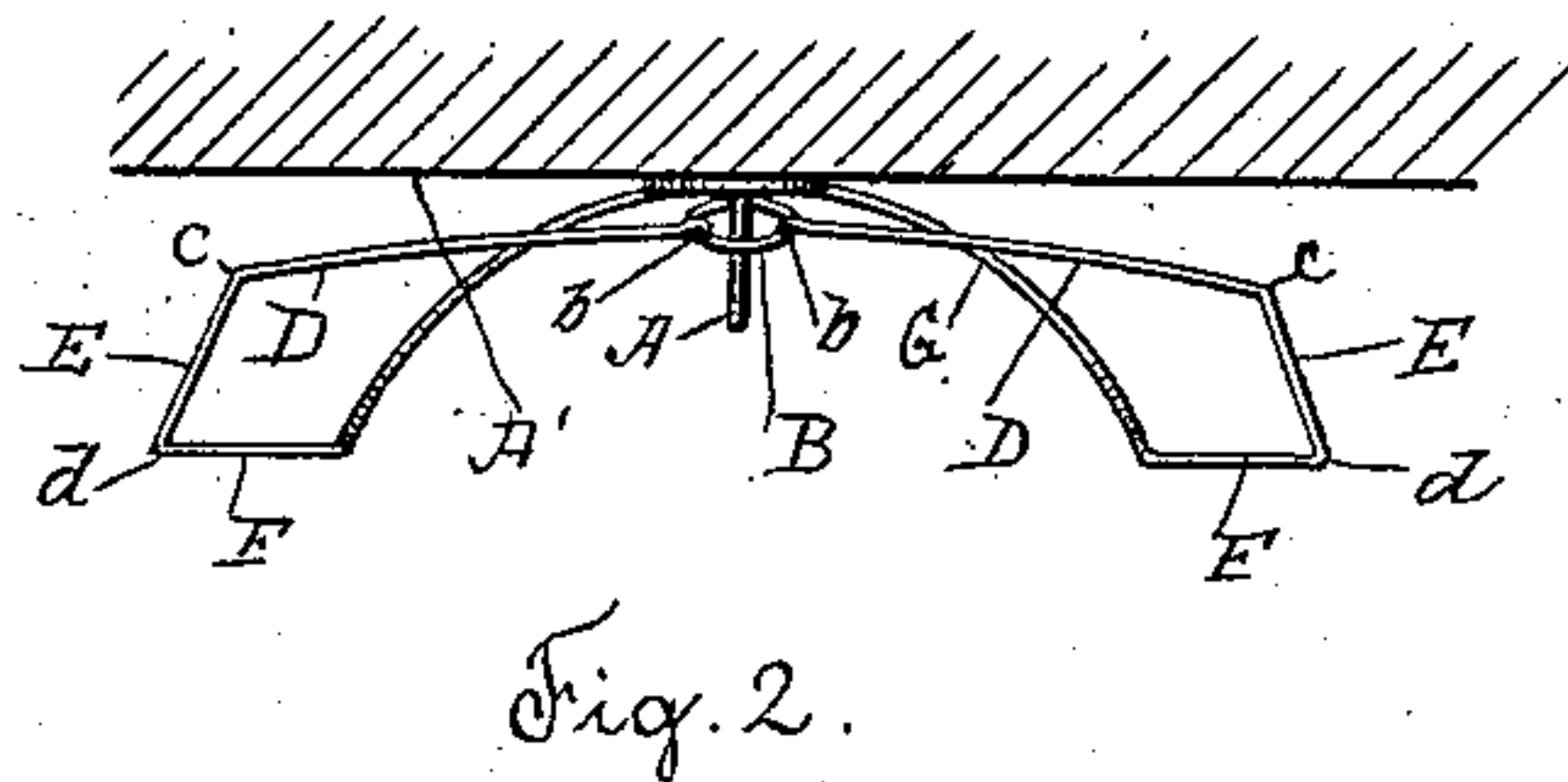
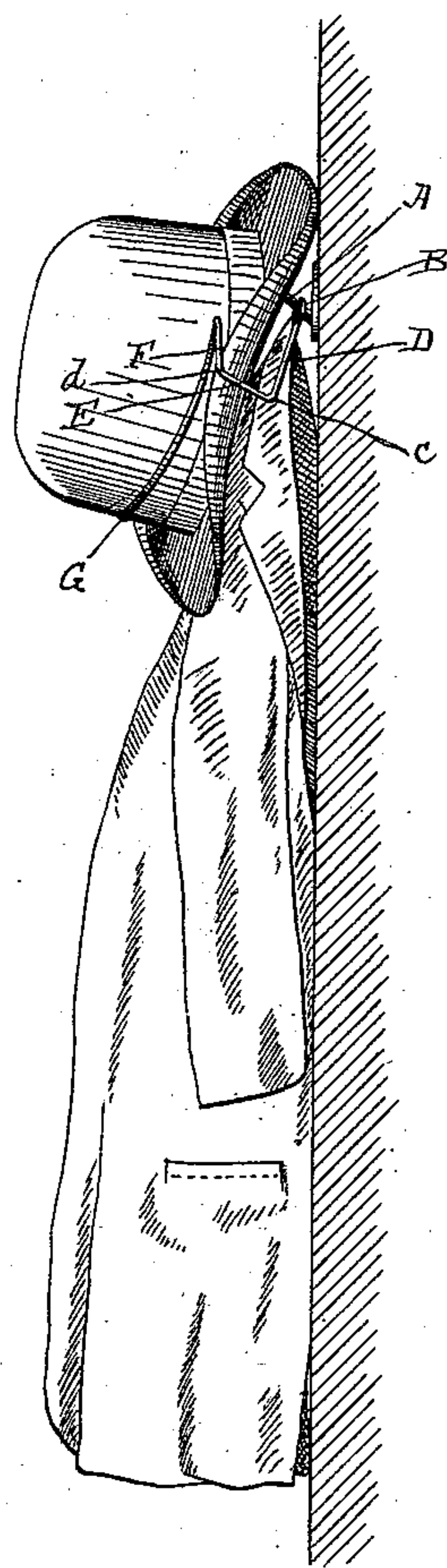
