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Fig. 1.

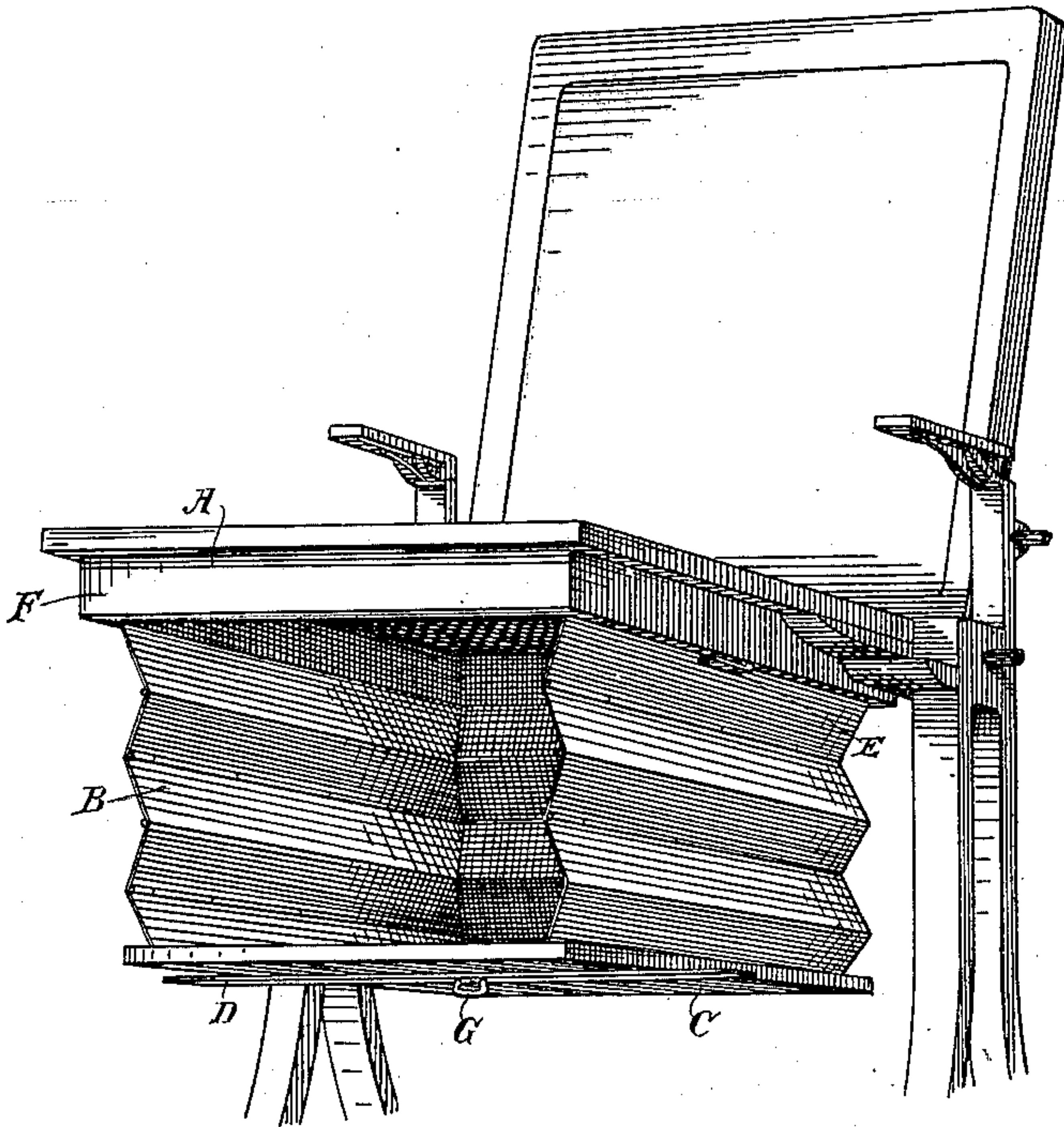


Fig. 2.

