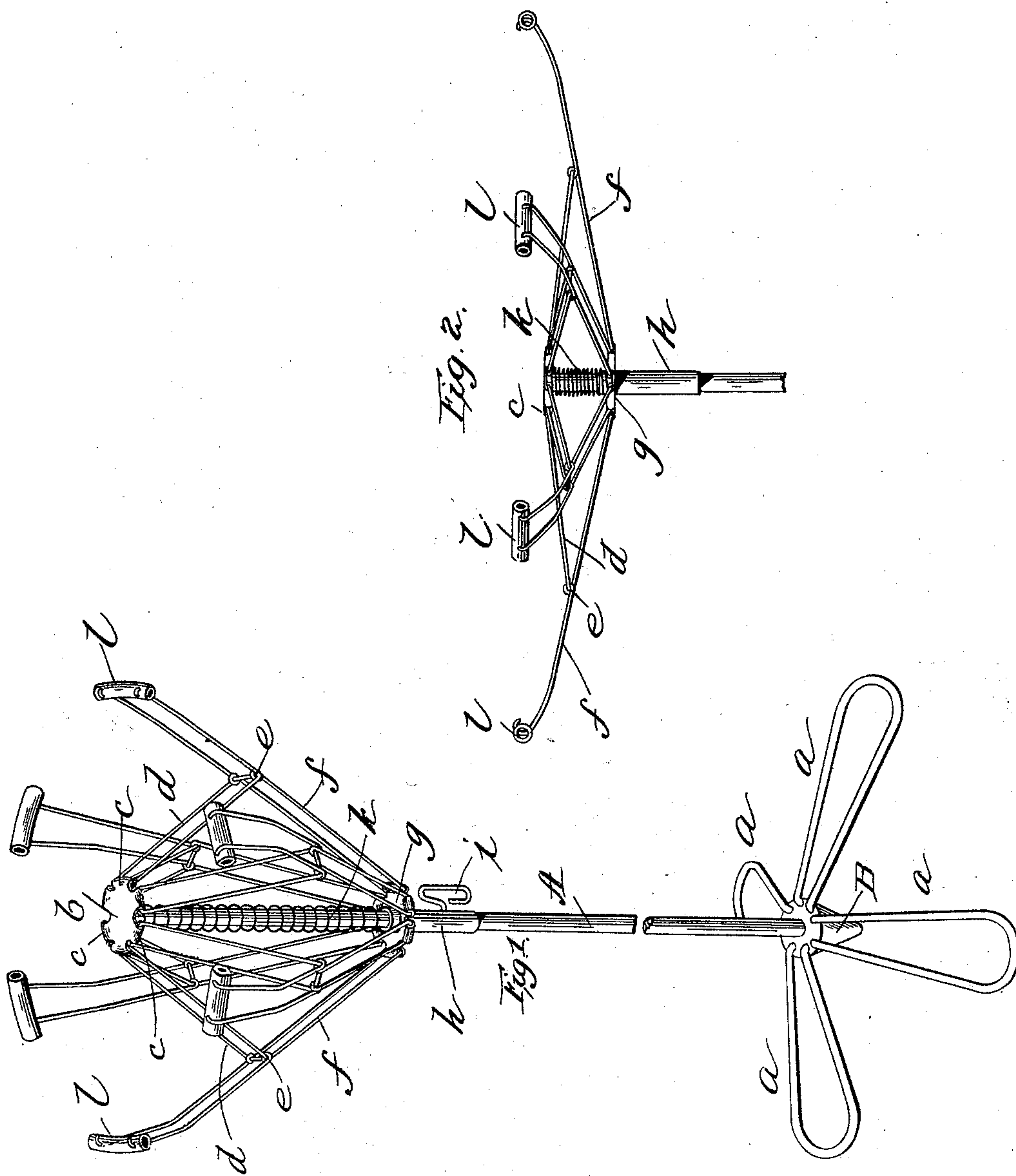


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EFFIE ACKLEY BAILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Winchester, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Stands, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention is an improved stand for the support and display of bonnets, hats, and the like, and intended for use specially in millinery stores, though the stand may be used in any situation and for any purpose where it may be found desirable.

The invention consists of a standard with a suitable base and a series of arms arranged near the top of the standard, these arms being adapted to be distended or to be folded to support or allow of the release or removal of the bonnet or hat.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the entire device, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the upper part thereof.

The central standard is shown at A and is preferably made of a tube, though it may be made solid and may be made of any suitable material, and this standard has a weighted lower end, as shown at B, and from this weighted end extend feet or supports *a*. The weight being arranged centrally of the standard and the feet branching out from the weight gives stability to the device, and there is no liability of the support being overturned easily.

Secured to the extreme upper end of the standard is a disk *b*, and projecting from the periphery of this disk are a series of points or extensions *c*, which are turned over to embrace the ends of a series of loops *d*, the other ends of these loops engaging eyes *e*, which are formed by twisting the parallel branches of arms *f*, made of wire, which are supported at their lower ends to a disk *g*, corresponding to the first disk described, and the lower ends of the arms are secured to the disk in the

same manner by bending over the extensions to engage the ends thereof. This disk is carried upon a sleeve *h*, which slides upon the standard A and may be adjusted in any position thereof by means of a thumb-screw *i*. A spring *k* is interposed between the two disks described, and the tendency of this spring is to contract the arms. The spring is not absolutely essential, however, as the action may be positive in both directions, if desired.

The wire arms *f* extend outwardly from the standard at an angle thereto when distended, and they are provided upon their outer ends with a rubber buffer or protector, as shown at 1, and this covers the ends of the arms and presents a soft surface to engage the bonnet or hat and prevent any abrasion thereof. Instead of using rubber, the ends of the arms may be covered by felt or any soft material.

It will be noticed that the arms through the sleeve are adjustable to expand or contract the same according to the size of the hat or bonnet to be supported, and they give a gentle pressure on the inside of the crown of the hat to prevent displacement of the same.

To support crownless hats, the sleeve is pushed upwardly to the position shown in Fig. 2, which gives a flat surface upon which the crownless hat can be displayed.

What I claim is—

1. A support for hats, bonnets and the like, consisting of a central standard, an adjustable sleeve carried thereby, the intermediately-doubled arms and the loops connecting the branches of said arms to the standard, substantially as described.

2. A support for hats, bonnets and the like, consisting of a central standard, an adjustable sleeve carried thereby, the intermediately-doubled arms, the loops connecting each of the branches of said arms to the standard, and the buffer connecting the ends of said branches, substantially as described.

3. A support for hats, bonnets or the like, consisting of a central standard, an adjustable sleeve carried thereby, the arms inter-

mediately doubled, the disk carried by said sleeve, the extension of said disk bent around the doubled portion of said arms, the eyes formed intermediately of each branch of said
5 arms, the loop passing through said eyes, the disk carried on the end of said standard, the extensions of said disk bent around the ends of said loops and the buffers carried on the

end of the branches of said arms, substantially as described. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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