

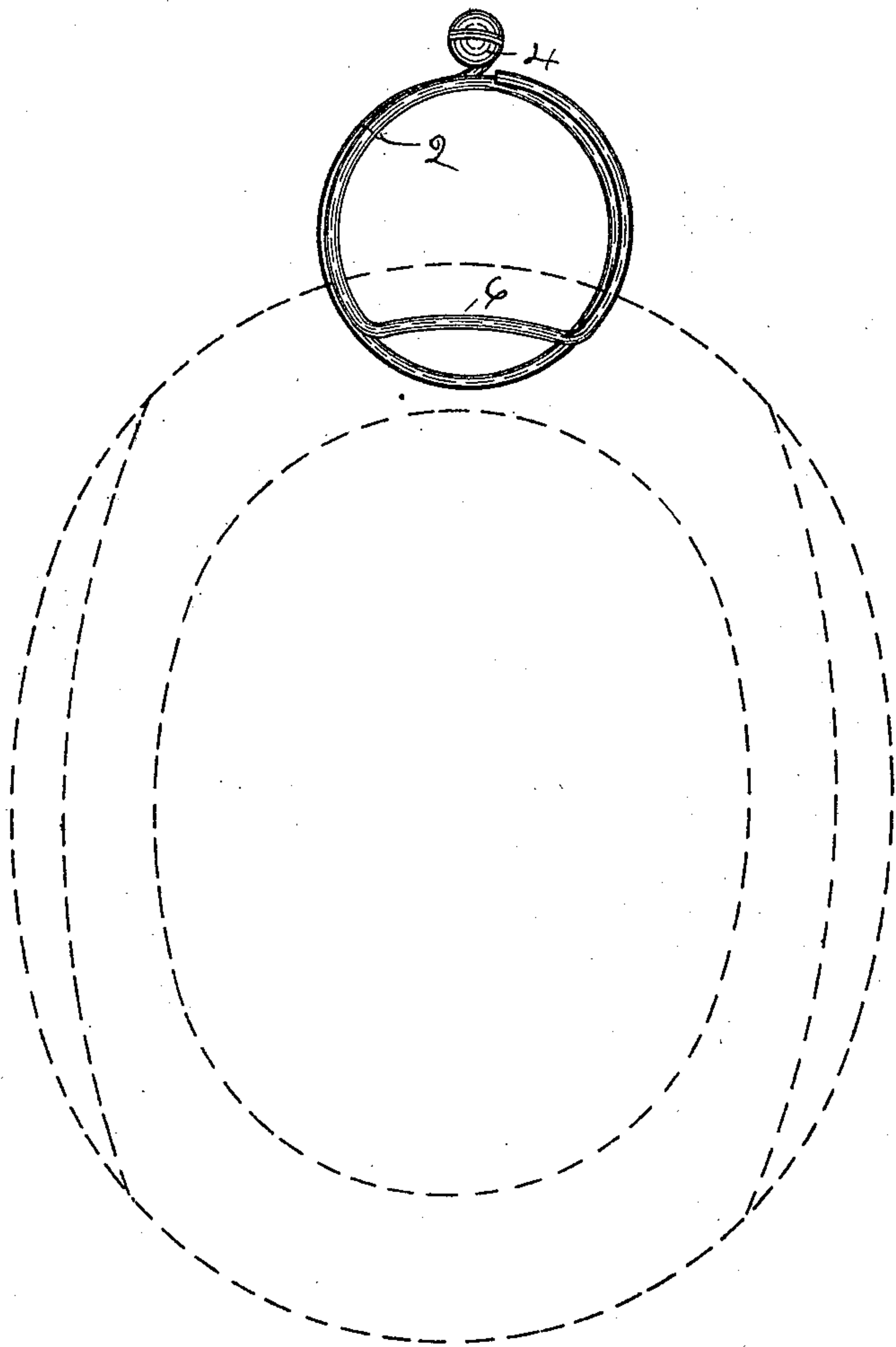
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUTHER C. BALDWIN, of Manchester, State of New Hampshire, have invented a certain Improved Device for Hanging Hats and the Like, of which the following, read in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide an economical and convenient device for holding hats, more especially stiff-brimmed hats and the like.

A device embodying this invention is shown in plan view in the accompanying drawing, a hat being held thereby as indicated by dotted lines.

The device is composed of a single piece of material, preferably of wire, as represented in the present instance. The intermediate part of the wire material is coiled spirally into a substantially circular contour, whereby is formed the body part 2, having a spring-like character, which obviously may be increased by tempering or by using spring-wire material. The attaching-arm of the wire material has an eye-opening turned in the end thereof to receive the attaching medium—in the present instance a screw 4. The other arm of said wire constitutes the holding member. It comprises a section 6, which being upturned, preferably in an outwardly-convexed line with relation to the plane of the body part, serves for a take-hold in order to manipulate the holding member outwardly from the plane of the body part preliminary to the removal from or the introduction therebeneath of a hat-brim or other article to be held thereby. The spring-like quality of the material actuates the arm yieldingly inward under normal conditions, whereby to press or clamp it upon and hold the article introduced therebeneath—i. e., between the arm and the

body part or a supporting-board behind the same.

It is desirable at times to introduce the hat or other article beneath the holding-arm without seizing hold of the same; and to this end the upturned section or take-hold 6 is set obliquely to the plane of the body part, with its under-face lines converging inwardly to said plane, whereby a hat or article to be held thereby if pressed upwardly against the inclined faces thereof will lift the holding-arm and be guided thereby to the holding position therebelow. This arm is represented as extending beyond the upturned section to a distance whereby the terminal end thereof will be safely out of position to possibly engage with the article held so as to injure or prevent withdrawal of the same without the arm being lifted. Instead of this, however, the arm could as well have its end upturned or otherwise protected from interfering with the hat or other article, and I am aware that in other respects the formation of the device can be shifted or varied without departing materially from the spirit of this invention.

I claim—

As an article of manufacture, a device for hanging hats consisting of a wire bent spirally, constructed at one point to be secured or fastened to a support and having the portion 6 breaking the uniformity of the spiral whereby to form a handle to facilitate the spreading of the device, said portion 6 formed at a point remote or opposite from the point of attachment of the device.

Signed at Manchester, New Hampshire,
this 4th day of October, A. D. 1897.

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