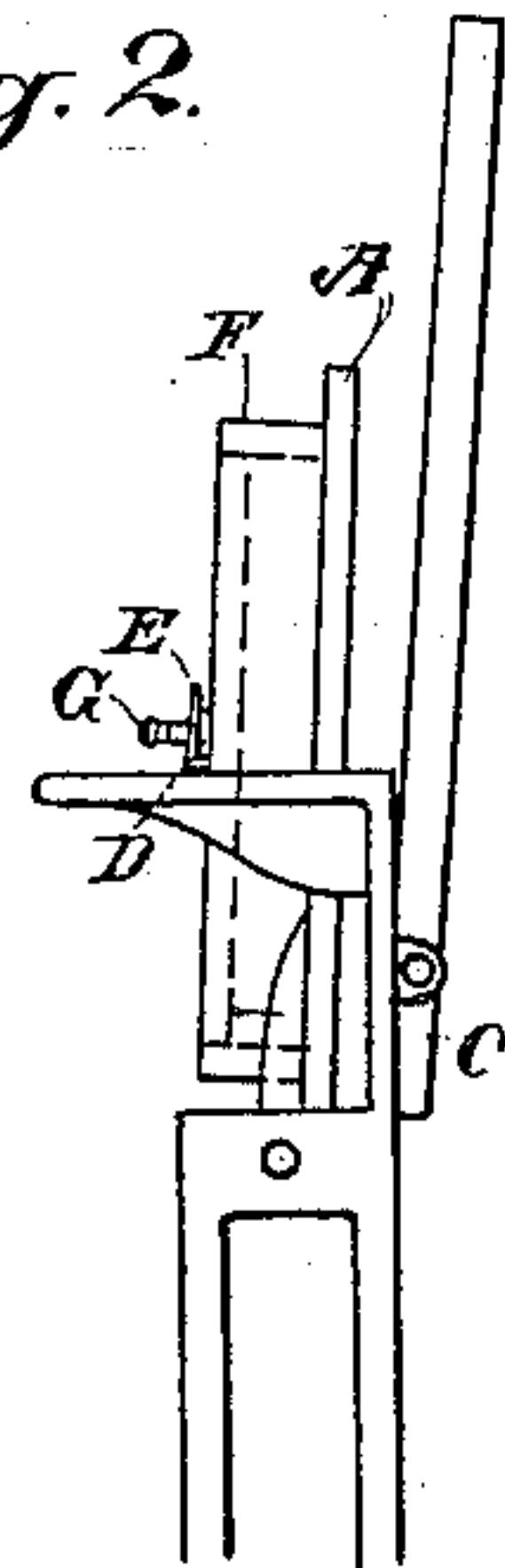


Fig. 3.