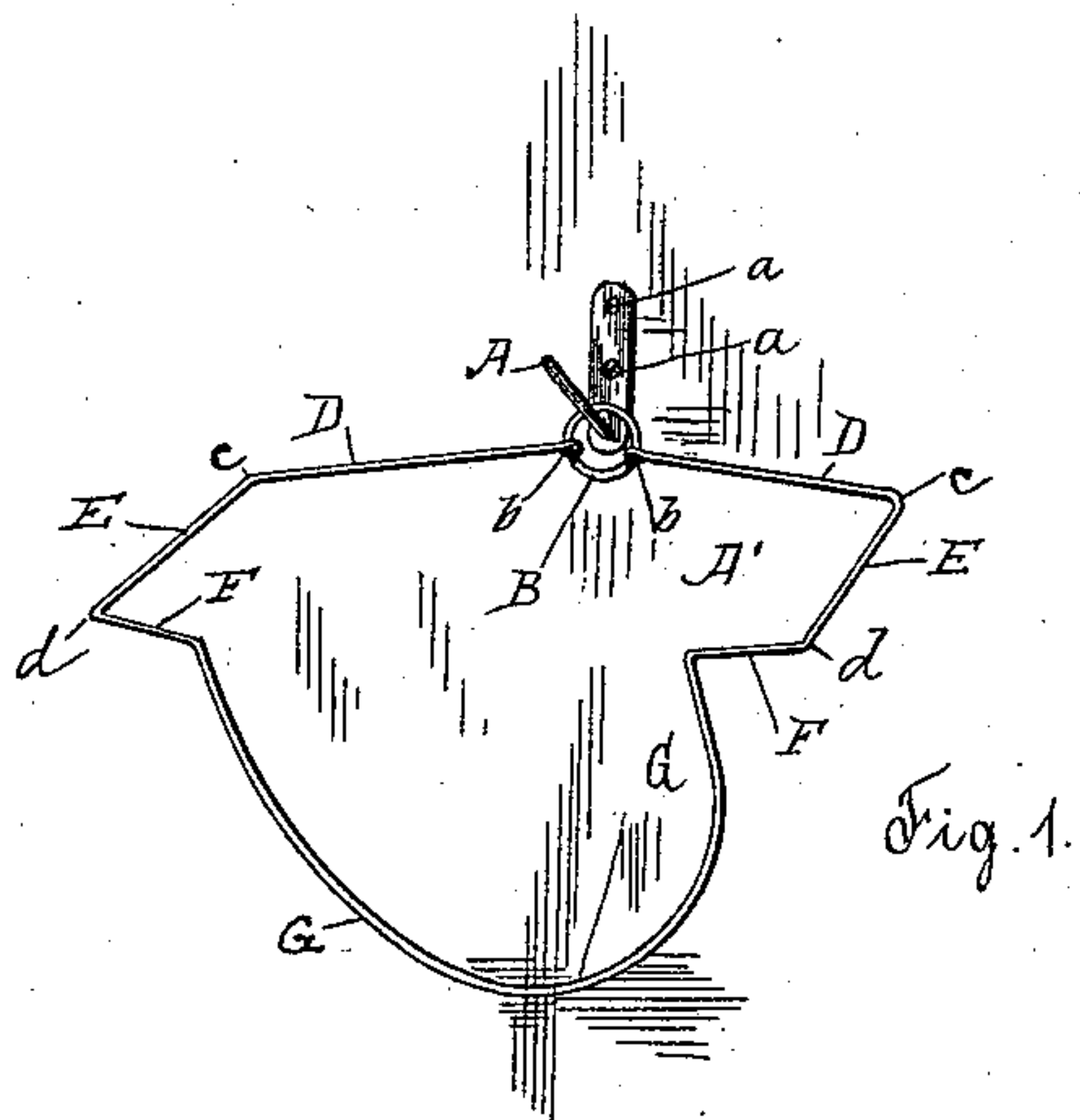


