

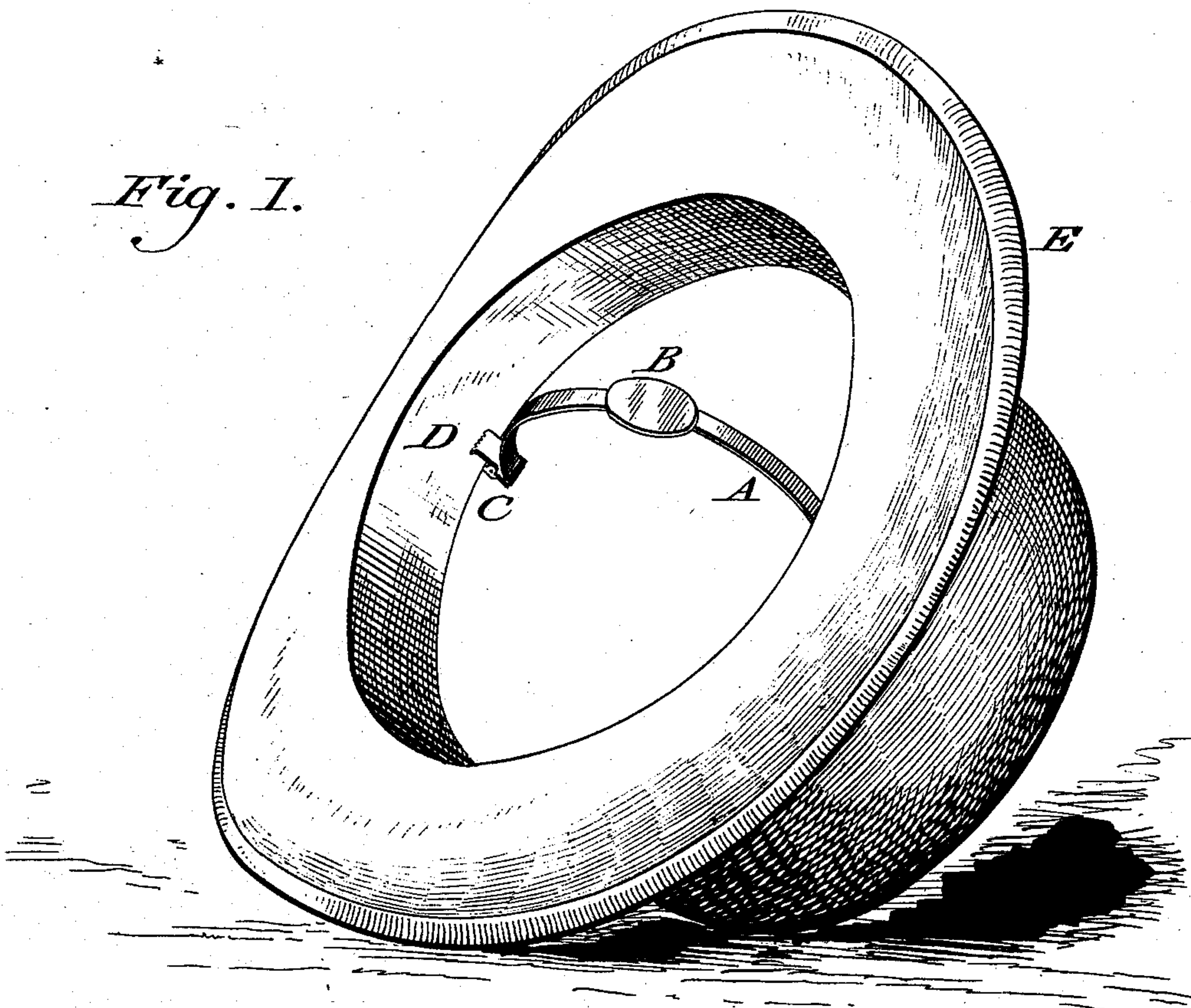
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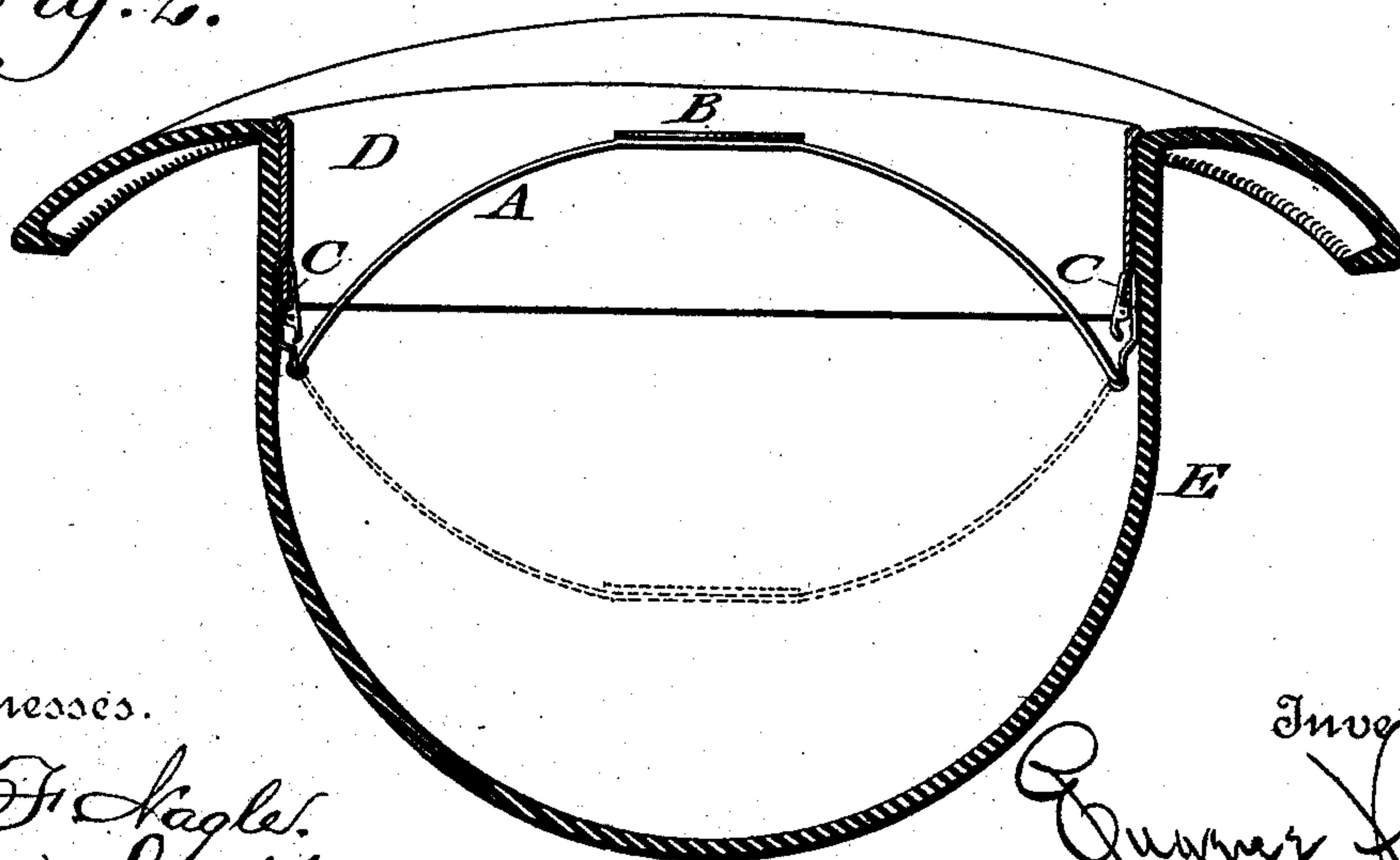
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## HAT-LABEL HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENE PROMIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Hat-Marker, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an attachment for hats, serving to distinguish them from each other; and its objects are, first, to attach conveniently to the hat on the inside; secondly, to be hidden from view when the hat is upon the head, and, thirdly, to be conspicuous when the hat is off the head. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the hat and marker attached thereto as they appear when the hat is off the head and the marker is extended outward. Fig. 2 is a sectional view in detail showing the attachment of the marker to the hat, the several parts of the marker in their combination, and the movement of which it is capable.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A is a pliable and elastic cross-piece attached by suitable means to opposite points of sweat-band D. It may be made of any pliable and elastic substance; but I regard steel as the best. In breadth and thickness it may be varied; but I prefer to make it flat, since when so shaped it bends most readily, as desired, and offers most resistance to bending otherwise. In order that it may be made to bend a considerable distance inward or outward, as shown by Fig. 2, it must be much longer than would be necessary if intended to extend directly across the hat. I prefer to make it of such length as is best suited to its extension across the hat from side to side, as the wearer can then, by moving it forward or backward in the hat, adapt its position to the size and shape of the hat and head. Seven and three-fourths inches is a proper length.

