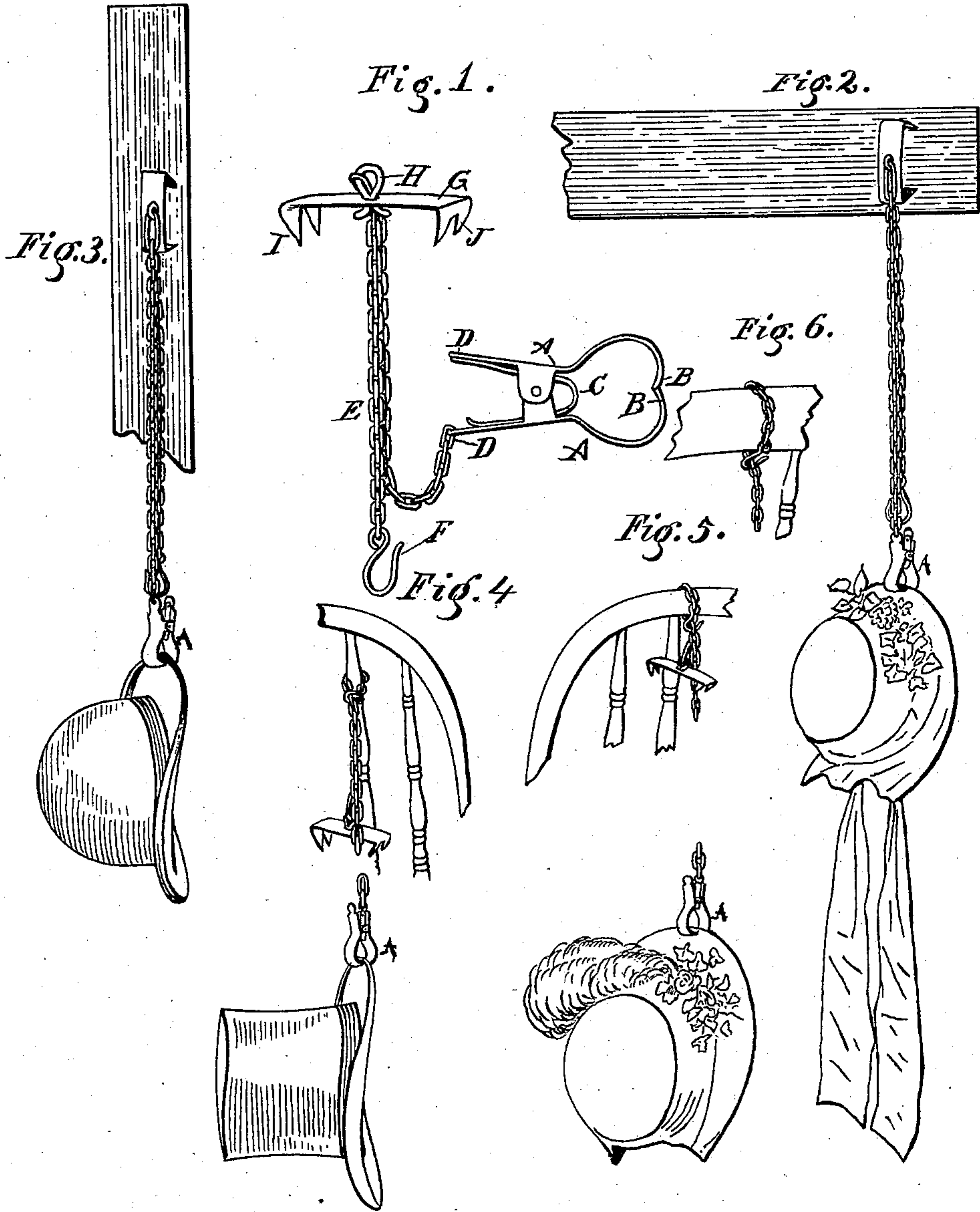


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALOIS KOEGEL, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Portable Parcel-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a device for supporting hats, bonnets, or parcels on a horizontal or perpendicular bar or spindle, or on a vertical wall or other accessible place, on cars or steamboats, at the theater or opera, or in hotels, where hooks or other supports are not provided or are not within convenient distance.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of my complete device. Fig. 2 shows the device in use in connection with a wall strip or casing in which the grain runs horizontally. Fig. 3 shows the device in use in connection with a wall strip or casing in which the grain runs vertically. Fig. 4 shows the device supporting a hat on the spindle of a chair. Fig. 5 shows the device supporting a bonnet on the top bar of a chair-back. Fig. 6 is a modified form of Fig. 5.

A gripper or pair of nippers, having lever-jaws A A pivoted together centrally, has its front ends, B B, held yieldingly together by a spring, C, inserted between its rear ends, D D. To the rear end of one of the lever-jaws A a chain, E, is attached, which chain at its other end terminates in a hook, F. To the chain E, at a point about equal distance from its two ends, a small metal plate, G, is attached by means of a swivel-eyebolt, H, a link of the chain being coupled or linked into the eye of the bolt, and the bolt being inserted in an aperture in the plate and being retained loosely, so as to form a swivel in the plate by being headed or upturned at its inner end. This plate is provided with prongs for attaching it to wood, and preferably with two prongs at each end, the prongs at one end, I, being made thin crosswise of the plate and widened length-

wise of the plate, while at the other end, J, the prongs are thin lengthwise and widened crosswise of the plate, all the prongs being sharp at their outer ends, whereby they are adapted to enter wood readily, the prongs I being adapted to enter and attach the plate to wood when the grain of the wood is vertical, Fig. 3, and the prongs J being adapted for attaching the plate to wood where the grain is horizontal, Fig. 2. It will be understood that these prongs can be readily forced into any ordinary wooden cleat or board sufficiently to sustain a hat, bonnet, or small parcel.

The grippers A A are readily opened at their front ends, B B, by forcing the rear ends together, and the brim of a hat or edge of a bonnet or some part of a parcel, being inserted between them, is, on releasing the rear ends, caught and by the force of the spring held in the grippers. The prongs I or J may then be forced into some convenient support, as the side of a wall, back of a chair or bench; or the chain may be thrown about the spindle of a chair and looped into the hook, Fig. 4, or about the top bar of a chair, and the hook caught around the chair, Fig. 6, or hooked into a link of the chain, Fig. 5, and in any of these several ways the parcel or hat will be held, thereby releasing the owner of the labor and bother of holding it.

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

1. The grippers A, provided with spring C, in combination with chain E, attached to the grippers, and plate G, connected to the chain and provided with prongs for insertion into wood, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the grippers A, provided with spring C, with a chain, E, terminating in hook F, and the plate G, connected to the chain E and provided with prongs for entering and attaching the device to wood, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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