

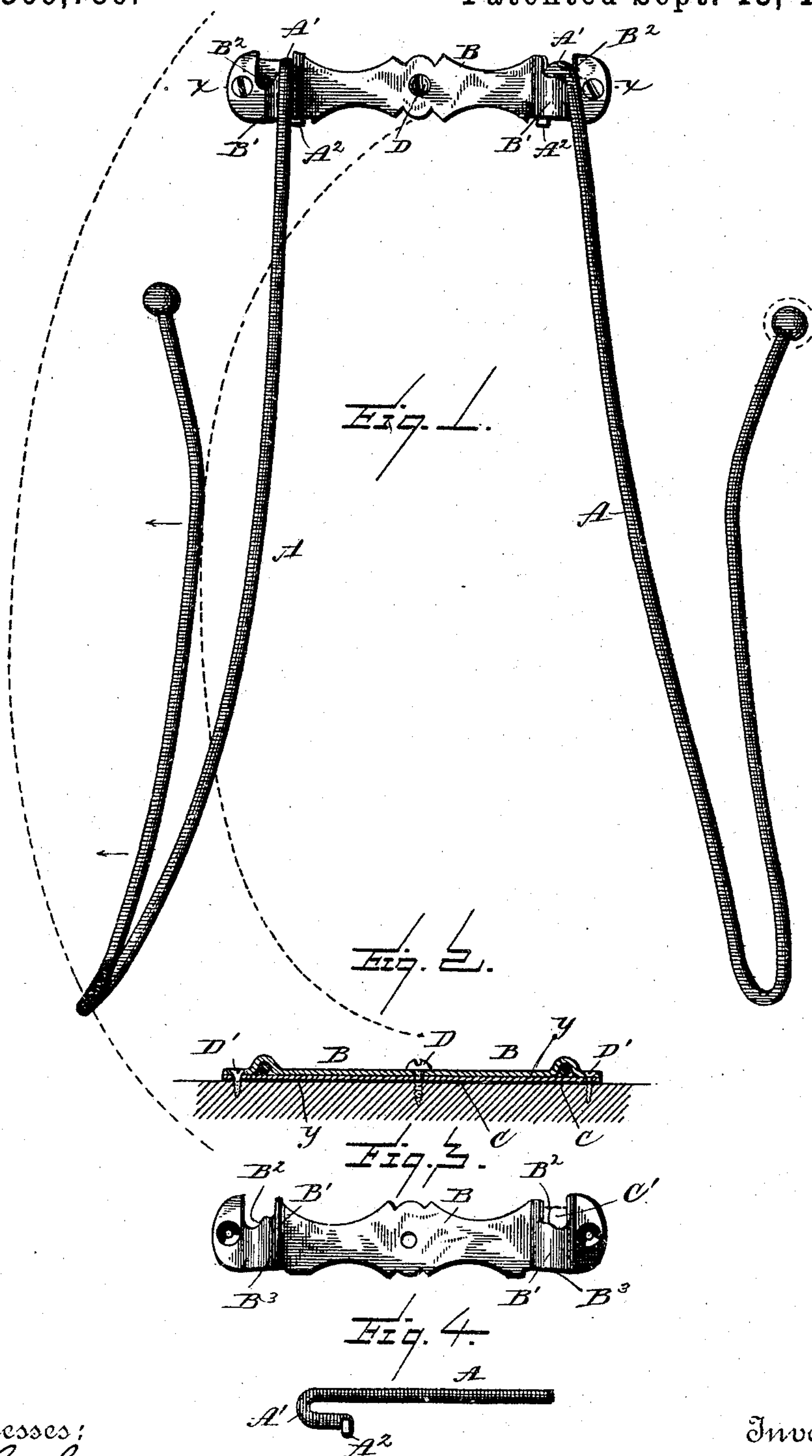
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. HARRISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Easton, in the county of Northampton, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has relation to hat-holders, primarily, but is also capable of use for the support of other articles, as hereinafter described.

