

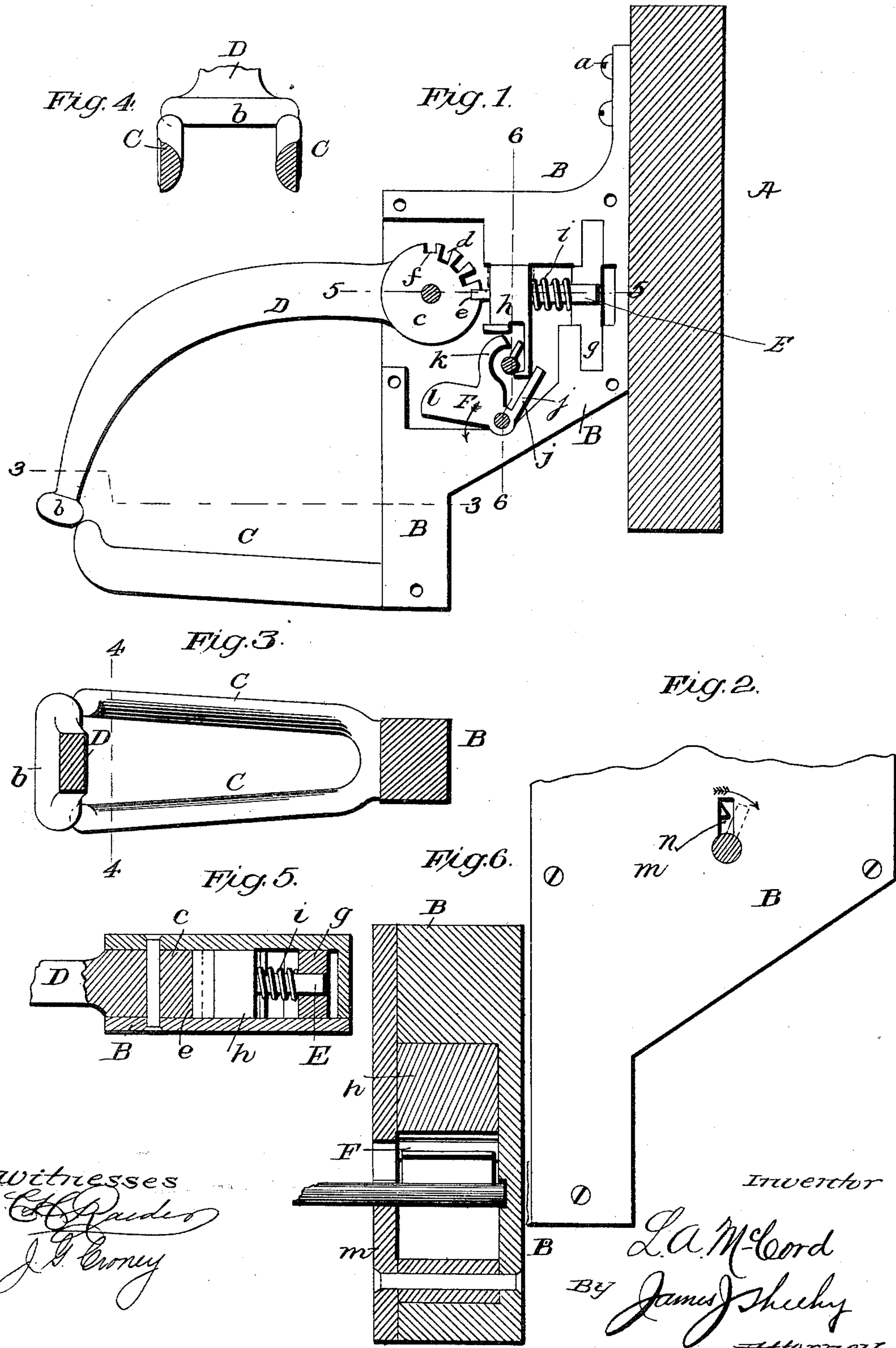
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LUTHER A. McCORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Laurens, in the county of Laurens and State of South Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat, Coat, and Umbrella Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of sectional hooks which are designed to be locked in a closed position to hold hats, coats, and other articles against removal by unauthorized persons; and it consists in the peculiar and advantageous construction hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims appended.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved hook with the face-plate of the body or lock-casing removed. Fig. 2 is a broken side elevation of the same with said plate in position. Fig. 3 is a section taken in the plane of line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken in the plane of line 4 4 of Fig. 3. Figs. 5 and 6 are sections taken in the planes indicated by lines 5 5 and 6 6, respectively, of Fig. 1.