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE NELSON COOPER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Haverhill, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved hat-holder. Fig. 2 shows a top view of the same, and Fig. 3 represents the same in use.

Similar letters indicate like parts in the different figures.

My invention relates to a device designed to be placed upon a nail, peg, wardrobe-hook, or the like for the purpose of holding a hat; and it consists in the several features as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

Referring to Fig. 1, A denotes a wardrobe-hook attached by means of screws *a a* to the side wall *A'* of a building.

B is a ring suspended upon the hook A.

The hat-holder proper consists of a bent wire provided with eyes *b b*, encircling the ring B. As the holder is suspended upon the hook A, the sides *D D* extend laterally from the ring B a sufficient distance to inclose the brim of the hat. The wire is then bent at an oblique angle at *c c* away from the wall *A'*, forming the sides *E E*, which extend to *d d*, where the wire is bent at nearly right angles, forming the sides *F F*, parallel with the sides *D D*. Thence the wire extends downward in a semicircular bow *G*, in which the crown of the hat rests when in use, but which rests against the wall *A'* when the holder is not in use, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The holder, constructed substantially as described, is readily detached from the supporting peg or hook A or changed from one hook to another, and the curved section *G* may be raised, allowing a garment to be placed beneath the holder and suspended from the hook, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The curved section of the holder will then rest upon the garment *H*, and the hat is inserted in the holder by placing the brim of the hat between the sides *D D* and the sides

F F and pushing the hat downward until the crown rests upon the curved section *G*, bringing the sides *F F* above the center of the brim and securely retaining the hat in its position, as shown in Fig. 3. The ring A is made large enough to pass over the end of the ordinary wardrobe-hook or hat-tree peg, and it may be formed integral with one of the sides *D D*, if desired.

It is difficult to support stiff felt or silk hats upon the ordinary peg of a hat-tree or upon a wardrobe-hook, especially if a garment is hung beneath them, as a slight movement of the garment is usually sufficient to displace them; but by the use of my improved hat-holder the hook is available for the support of garments, and also enables a hat to be securely held against displacement by removing the garment or from other causes.

The holder and hat may both be raised to allow the garment to be removed from the hook without removing the hat from the holder or the holder from the hook.

My invention is designed for use upon the hat-trees in private residences, upon the hooks of coat-rooms at hotels and public halls, in the wardrobes of school-buildings, and all places where it is desired to support a hat upon a hook without risk of its falling.

I do not confine myself specifically to the precise shape or proportions as herein described and illustrated, as many modifications may obviously be made without departing from the essential features of my invention.

What I claim as of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The within-described hat-supporter, consisting of a wire bent in substantially semicircular shape at *G* to inclose the crown of the hat, at right angles to the bent section *G* upon each side, as at *F F*, at right angles at *d d*, forming the sides *E E*, and at an angle at *c c*, forming the sides *D D*, which are united by the ring B, the space between the sides *F F* and *D D* being sufficient to include the roll of the brim of the hat, substantially as described.

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