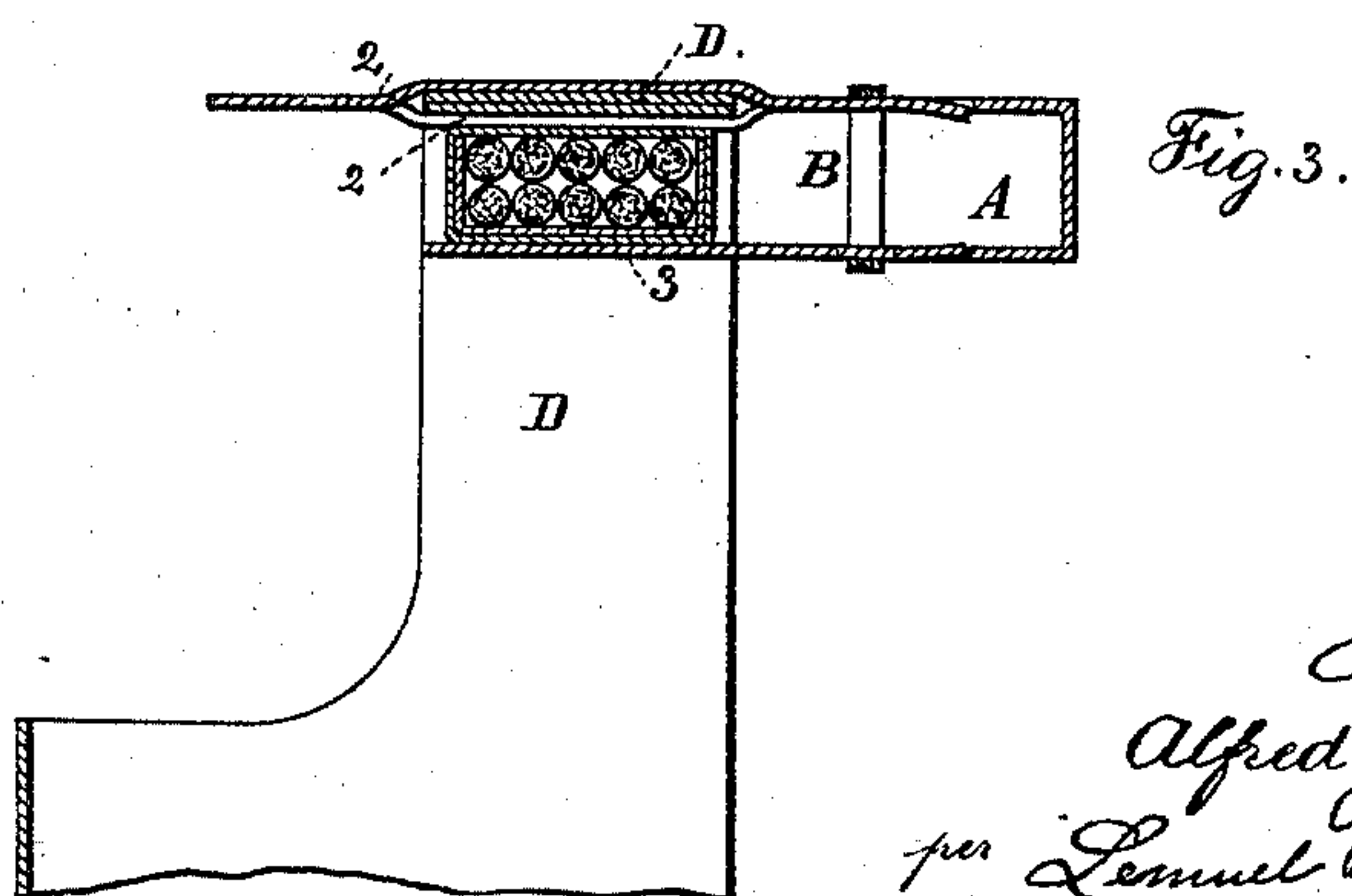
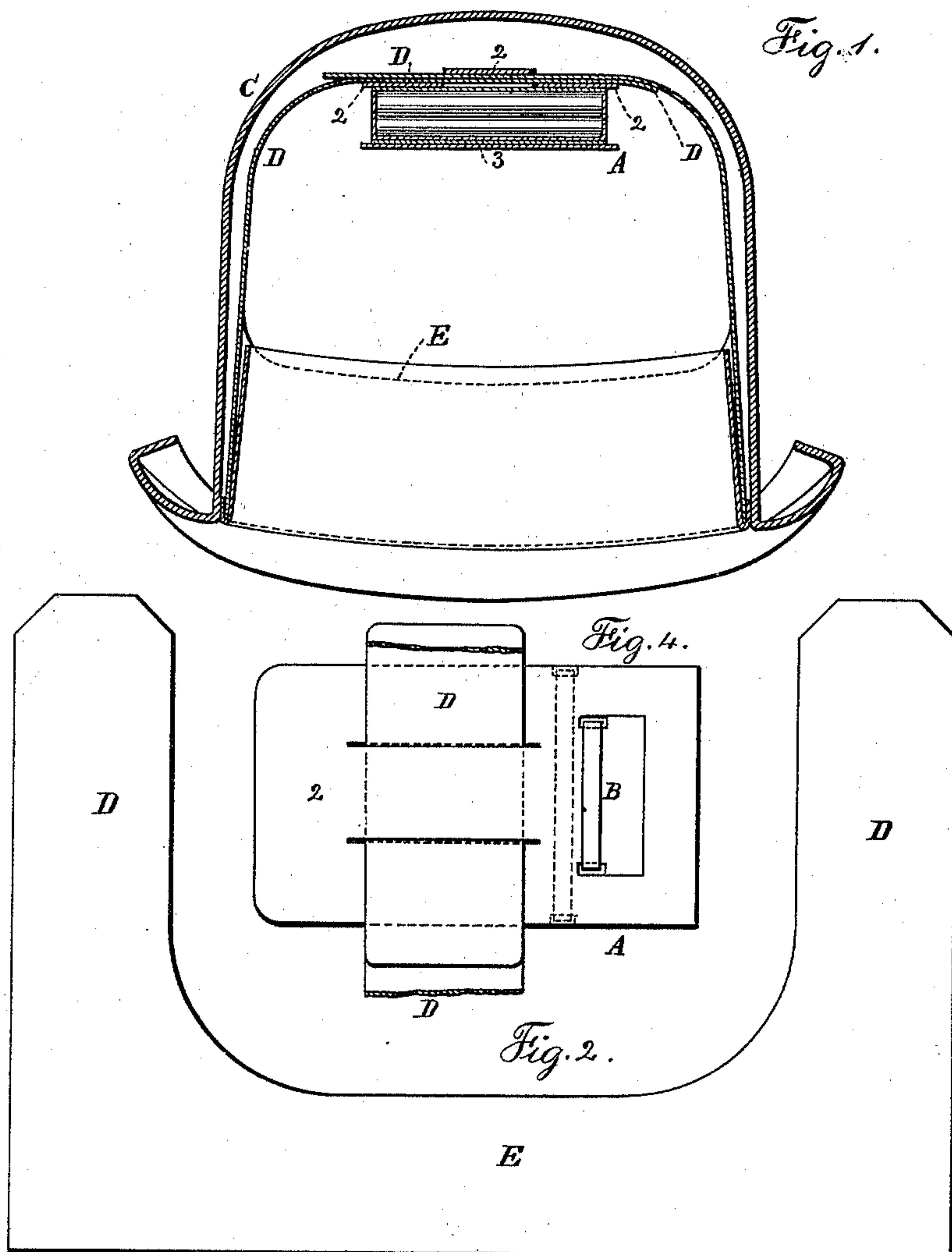