In the said drawings similar letters designate corresponding parts in all of the several views, referring to which—

A is a support, which may be the wall of an apartment or a board affixed thereto.

B is the body or lock-casing of my improved hook, which is fixedly secured by screws *a* or other suitable means to the support A, and C is the lower section or arm of the hook, which is fixedly connected to and extends out from the lower portion of the body or casing, as shown. This section or arm C is bifurcated after the manner best shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and is therefore adapted, when its outer end is closed by the retaining section or arm, to support and at the same time hold umbrellas and other headed articles against removal by unauthorized persons.

D is the retaining section or arm. This arm is enlarged or headed at its outer end, as indicated by *b*, so as to enable it to close the mouth or outer end of the fixed and bifurcated section C, and its inner end is also enlarged, as indicated by *c*, and is pivotally mounted in the body or casing B in order to adapt it to swing in a vertical plane. The enlarge-

ment *c* of arm D is circular in form and is provided with a plurality of depressions *d* and also with comparatively shallow depressions *e f*, the latter being the lowermost and uppermost, respectively, of the series, for a purpose presently pointed out.

E is a locking-bolt, which is mounted in a suitable guide *g* in the casing B and is provided with a depending arm *h* and backed by a spring *i*. The lower portion of the arm *h* is preferably shaped as shown and is designed to engage an arm *j* of a pivotally-mounted key-securer F, which has another arm *k*, and also has a weighted portion *l*, the purpose of which is to rock the securer in the direction indicated by arrow when the bolt E moves forward from the position shown in Fig. 1.

When the bolt E is seated in either of the shallow depressions *e f* of the hook-section D and rests in the position shown in Fig. 1, the arm *k* of the key-securer F rests coincident with the keyhole *n* in the face-plate *m* of casing B and against the web of a key after the manner shown in Fig. 2, and thereby prevents casual displacement or removal of the key. When the key is turned in the direction indicated by arrow in Fig. 2, the bolt E is withdrawn from the depression *e* of the section or arm D.

In practice while the bolt is held in its retracted position through the medium of the key the hook-section D is swung up to permit the placing of a coat, hat, or similar article on the section C and is then swung down until its outer end bears on the coat or hat. Pressure on the key being now removed, the bolt is forced forwardly by its spring and enters one of the depressions *d* of the section D, and thereby secures said section against the coat or hat on the section C and enables it to hold such article against removal by an unauthorized person.

Incident to the forward movement of the bolt the key-securer F rocks in the direction indicated by arrow in Fig. 1 and carries its arm *k* out of alinement with the keyhole *n*, thus permitting the person who has secured his hat or coat on the hook to carry off the key.

The coat or hat may be released from the hook by the owner or other authorized person inserting the key in the hole *n* and turning it in the direction indicated by arrow in Fig. 2



until the section D is released from the bolt E, when said section D may be raised and the coat removed. Subsequent to the removal of the coat or hat from the hook the person removing the same has but to move the section D so as to bring either of the shallow depressions *ef* in alinement with the bolt E, when the said bolt and the securer F will assume the positions shown in Fig. 1, with the result that the key will be secured in the body or casing B.

In order to secure an umbrella or the like in the hook, the hook-section D is raised and the handle of the umbrella is placed in the bifurcation of the section C, with its head resting on said section, after which the section D is locked in such position that its outer end rests sufficiently near the outer open end of the section C to prevent the withdrawal of the umbrella-handle therethrough. It follows from the foregoing that an umbrella may be secured in the hook at the same time that a coat or hat or both are secured therein.

When it is not desired to utilize the hook to hold umbrellas and similar articles, it is obvious that the section C may be of any form other than the bifurcated form shown. It is also obvious that when desired either one of the comparatively shallow depressions *ef* in the section D might be omitted, although I prefer to employ both.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a hook for the purpose described, the combination of a body or casing having a garment-supporting arm and also having a key-hole, a retaining-arm pivoted in the body or casing and having depressions, one of which is of a less depth than the other, a locking-bolt arranged in the body or casing in a position to enter the depressions of the retaining-arm, and a gravitating key-securer arranged in the body of the casing in a position to engage the locking-bolt, substantially as specified.

2. In a hook for the purpose described, the combination of a body or casing having a garment-supporting arm and also having a key-hole, a retaining-arm pivoted in the body or casing and having a circular enlargement provided with peripheral depressions, one of which is of a less depth than the other, a spring-pressed locking-bolt having an arm, and a gravitating key-securer pivotally mounted in the body or casing and having an arm arranged to engage the arm of the bolt and also having an arm for preventing the withdrawal of a key from the body or casing, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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