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Fig. 1

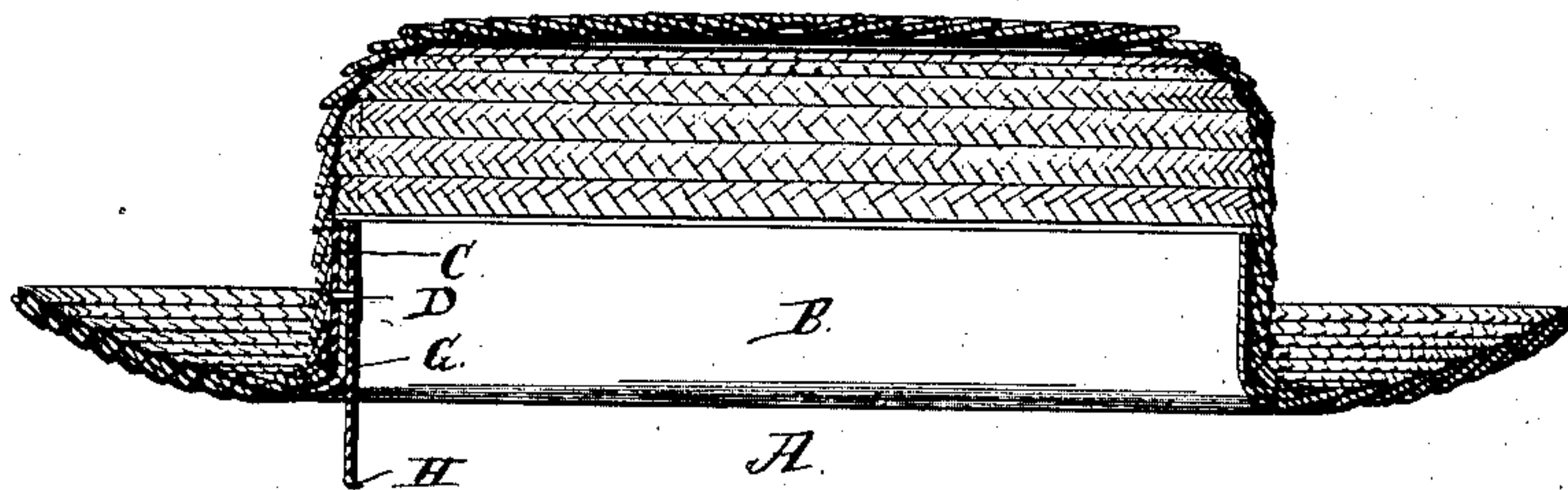
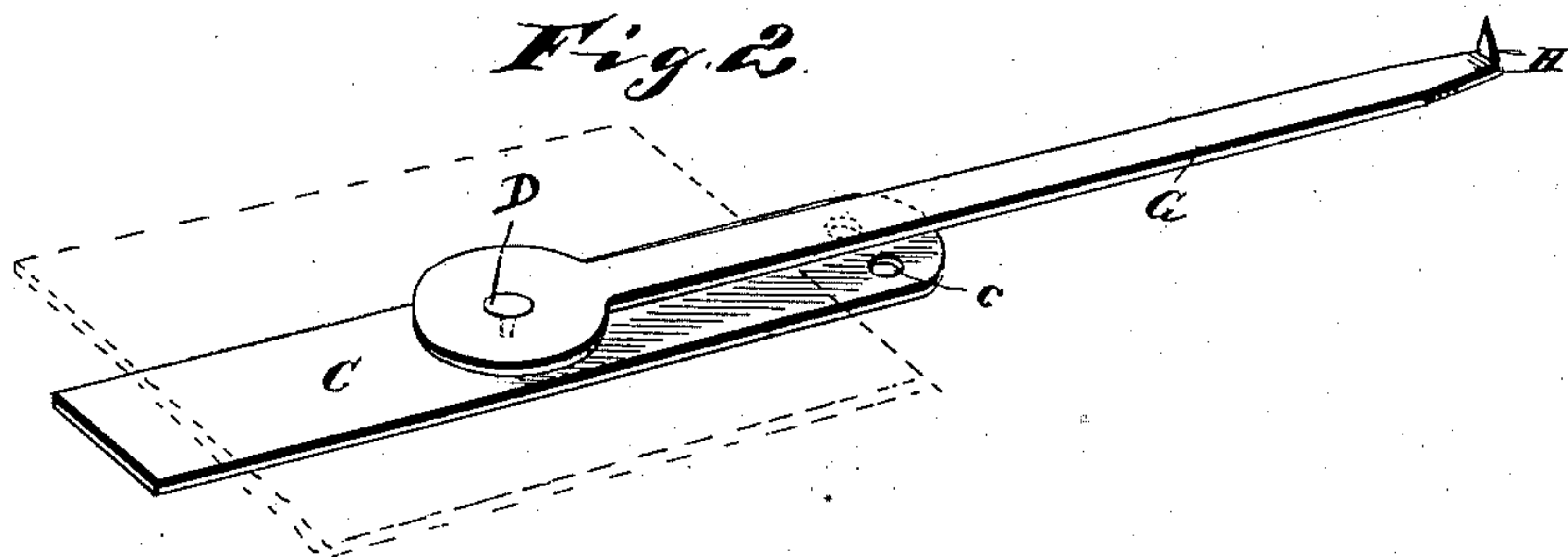


