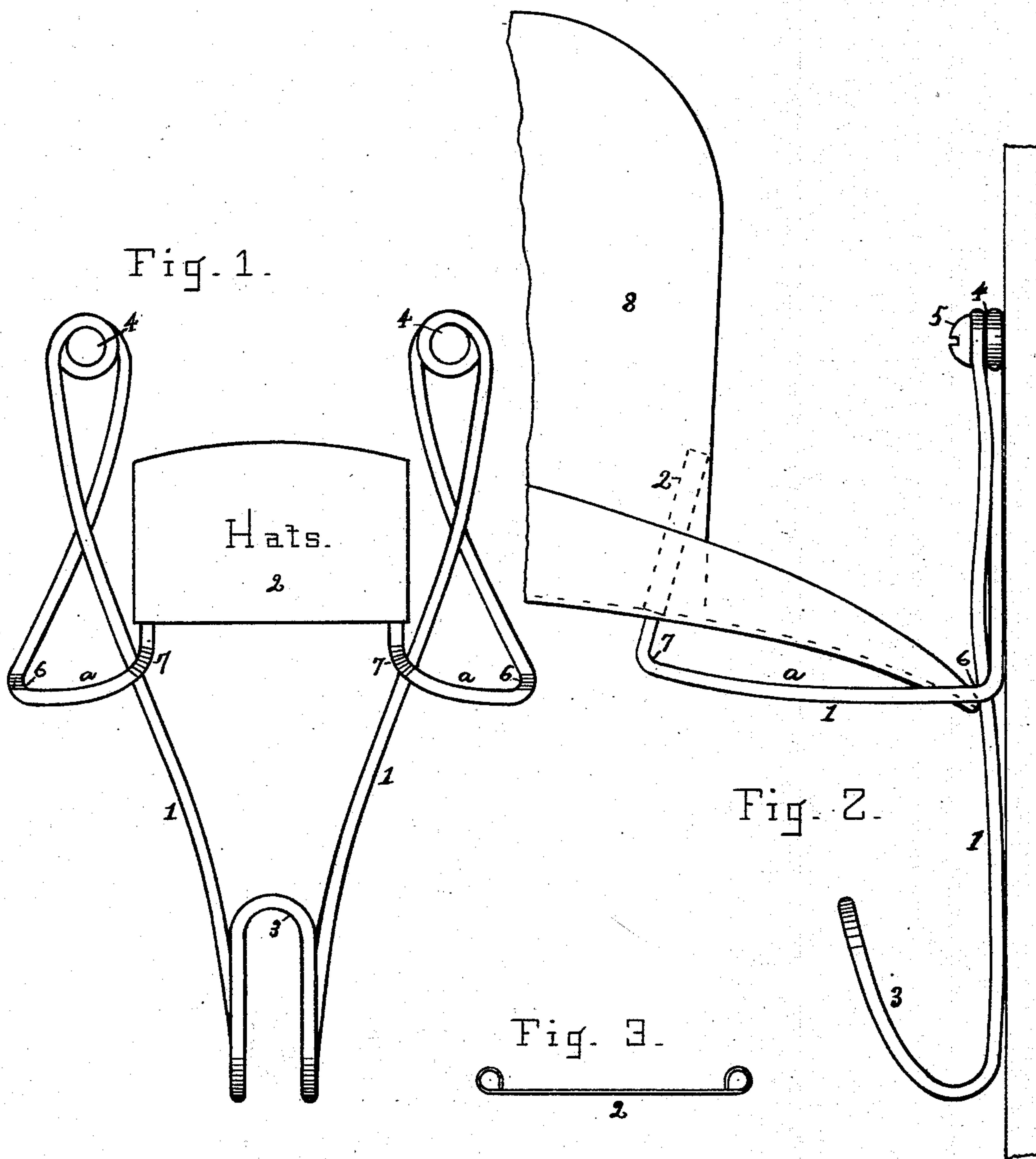


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. WEBBER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Neenah, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wire Hat and Coat Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a hat holder or hook formed of wire, in which a stiff hat may be held, and also having a hook below and independent of the hat-hook, upon which clothing may be hung; and the object of my improvement is to provide as an article of manufacture a combined hat and coat hook—one in which hats made of stiff material may be securely held and not be liable to be displaced by the removal of the clothing which may be upon the hook which is designed for that purpose. I attain this object by the form of construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the hook. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same attached to the wall of a room or other support, and showing a gentleman's stiff hat held in the hat-holding part thereof and the hook for clothing below said part; and Fig. 3, a top or edge view of the connecting-plate marked "Hats" in Fig. 1.

Similar letters and figures of reference indicate like parts in the several views.

The entire hook for both hat and clothing is formed of a single piece of wire 1 and a thin metallic plate 2, the latter piece connecting the extremities of the wire, as is shown in Fig. 1, by the plate marked "Hats," which plate is shown also in Fig. 3.

In forming the device a piece of wire 1 of any desired gage is taken. It is bent by the workman and by the use of the proper tools and forms and the hook 3 produced, the eyes 4 4, through which the screws 5 are inserted, are formed, and the ends of the wire bent at the points 6 and 7, forming thereby the loops *a a*, when the plate 2, previously prepared, is placed upon the ends of the wire, completing thereby the construction of the article. The plate 2 is formed from a thin sheet of metal, the ends of it being bent to a circle of the required diameter for the purpose of inclosing

the extremities of the wire, as is shown in the edge view of the plate in Fig. 3, the resiliency of said plate retaining it upon the wires when they are inserted therein.

Any other device adapted for the purpose may be used for connecting the ends of the wires without departing from the principle of my invention.

In applying the device to the walls of a room or other part adapted therefor it is secured to said part by the screws 5, which are inserted through the eyes 4 4.

Owing to the peculiar form of the hat-holding part of the device, a hat, as 8, having a stiff rim can be placed therein in the manner shown in Fig. 2, where it is securely held against such forces as a slight gust of wind or its displacement in removing the clothing from the hook 3. A hat is placed within and removed from the holder by raising the outer portion thereof.

The device is equally well adapted for the insertion in the above manner of the several kinds of hats formed of stiff material. Those known under the term of "soft hats" can be hung upon the upper hook in the usual manner, letting the rim assume a position nearly vertical. Two of the hooks being secured to the wall in a horizontal plane at the proper distance apart, the loops *a a*, formed by the bends 6 and 7, become adapted for the retention thereon of such articles as walking-sticks, umbrellas, &c.

I am aware that it is not new to produce hat and coat hooks formed of wire, and do not broadly claim one so constructed; but

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

1. A hat and coat hook formed of a single piece of wire, the wire being doubled to form the rounded top of the clothes-hook 3, the two branches of the wire extending upward, eyes formed therein for receiving screws for securing the device to a suitable support, the loops *a a* below said eyes, the bends 6 and 7 therein, and the plate 2, connecting the ends of the wire and forming a support between which and the body of the device a hat may be held by its rim, substantially as described.

2. A combined hat and coat hook consist-

ing of a single piece of wire having the eyes
4 4, the loops *a a* below said eyes, the bends
6 and 7 therein, the extremities of the wire
extending upward from said bends 7 and to-
5 ward the body of the device and being con-
nected one to the other, and the clothes-hook
3, depending from the eyes 4 4 and below the

loops *a a*, substantially as described and
shown.

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