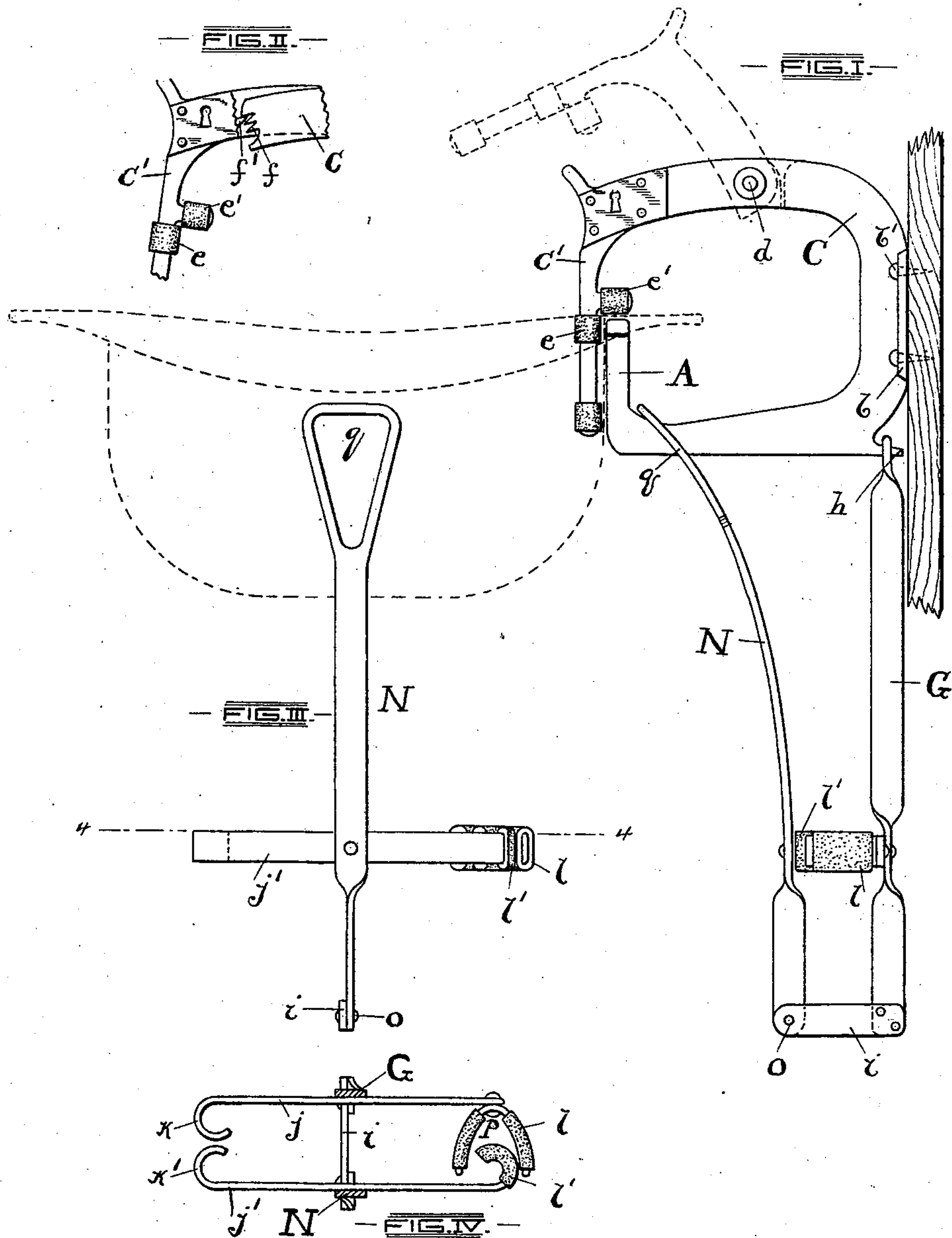


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. FOWLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Locked Holders for Coats, Hats, &c., of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a locked holder for such articles of wear as coats, hats, and overshoes, and for canes and umbrellas.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and cheap holder for the articles indicated, that may be secured by a lock and key, for use in hotels and other places where are gathered many persons who desire to deposit temporarily one or more of the articles named in a safe place.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the locked holder and in broken lines indicates the position of a hat when held. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the lock. Fig. 3 is a front view of the holder for overshoes, canes, and umbrellas. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section of the device shown in Fig. 3, taken on the line 4 4.

The coat and hat holder comprises a stationary hook, an arm pivoted above said hook to move to and from the latter, and a lock device on the arm to confine it from movement when it is in position to press in contact with said hook.

The letter A designates a hook having a back flange *b*, through which screws *b'* pass to confine the hook permanently to a wall, to a bar or frame, or other desired place. The hook is thus held rigid and will support anything hung on it. A rigid arm C projects forward from the back flange *b*, and attached to its side is the pivoted arm C', the pivot being shown at *d* on the rigid arm back of the projecting end. The pivoted arm has at its free end two cushioned bearings or grippers *e e'*, one, *e*, projecting straight down and the other, *e'*, on the inner side of the arm projecting laterally or horizontally toward the back, to which the said arm is pivoted, whereby when the pivoted arm is in the down position the downward-projecting cushioned bearing *e* will press against the side of the hook A and the lateral cushioned bearing *e'* will press on

top of said hook, as seen in Fig. 1. The metal part of the bearings *e e'* is covered with some elastic material, such as rubber, to act as a cushion. This novel form of pivoted arm co-acting with the hook serves to confine securely any article that may be hung on the hook. This is illustrated in Fig. 1, where a hat (indicated by broken lines) is shown confined by one cushioned bearing *e* pressing against the interior side of the crown part and the other cushioned bearing *e'* pressing on the brim.