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS ADAMS JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lynchburg, in the county of Campbell and State of Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in hat-hangers; and it consists in a certain novel construction and arrangement of parts, fully set forth hereinafter, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional view of the hat, showing my improved hanger attached thereto in operative position, (its position when the hat is in use being shown in dotted lines.) Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the device.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates the hat of any ordinary shape, having the inside or sweat band, B.

To the under side of the sweat-band, between the same and the side of the hat, is pivoted a stay, C, which comprises a flat strip of metal extending on both sides of the pivot and having perforations *c* in one end. The said stay is arranged vertically in the hat, with the perforated end thereof extending upwardly, and the said perforated end is secured to the side of the hat by stitches passed through the perforations *c*.

To the other end of the pivot D, to which the stay is attached, is pivoted one end of a thin steel hook, G, which is provided on the opposite end from the pivot with a very small sharp point, H, turned at an angle to the body of the hook, so that when the hat is hung with the under side to the bracket or strip the hook G will project outwardly over the said strip and the point H will engage in the material thereof.

The hook, being pivoted to the sweat-band of the hat, may be swung out when it is desired to hang the hat, and may be swung inwardly or toward the crown when the hat is in use.

The hook-point on the end of the hook is so small as not to interfere with the comfort of the wearer when turned up, and as the device is very simple and easily operated it is thought that it will be found very useful.

The object of the stay will be obviously to prevent the sweat-band from being pulled away from the hat when the hook is in use,

and as the same is small and thin it will not be noticeable to the wearer.

A further object of the hook is when the wearer has removed his hat and is either sitting or standing and wishes to have his hands free he engages the small point on the end of the steel hook in the leg of the pantaloons and hangs the hat within reach and at the same time out of the way. This will be found of great advantage, especially to any one who make a large number of business calls, and desires free use of his hands while making the call, and does not wish to lay his hat on the floor or a chair.

I am aware that pivoted hooks are, broadly, old; but no such claim is made herein, as I limit myself to the combination of a pivoted hook with a hat, whereby the former forms a hanger therefor.

Having thus described the construction and operation of my invention, what I claim is—

1. A hanger for hats, &c., comprising the straight metallic hook G, made of a single piece of metal, and provided at its outer end with a point, H, and the pivot D, passing through the inner end of the hook G and into the sweat-band of a hat, whereby the hook is arranged to swing to either side in the radius of a circle, as set forth.

2. A hanger for hats, &c., comprising the stay C, secured to the inner side of the sweat-band of a hat, the pivot D, passing through the sweat-band and the stay C, and the pivoted hook G, made of a single piece of metal and attached to the pivot D, the free end of the hook being provided with a point, H, as set forth.

3. The combination, with the inside band, B, of a hat, of the pivot D, passing through the said band, the stay C, pivoted at the central point on the said pivot, and having the perforations *c* in the upper end, through which to stitch to secure the end of the stay to the hat, and the spring-hook G, pivoted on the pivot D on the opposite side of the band, and having a point, H, turned at an angle to the same, all constructed and arranged substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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