B is a sign-piece in the middle of cross-piece A. It face is intended to hold and present to view letters, monograms, names, words, advertisements, pictures, figures, and designs separately or in combination; but such use of a sign-piece is known to be in common prac-

tice, and is not separately claimed as part of my invention. In size and shape the sign-piece may be varied according to taste or convenience. Because of cheapness I prefer to make it of tin; but it may be made of any firm substance or substances whatever. It is attached to cross-piece A by any suitable means, soldering being the best.

At each of its extremities cross-piece A is attached to sweat-band D by any suitable means. Fig. 2 shows the clasps C C hinged to the cross-piece A and clasping at opposite points the sweat-band D.

I am aware that clasps such as shown by Figs. 1 and 2 have long been in use, and do not claim them specifically as part of my invention.

When cross-piece A is by suitable means attached at opposite points to sweat-band D, as shown by Fig. 2, it may be alternately bent inward or outward past the points of attachment at its extremities, and it will then act as a spring to bend and lock itself farther inward or outward. When so attached and bending outward, as shown by Figs. 1 and 2, it may be bent past the points of attachment at its extremities, and thus be made to bend and lock itself farther inward by placing the hat upon the head. When bending outward, as shown by Figs. 1 and 2, it conspicuously presents to view the face of sign-piece B, and when bending inward it still presents the face of sign-piece B, but holds the same, and is itself beyond reach of the head.

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

1. In a hat-indicator, in combination, a plate bearing strip of resilient metal, means for removably connecting the extremities of said strip at opposite points to the interior of a hat, and reversible hinges at or near each extremity of the resilient strip, substantially as set forth.

2. In a hat-indicator, in combination, two clasps capable of attachment to the sweat-band of a hat, a resilient strip of metal hingedly connected to each of said clasps, said resilient strip being of greater length than the distance between said clasps, whereby said strip may be caused to lie either above or below the plane of the two clasps, in either

case assuming the form of an arc of a circle, as and for the purpose specified.

3. In a hat-indicator, in combination, a resilient strip of metal of length in excess of  
5 the diameter of the hat to which it is to be applied, a plate attached to said strip intermediate of its length, a pair of spring-con-

trolled jaws at each extremity of said strip, and hinges at the points of junction of the strip and jaws, substantially as set forth.

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