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED J. PARKER, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at the city and State of New York, have
5 invented an Improvement in Receptacles or Holders in Hats, of which the following is a specification.

Before my invention various devices had been made use of within the crown of a hat
10 for holding therein cigars, gloves, and other articles, and in Letters Patent No. 417,365, granted to me, a holder is represented in which the box or receptacle is held by an arch, the ends of which can be cut off to vary
15 the height of the arch within the hat.

My present improvements are adapted to different sizes of hats, and the arch-piece is made of two parts connected with a half-circle band passing inside the lining or hat-sweat, so that the arch-piece is held up in position, and connected to the arch-piece is a spring-clasp for grasping a paper of tobacco, gloves, cigars, or other articles inserted within the clasp.

25 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a section of a hat with the holder inserted therein. Fig. 2 represents the parts of the arch-piece laid out flat. Fig. 3 is a separate section of the clasp at right angles to Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a
30 detached plan view of the holder.

The clasp A has two jaws or plates 2 and 3, bent up out of one piece of sheet material, or one jaw being connected to the other, and there is a spring B acting to draw one jaw of the clasp toward the other. For ordinary purposes the clasp may be made of paste-board or similar material, either plain or covered with ornamental paper or fabric, and the spring B may be an india-rubber band
40 slipped around the clasp, as shown by dotted lines, Fig. 4, so as to draw one jaw toward the other; or the spring may be inserted through incisions in the material of the clasp, as represented by full lines in the drawings; or
45 any suitable spring may be made use of to draw one jaw of the clasp toward the other, and this clasp is held within the hat with the plate or jaw 2 against or connected with the interior of the crown of the hat C. I prefer
50 to make use of slots in the plate 2, into which are inserted the ends of the arch-piece D,

these ends being inserted through slots in opposite directions so as to be firmly connected therewith, and the semicircular band E connects the ends of the arch-piece D, and
55 it is adapted to pass between the inside of the hat and the lining or sweat-band, and such semicircular band holds the arch-piece D firmly in position, and by drawing the ends of the arch-piece more or less through the
60 slots in the plate 2 the clasp may be supported at the proper place and closely against the interior surface of the crown of the hat.

It will be apparent that this clasp is adapted to the reception of a card-case, a box of cigarettes, a match-box, a pair of gloves, a hat-brush, cigars, or other light articles within the hat, and that in consequence of holding such articles firmly by the action of the spring they are not liable to drop out of the
65 hat or become separated in the act of lifting the hat off the head.

I claim as my invention—

1. A holder adapted to be placed within a hat and formed of two jaws and a spring to
75 draw the one toward the other, in combination with an arch-piece connected with the holder and adapted to pass down at the sides of the hat between the same and the lining or sweat-band, substantially as set forth. 80

2. The arch-piece having a connection between the two ends that is adapted to pass into the hat between the lining or sweat-band and the hat and extending upwardly and across the hat, in combination with a holder
85 fastened to the two ends of the arch-piece, substantially as set forth.

3. The arch-piece or support adapted to pass into a hat between the lining or sweat-band and the hat and extending upwardly,
90 in combination with a holder having two jaws and a spring to draw one part toward the other, there being slots in one jaw, into which the upper ends of the arch-piece are received, substantially as set forth. 95

Signed by me this 24th day of January, 1890.

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