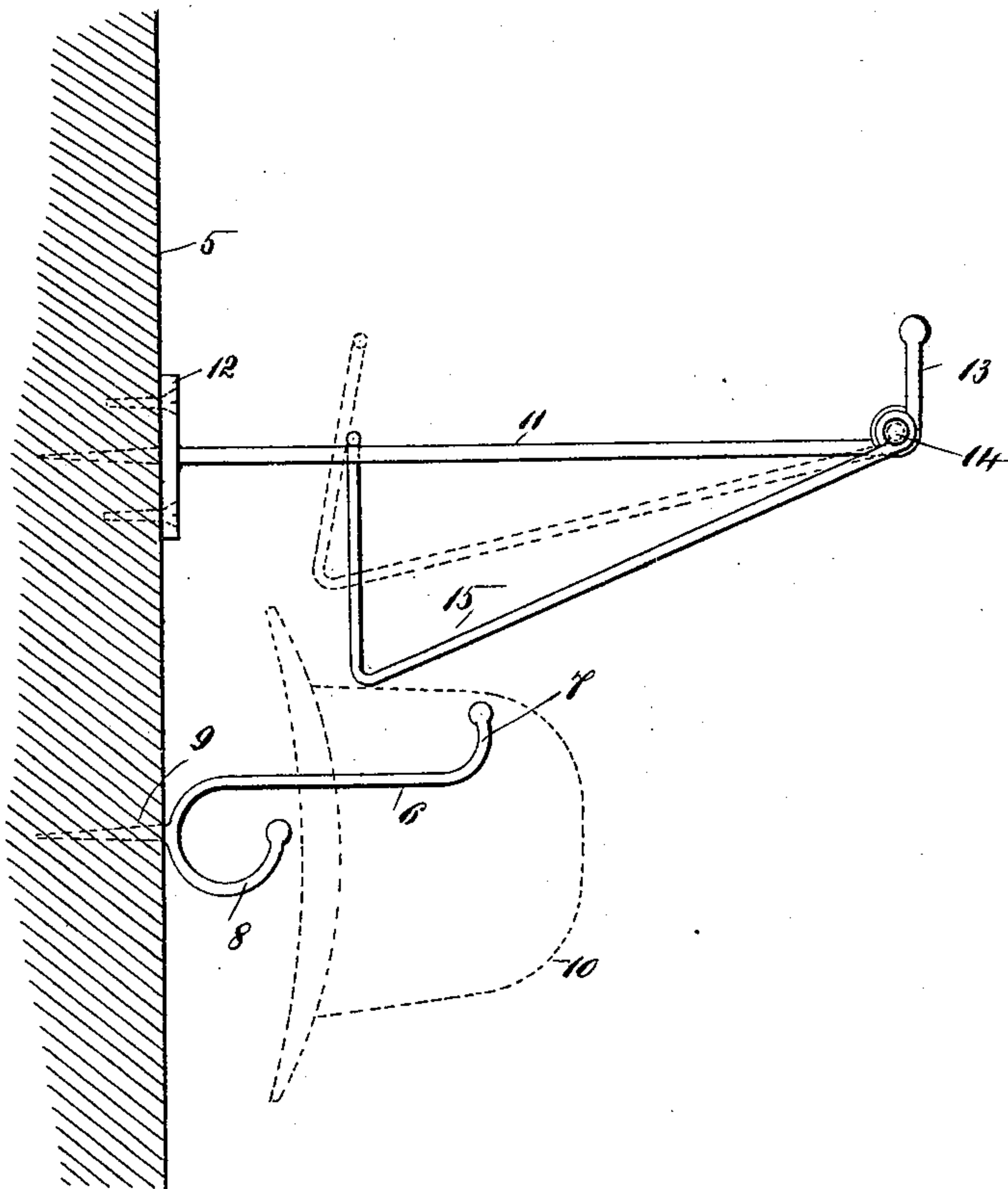


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIS WILLSON VAIL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Quakertown, in the county of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Hats, Coats, and other Articles, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to supports for hats, coats, and other articles, such as are adapted for use in hallways or on hall-racks; and the object of the invention is to provide an improved device of this class which may also be used in hat-stores and other places and by means of which a hat may be held on a hook or other support without danger of dropping off and by means of which a coat or other article may also be supported.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, said drawing being a side view of my improvement or support and showing the method of the operation thereof.

In the drawing forming part of this specification the separate parts of my improvement are designated by numerals of reference, and in said drawing I have shown at 5 a part of a wall or a hat-rack or other support, and in the practice of my invention I provide an ordinary hat-hook 6, which may be provided at its outer end with an upwardly-directed extension 7 and at its inner end with a downwardly and upwardly curved supplemental hook 8, and which is also provided with a screw-threaded shank or similar device 9, by which it is connected with the wall, hat-rack, or other support 5.

The hook 6 is adapted to have a hat suspended therefrom, as shown in dotted lines at 10, and in practice I also secure to the wall, hat-rack, or other support 5, directly over the hook 6, an outwardly-directed arm or rod 11, which is provided with a plate or other device 12, by means of which connection is made with the support 5, and the outer end of the arm or rod 11 is provided with an upwardly-directed extension 13, and pivotally

connected therewith at 14 is a triangular-shaped wire frame or attachment 15, the rear end of which is extended backwardly and adapted to be supported by the arm or rod 11 and to hang therefrom, as shown in full lines, or to be raised on its pivotal support at 14, as shown in dotted lines.

When the hat is placed on the hook 6, as shown in dotted lines, the triangular frame or attachment 15 is raised thereby and drops down behind the rim of the hat, as clearly shown in the drawing, and securely holds the hat on the hook 6, and the arm or rod 11 may serve as a support for a coat or other article, as will be readily understood.

My improvement is perfectly adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended and is also comparatively inexpensive, and my invention is not limited to the exact form, construction, and arrangement of the various parts thereof herein shown and described, and it will be apparent that changes in and modifications of the construction herein described may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

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

In a device for securing a hat or like article upon a hook, the combination with a hook secured to a suitable support, a separate rod secured vertically above said hook, an angular locking-piece pivoted at its outer end to the outer end of the said rod, a stop formed on the inner end of said locking-piece and adapted to engage the rod, the angular portion of said locking-piece extending downward close to the hook and behind the head of the said hook, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 13th day of April, 1897.

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