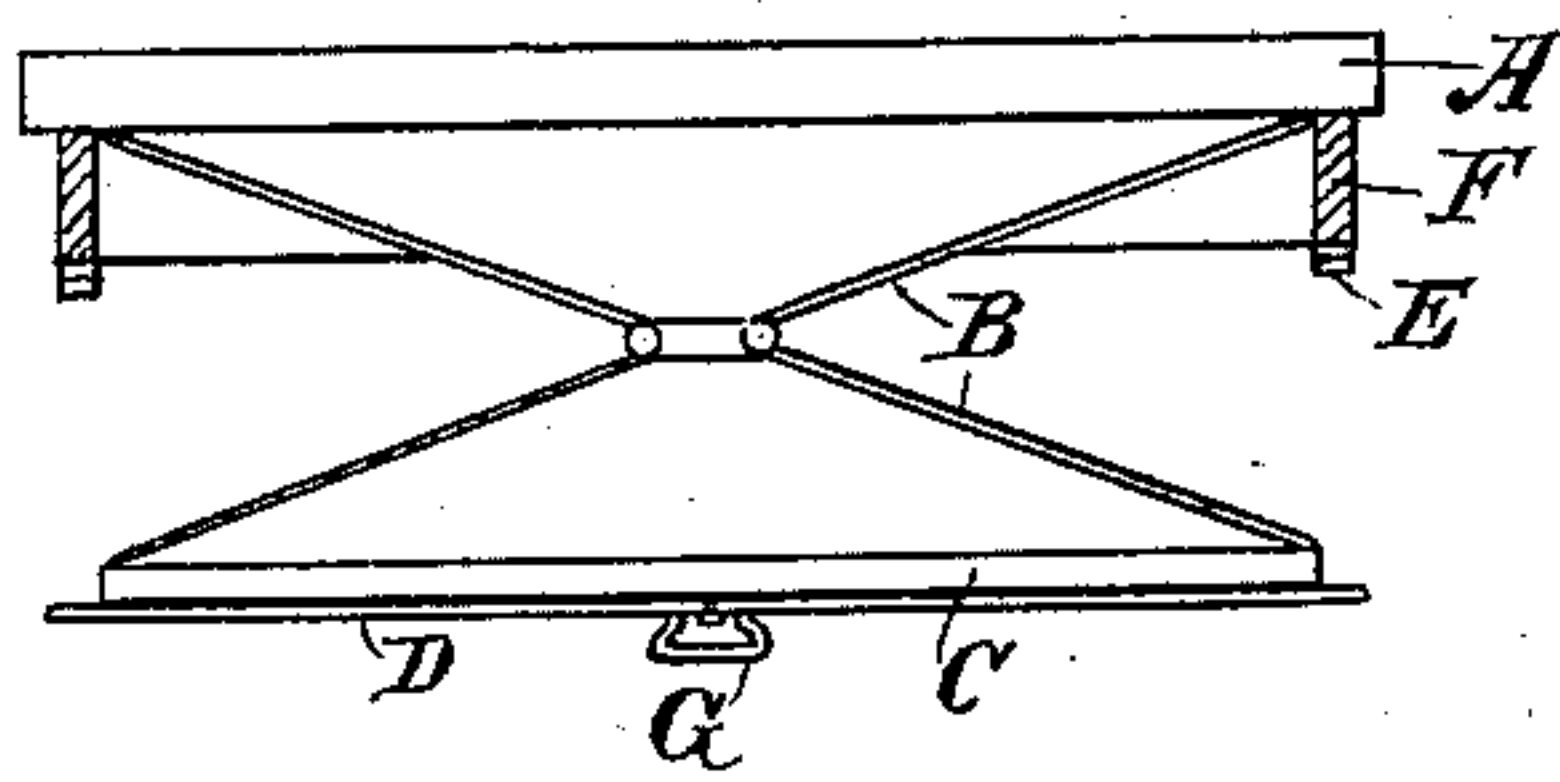
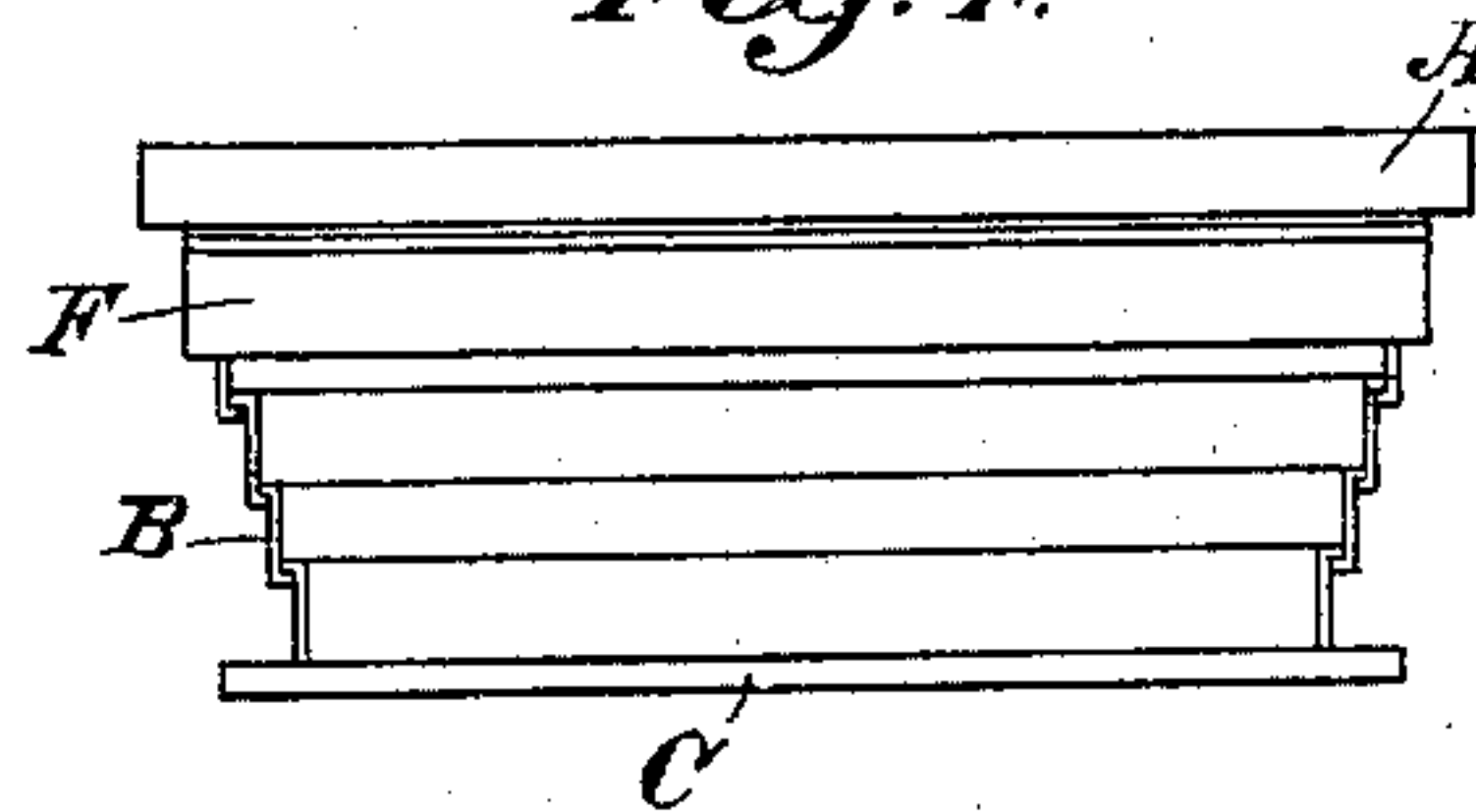


