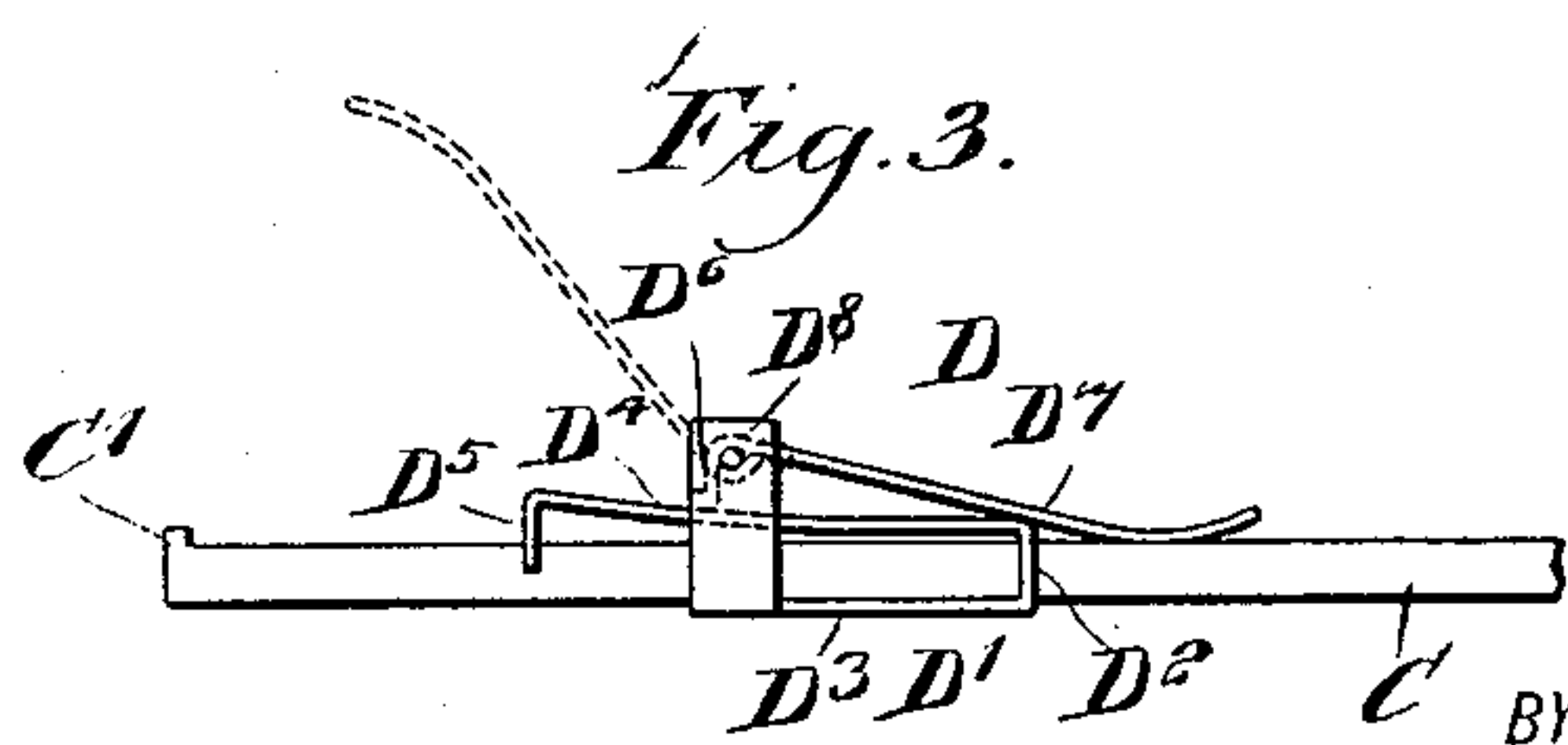
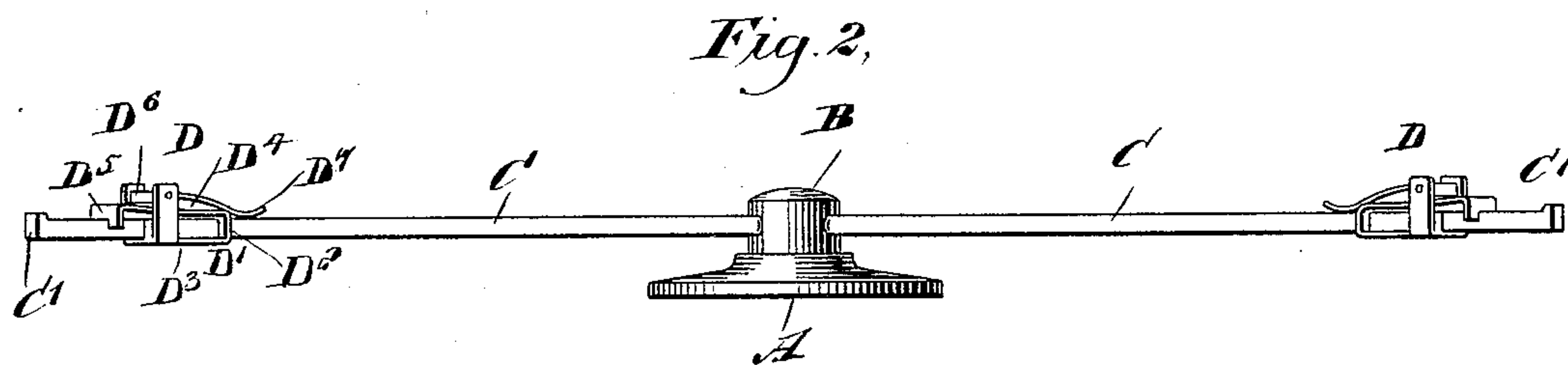