Among the objects of the invention are to provide a hat-holder which is simple in construction, strong and serviceable in use, and adapted to be folded so as to occupy a minimum of space when not in use as a holder.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a holder constructed in accordance with my invention, the dotted line Z indicating the position of the brim and body of a hat arranged in the holder. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section on the line X X of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan of the securing-plate, and Fig. 4 a detail of the upper end of one of the loops of the holder.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

A represents a supporting-loop, of which two are employed in a holder. Each loop is of U form, with one branch longer than the other, and bent to form a hook, A', terminating in a binding-lug, A², projected laterally with reference to the longer leg of the loop.

In Fig. 1 the left supporting-loop is represented as turned up away from the wall, or any suitable support to which the holder as a whole is secured, while the right loop is represented as turned down against said wall or support. The lug A² of the left loop lies parallel with the wall, while the lug A² of the right loop stands at a right angle to said support.

B represents the securing-plate, and is bent, cast, or otherwise formed with housings B' for the reception of the hook A' of the loop. The upper edge of the housing is cam-shaped, as at B², so that as the lug A² bears on the lower

edge, B², of the housing the bend of the hook A' rides, when the hat-supporting loop is turned up for use, upon the said cam B², so that the loop is bound rigidly at its hooked end to the securing-plate, as shown at the left of Fig. 1. This firm connection of the loop with the binding-plate avoids any rattling of the parts, and renders the resilient or spring action of the loops more perfect when used as herein-after described. It also prevents the accidental turning down of the loop to the position shown at the right of Fig. 1, as by the construction described it is necessary, or rather it is preferable, to turn the loop down by taking hold of the lower end thereof. To further explain this peculiarity of the connection of the loop and the securing-plate, I will state that it is not practically preferable to turn the loop down against the support by taking hold of the free end of the shorter arm thereof, as the resilient action of both arms of the loop interferes with the turning of the loop bodily.

In order to prevent the wearing away of the surface to which the securing-plate is fastened, I provide a lining between the hook A' and the supporting-surface, which lining, C, may extend from end to end of the plate B, being fastened in place by its attaching-screw D; or it may extend only from one end of the plate to the point Y, and be secured in place by the fastening-screw D' of the plate. If desired, the back wall, C', (see dotted lines, Fig. 3,) may be cast as a part of the securing-plate instead of providing a separate wearing-plate C. When the loops are turned outwardly from the wall, back of a chair, seat, or other suitable support, the holder may be used for supporting a hat by introducing the brim between the arms of the loops, when they will expand and the shorter arms embrace the hat at the band, while the brim is supported at the lower bent ends of the loops.

As hereinbefore indicated, this device is also applicable to other purposes—viz., as a picture support or easel, and as a support for a broom, either long-handled or whisk—and by making the securing-plate of proper length it may be used as a book-holder, and even as a support for guns and rifles. Any necessary changes in the peculiar outline or form of the supporting-loops which will adapt them to hold

specific articles will readily suggest themselves to persons of ordinary skill.

Another advantage of the form of holder hereinbefore described is that it can be put on sale with the parts separated from each other, and therefore occupy the smallest possible space. Instead of providing balls on the ends of the shorter arms of the loops, they may be bent to form eyes or any other suitable shape to avoid a sharp termination.

The lug A^2 serves as a stop to determine the outward swinging movement of the loop, as well as to assist in the operation of the cam-shaped edge of the housing.

Having described my invention and its operation, what I claim is—

1. A holder of the class described, consisting of independent pivotally-supported resilient suspension-loops pivotally supported at their upper ends, in combination with a securing-plate, substantially as specified.

2. A holder of the class described, consisting of independent resilient suspension-loops terminating at their upper ends in hooks, in

combination with a securing-plate, substantially as specified.

3. In a holder of the class described, a suspension-loop terminating in a binding-hook, in combination with a securing-plate having a cam-shaped housing for the hook, substantially as specified.

4. In a holder of the class described, a suspension-loop terminating in a binding-hook having a laterally-projecting lug, in combination with the securing-plate having a housing, one edge of which is cam-shaped, substantially as specified.

5. The suspension-loop A, provided with a hook, A' , and lug A^2 , in combination with the securing-plate B, having the housing B' , provided with the cam-shaped edge B^2 , substantially as specified.

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

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