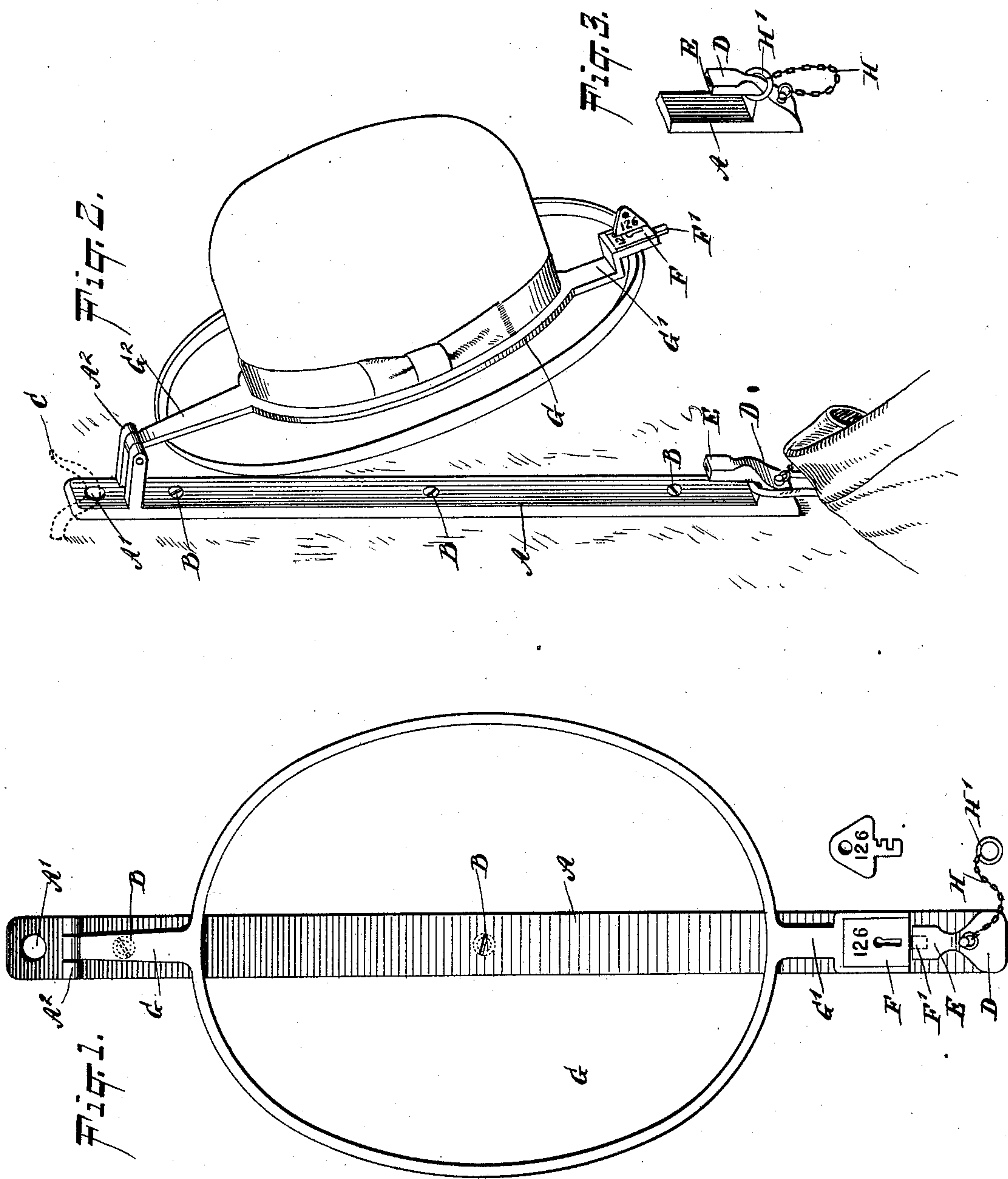


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANZ WAGENBLAST, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Holder for Hats, Coats, Umbrellas, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved holder for hats, coats, umbrellas, and other articles and arranged to enable a person to conveniently hang up the desired article and securely lock it in place, so as to prevent removal by unauthorized persons, the device being serviceable in hotels, restaurants, theatres, and other public places.

The invention 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 front elevation of the improvement in a closed position. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the improvement with the hat-ring open, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hook on the lower end of the back.

The improved holder illustrated in the drawings is provided with back A, adapted to be fastened by screws B or other suitable means to a wall or other support, or the said back may be hung on a hook C, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2, the upper end of the back being for this purpose provided with an opening A' for engagement with the hook.

On the lower end of the back A is formed or secured a hook D, upon which a garment is hung, as indicated in Fig. 2, the upper end of the hook being in the shape of a keeper E, adapted to receive the bolt F' of a lock F, secured on the lower offset end of an arm G', projecting from a hat-ring G, provided at its upper end with an extension G², pivoted on lugs A², projecting from the back A, near the upper end thereof, as is plainly indicated in the drawings. The hat-ring G is adapted to receive the crown of a hat, so that the rim thereof is at the back of the ring, the extension G², and the arm G'—that is, between the back A and the hat-ring when the latter is in a closed position.

Now it will be seen that when the device is used a person first hangs his coat or other garment with the usual loop upon the hook D at the time the hat-ring G is open and then places the hat into the hat-ring in the manner described and as shown in Fig. 2, after which the operator swings the hat-ring shut and by the use of a key shoots out the bolt F' into the keeper E, so as to securely lock the hat-ring in place, thereby closing the hook D, so as to lock the garment securely in place and also to lock the hat in place, the rim of the hat extending between the back A and the hat-ring.

In order to securely hang coats, umbrellas, and other articles having no loops, I provide a chain H, one end of which is attached to the hook A, the free end thereof supporting a ring H', adapted to be hooked over the hook D after the chain is passed around the article to support the same.

The device is very serviceable in public places—such as restaurants, hotels, ball-rooms, and the like—dispensing entirely with the unsightly boxes now employed for keeping garments, &c.

It is understood that after the articles are securely locked in position on the holder the operator removes the key from the lock F and retains the same until it is again desired to remove the articles from the holder.

In order to avoid confusion, the key and the lock are numbered correspondingly.

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

1. A holder for hats and the like, comprising a bar or plate having on its front face lugs at one end and a hook at the other end, a hat-ring provided with oppositely-projecting arms, one of which is hinged to the lugs of the bar or plate, the other arm being provided with an offset, and a lock for locking the offset arm of the ring to the hook of the bar or plate, substantially as described.

2. A holder for hats and the like, consist-

ing of a bar or plate having on its front face
lugs at one end and a hook at the other end,
said hook being formed with a keeper, a hat-
ring provided with oppositely - projecting
5 arms, one of which is provided with an offset,
the ring being hinged by means of the other
arm to the lugs of the back, and a lock car-

ried by the offset end of the arm of the ring
and adapted to engage with its bolt the keeper
of the hook, substantially as described.

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