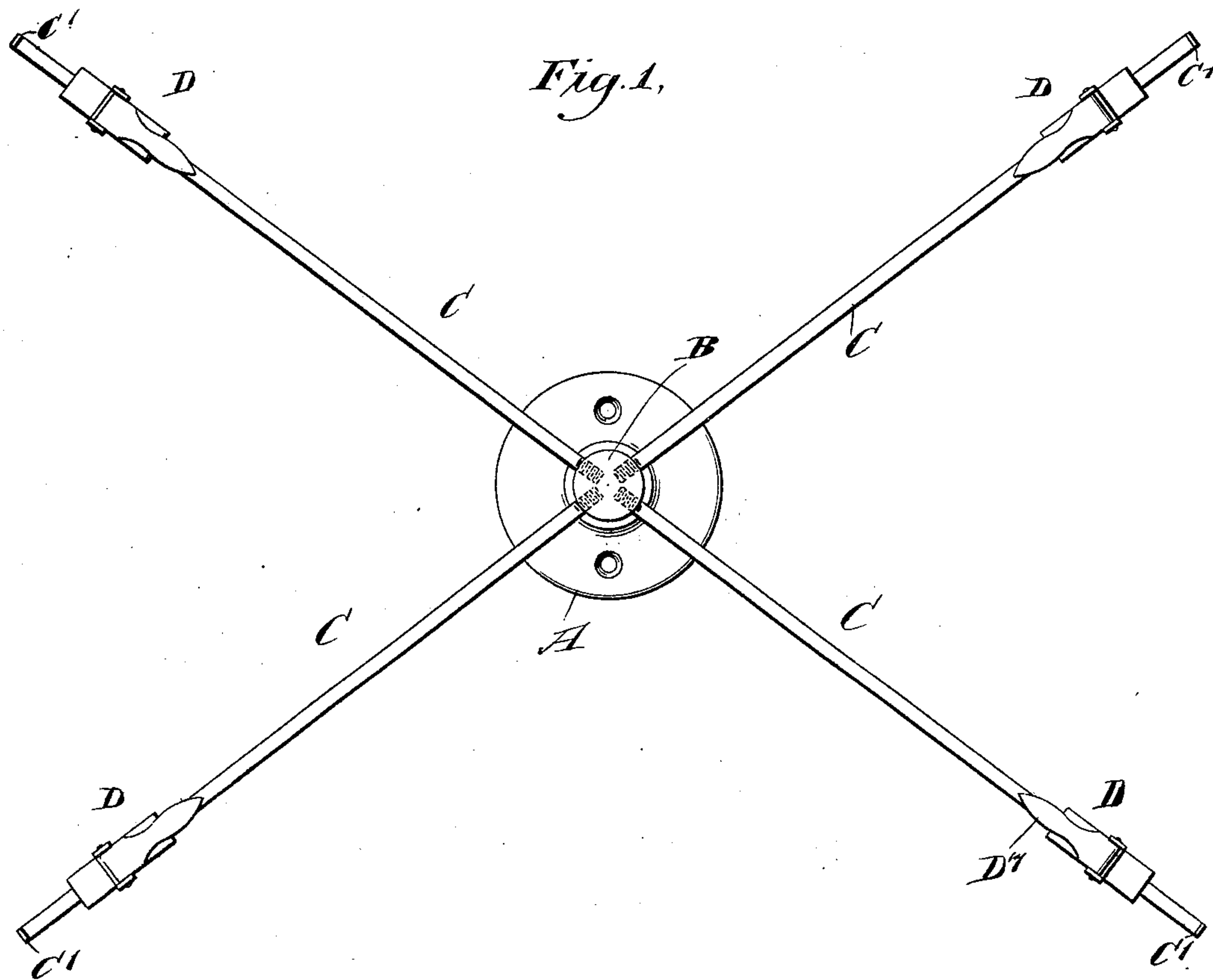