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FANNY R. OTTENHEIMER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Hat-Holding Attachments for Chairs; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a device which is especially designed for the reception of ladies' hats in theaters and other places of entertainment.

It consists in the parts and the constructions and combinations of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 is a view showing one form of my device attached to the lower part of the seat. Fig. 2 shows it closed and the seat folded up. Figs. 3 and 4 are modifications of the device.

It being customary in places of amusement to require ladies who arrive with hats to remove them, so as not to obstruct the view of other patrons, the time lost in recovering the hats if left in a separate hat-room is so great that most ladies prefer to remove the hat and hold it in the lap, which is a great inconvenience.

My device is intended to provide a safe receptacle for delicate hats, such as ladies wear, where they will be entirely out of the way and protected from injury, and to so construct the receptacle that it may be collapsed against the bottom of the seat out of the way when the seat is turned up, and also to close the receptacle to prevent dust or dirt from getting into it when not in use.

I have shown my device as attached to a seat A, which is designed to turn up against the back when not occupied, so as to allow free ingress and egress of patrons between the rows of seats, and in order to leave this space as wide as possible any attachment to the seat must occupy small space when the seat is turned up.

In the construction of my device I form a collapsible case B, which may be made of a plurality of foldable strips extending substantially the length of the ends and rear side of the case, said strips hinged together at their meeting edges to form closed sides and rear end for the case, so that the device may be extended or closed, like the bellows of an

accordion, or it may be made of telescopic or other like closable sections.

C is the bottom of the device, which is made of sufficiently rigid material and is attached to the lower edges of the closable sections.

The rear and two sides of the device are preferably made of these collapsible sections, and the front may be left open, so that a hat can be easily introduced or removed after the device has been extended.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the device as formed of a considerable number of jointed foldable strips. In Fig. 3 it is shown as formed with a single pair of sufficiently-wide strips, forming each side and the back, the operation being essentially the same in either case.

In Fig. 4 the sections are shown as telescopic.

In order to close the device properly, I have shown a latch or catch D, which may be centrally pivoted and turnable, so as to engage corresponding catches E when the device has been closed, or these catches may be elastic spring-catches which will retain the ends of the arms or lugs when the device has been closed together.

In order to protect the device from dust, which might otherwise enter, or from injury, I prefer to fit a shallow rectangular frame F to the bottom of the chair-seat, and when the device has been collapsed the foldable sides will close into this rim, the bottom C just fitting against or within it, so as to practically close it against the entrance of any dirt.

A small knob or handle G may be fixed to the center of the bottom, so that when a person enters and before the seat is turned down by pulling upon this knob the device will be extended and the hat can then be introduced either before or after the seat is turned down, as desired.

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

1. A hat-holding attachment for seats comprising closed sides and back and open front, said sides and back each formed of parallel sections adapted to be folded and extended.

2. A hat-holding attachment for seats consisting of a case having closed sides and back formed of independent sections extending substantially the length of the sides and back

of the case and hinged or jointed along their meeting edges, said sections adapted to form a bellows-like arrangement whereby the case may be folded and extended.

5 3. A hat-holding attachment for seats consisting of a case having closed sides and back said sides and back formed of sections extending substantially the length of the sides and back and hinged along their longitudinal
10 meeting edges whereby the sides and back may be folded in bellows-like form, and extended.

4. A hat-holding attachment for seats consisting of a case having closed sides and back
15 and open front and means whereby said case is foldable and extensible in bellows-like form.

5. A hat-holding attachment for seats consisting of connected extensible and collapsi-
20 ble sections hinged together along their lon-

gitudinal meeting edges to form closed back and sides, a bottom connected therewith and latches by which the device may be held in a closed and folded condition against the bottom of the seat.

6. A hat-holding attachment for seats comprising flexible or foldable closed sides and back each formed of sections hinged together along their longitudinal meeting edges, the lowermost section having a bottom attached
25 thereto and adapted to support the hat, means for closing and latching the sides when folded or collapsed and an inclosing rim into which they fit when thus closed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
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