The front end of the rigid arm C has a plural number of notches *f*, preferably three, one above the other, and the pivoted arm C' carries on its side a lock-bolt *f'*, which will engage with one of said notches. The lock-bolt has such position on the side of the pivoted arm that the bolt may engage either notch *f* on the rigid arm. It will be apparent that when the lock-bolt *f'* is projected and its end engages with the uppermost notch *f* on the front end of the rigid arm C the down-projecting free end of the pivoted arm C' may stand off from the front side of the stationary hook A and thus afford space and room for the thickness of the collar of a coat or hat, or both. When the bolt *f'* engages the middle notch, the free end of the arm cannot stand off from the hook quite as far as when the upper notch is engaged, and when the lock-bolt *f'* engages the lower notch the free end of the arm C' will be still closer to the side of the hook A; but whichever notch is engaged by the bolt there will be space between the bearing *e* and side of the hook A sufficient for hanging an ordinary coat.

It is obvious that the relative position of the notches and lock-bolt shown may be reversed. It is not essential that the notches be on the rigid arm and the lock-bolt on the pivoted arm. They would work as well if their positions were reversed.

A supplemental holder for overshoes, canes, or umbrellas is combined with the coat and hat holder in such manner that the stationary hook A of the latter may hold said supplemental holder, and when the pivoted arm C' is in locking position and locked said arm will confine the parts of the supplemental holder.

The supplemental holder comprises a pendent bar G, having at its upper end an eye or hole which engages a prong *h* on the lower part of coat-hook A. This arrangement secures the pendent bar, but allows it freedom to swing. This bar has at its lower end a laterally-projecting part *i*, and also has a short distance above a cross-bar *j*, which at one end is bent forward, as at *k*, forming a knob, and at the other end is provided with a V-shaped cushioned grip *l*. A spring-yielding compression-lever N is pivoted at *o* to the laterally-projecting end *i* of the pendent bar. This lever carries a cross-bar *j'*, which is the counterpart of the cross-bar *j* on the pendent bar. The cross-bar *j'* has one end bent back, as at *k'*, to confront the bent end *k*. These two confronting bent ends *k k'* constitute the overshoe-holder. The other end of the cross-bar *j'* has a suitable knob or bent end cushioned, as at *l'*, to coact as part of a grip device with the V-shaped grip part *l*. These two parts *l l'* constitute the cane or umbrella holder. It will be obvious that when either a cane or an umbrella has position in the space *p* between the two grip parts *l l'* it will be held vise fashion.

The upper end of the compression-lever N has a loop *q*, which takes over the hook A, and when over is confined by the pivoted arm C' and lock-bolt *f'*. When the supplemental holder is not in use, the loop *q* on the compression-lever N does not engage the hook A, and said lever has the turned-down position and will hang from the pivot *o*.

To place a pair of overshoes in the holder *k k'*, the two shoes should be placed with their soles together in contact and then both shoes set between the bent ends *k k'*, which latter clamp the shoes.

The coat and hat holder may be used alone or both holders used together.

From this description the operation of the devices will be understood.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination of an immovable or stationary hook; a rigid arm projecting forward above said hook and having a front end with a plural number of notches; an arm secured to the side of said rigid arm by a pivot, *d*, back of said notched front end, and the free end of said pivoted arm projecting straight down to take position on the front side of said station-

ary hook; and a lock on the pivoted arm having a bolt which will engage with either one of the said notches on the rigid arm, as set forth.

2. The combination of an immovable or stationary hook; an arm pivoted so as to be movable to and from said stationary hook to press in contact therewith and having its free end provided with two cushioned bearings, one, *e*, of which projects straight down and the other, *e'*, on the inner side of the arm projecting laterally or horizontally toward the back to which the arm is pivoted, as set forth.

3. The combination of an immovable or stationary hook; a rigid arm projecting forward above said hook and having a front end with a plural number of notches; an arm pivoted to said notched front end and having its free end provided with two bearings, one projecting straight down and the other, on the inner side of the arm, projecting laterally or horizontally toward the back to which the arm is pivoted; and a lock on the pivoted arm which will engage with either one of said notches on the front end of the rigid arm.

4. The combination of a stationary hook; a rigid arm projecting forward above said hook; an arm pivoted to said rigid arm and movable to and from said stationary hook to press in contact therewith; a lock device on the arm to confine the pivoted arm when it is in the contacting position; and a supplemental holder below the stationary hook having a compression-lever to close the holder device, said lever provided at its upper end with a loop to engage over the said stationary hook, as set forth.

5. A holder for overshoes, canes, umbrellas and the like comprising a vertical bar provided with a cross-bar, *j*, having at one end a forward knob, *k*, which is one part of a holder, and at the other end the V-shaped part of a grip device; a yielding compression-lever, N, pivoted to said vertical bar and having a cross-bar, *j'*, whose ends, respectively, press against the said forward knob and into the said V-shaped grip part of the other cross-bar; and means to confine the compression-lever when the latter is in its closed position, as set forth.

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

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