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIA EGAN, of Savannah, in the county of Chatham and State of Georgia, have invented a new and Improved Hat-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to hat-holders, such as shown and described in the Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 584,082, allowed on June 9, 1896.

The object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved hat-holder, which is simple and durable in construction and arranged to securely hold the hat in a trunk or other receptacle, to prevent the hat from being crushed or otherwise injured, the holder being readily adjustable for hats of different sizes.

The invention consists principally of a series of arms extending from a base, and each provided with a slidable clamp adapted to engage the brim of the hat and to lock the clamp in place on the arm.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged side elevation of one of the arms and the clamp.

The improved hat-holder is provided with a suitably-constructed base A, adapted to be fastened by screws or other means to the tray of a trunk or other part in a receptacle adapted to carry a hat. On the base A is arranged a short post B, from which extend a series of arms C, each of which carries a slidable spring-clamp D, adapted to engage the brim of a hat and securely hold the hat in place on the arms. Each spring-clamp is provided with a body D', made approximately U-shaped, and having its middle portion D² formed with a polygonal aperture engaging a correspondingly-shaped arm C, so that the body can slide on the arm, but is prevented from turning thereon.

The bottom arm D³ of the body D rests against the under side of the arm C, and the flexible top D⁴ of the said body is formed at its outer end with a downwardly-extending notched lug D⁵, straddling the arm C and pressed in firm contact therewith by a projection D⁶, extending at right angles from the clamp-handle D⁷, pivoted in arms D⁸, extending upwardly from the outer end of the arm D³. The pivot for the clamp-handle D⁷ is at the junction of the lug D⁶ with the handle, as plainly indicated in Fig. 3, so that when the handle D⁷ is in a lowermost position then the lug D⁶ presses the flexible top D⁴ downward, so as to securely press the lug D⁵ in engagement with the arm C and lock the clamp in place on the said arm.

When the clamp-handle D⁷ is thrown upward, as indicated in Fig. 3, then the lug D⁶ is carried away from the flexible top D⁴, and the entire clamp-body with the clamp-handle can be moved forward or backward on the arm C, so as to bring the clamp into the desired position relatively to the size of the hat. When this has been done, the clamp-handle D⁷ is thrown downward to engage the top of the brim of the hat, the edge of which abuts against the side arms D⁸, and the under side of the brim rests on the top of part of the flexible top D⁴.

In order to prevent the clamps D from becoming accidentally disconnected from the arms C, I form the latter at their outer ends with an upwardly-extending flange C'. When the device is not in use, the arms C can be unscrewed from the post B and folded so as to take up but very little room.

It will be seen that this device is very simple and durable in construction, and can be readily adjusted to any-sized hat to securely hold the latter in place and prevent injury thereof when contained in a trunk or other receptacle.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination of a base, a plurality of arms projecting outwardly therefrom, spring-clamps slidable on each arm and adapted to engage the brim of the hat to hold the same,

and means carried by each clamp for locking the same with the respective arms, substantially as described.

2. A hat-holder, comprising a base, a series
5 of arms extending therefrom, and a clamp adapted to slide on each of the said arms, and adapted to be locked in place thereon, the clamp being prevented from turning upon the arm, substantially as shown and described.

10 3. A hat-holder, comprising a base, a series of arms extending therefrom and removably connected therewith, a clamp slidably held on each of the said arms but prevented from turning thereon, each clamp comprising a U-
15 shaped body fitted to slide on the arm and having a flexible top formed with a downwardly-extending lug engaging the arm, and a clamp-handle pivoted on the body and formed with a lug adapted to engage the said
20 flexible top of the body, substantially as shown and described.

4. A hat-holder, provided with a spring-clamp comprising a U-shaped body formed in its middle portion with an aperture adapted
25 ed to engage the arm on which the clamp is

adjustably held, the said body being provided with a flexible top formed by a downwardly-extending lug adapted to engage the arm, and a clamp-handle pivoted on the said body and formed with a lug engaging the said flexible
30 top, substantially as shown and described.

5. A hat-holder, comprising a base, a series of arms extending therefrom and removably connected therewith, a clamp slidably held
35 on each of the said arms but prevented from turning thereon, each clamp comprising a U-shaped body fitted to slide on the arm and having a flexible top formed with a downwardly-extending lug engaging the arm, a
40 clamp-handle pivoted on the body and formed with a lug adapted to engage the said flexible top, and flanges on the outer ends of the said arms for preventing the clamps from sliding off the arms, substantially as shown and described.

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