

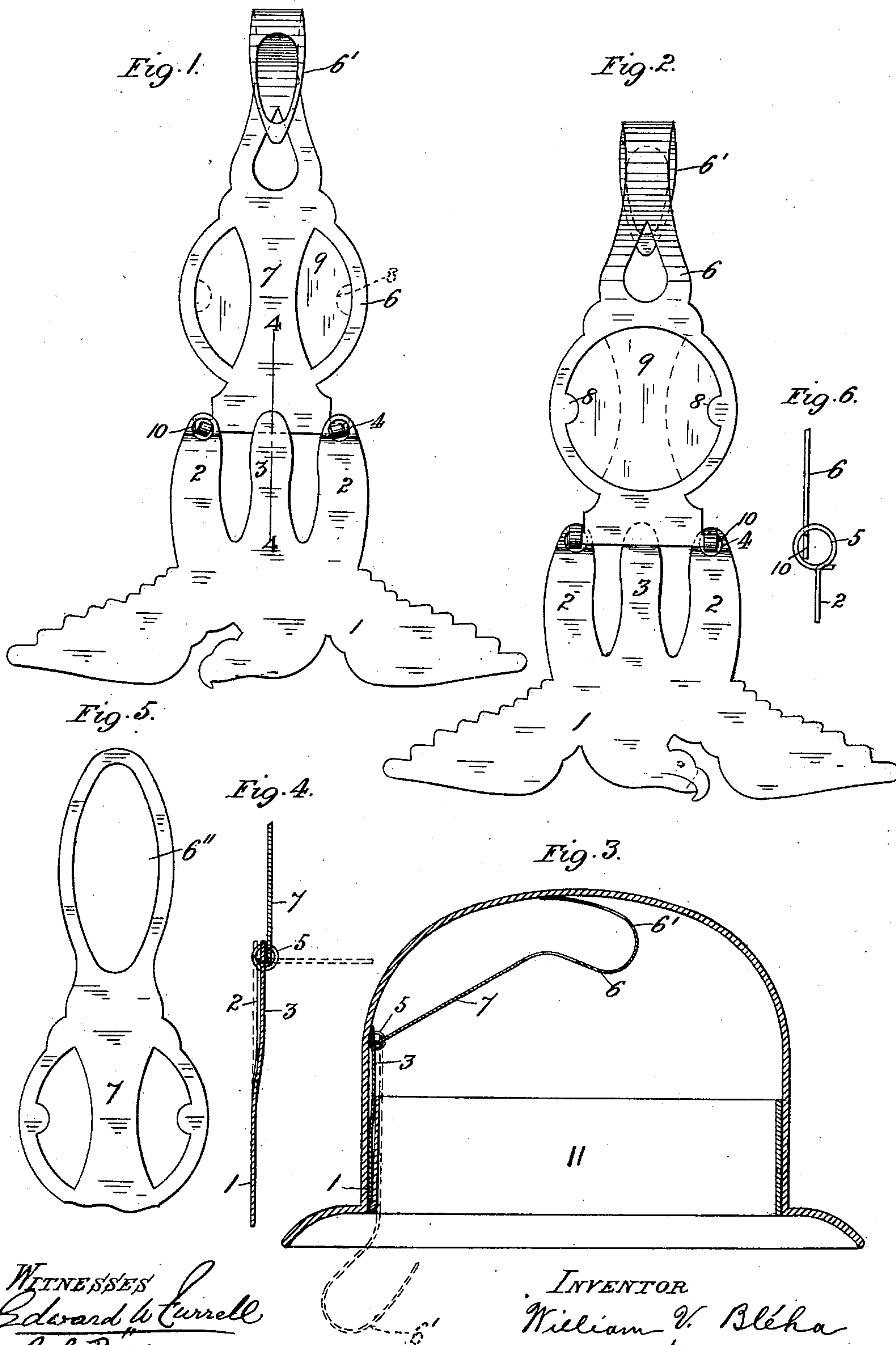
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM V. BLÉHA, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in hat-hangers; and it consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the hanger. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof. Fig. 3 is a middle vertical section of the same and of a hat by which the device is carried, showing both the normal position of the hanging lever and the position the same assumes when ready for use. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail on line 4 4 of Fig. 1, showing the action of the tongue against the base of the hanging lever. Fig. 5 is a face view of a modified form of lever, and Fig. 6 is a detail showing in edge view the connection between the looped arms of the supporting-plate and the trunnions of the hanging lever.

The present invention is an improvement on the device shown and described in United States Letters Patent granted to me under date of September 1, 1891, numbered 458,783, and has for its object to materially simplify the construction therein set forth and produce a hanger which will be cheaper, more durable, stronger, and more artistic in appearance, and one possessing further and other advantages better apparent from a detailed description of the invention, which is as follows:

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the supporting-plate or body portion, of any artistic design, the same being provided with outer projecting arms 2 2 and an intermediate resilient tongue 3, the ends of the arms 2 being provided with openings 4, through which the ends of the terminal loops 5, struck and bent from the arms, are passed, thereby forming bearings for the hanging lever 6. The central portion of the latter is composed of an outer annular rim having a central diametrically-disposed rib 7 and inwardly-dis-

posed lips 8, located ninety degrees from the medial line of the rib, this arrangement serving to retain an advertising or other card 9. The outer terminal hook 6' of the lever is perforated to either pass over a nail on the wall or the hook may be used to grip the rung on a chair or any other object. The basal edge of the lever is extended into the form of supporting-trunnions 10, directly and loosely embraced by the loops 5. The free end of the tongue 3 bears against the base of the lever 6 on the side opposite the direction toward which the loops 5 are bent—that is, on the side next to the inside of the hat, as shown in Figs. 1, 3, and 4. When the lever 6 is swung to a plane slightly beyond ninety degrees to the plane of the tongue, the latter automatically and by its resiliency forces the lever to the dotted position shown in Fig. 3—that is to say, to a position where the terminal hook can be used for suspending the hat.

The free end of the lever 6 need not necessarily be bent to the form of a hook, but may be straight or plain, as seen in 6'' the modification in Fig. 5. To impart the necessary resilience to the tongue, the latter is slightly flexed in a direction toward the loops 5, as best seen in Fig. 4. By bending the loops 5 outwardly, as shown, they span the edge of the inner band 11 of the hat and allow the lever 6 to swing freely without binding.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A hat-hanger comprising a supporting-plate adapted to be inserted between the hat and inner band thereof, outwardly-projecting arms and an intermediate resilient tongue carried by the plate and made integral therewith, openings at the outer ends of the arms, loops stamped integrally with the arms, the free ends of the loops being passed through the openings, a hanging lever having laterally-projecting trunnions mounted in and embraced by the loops, the free end of the tongue bearing against the base of the hanging lever and adapted to retain the same in a closed or open position, substantially as set forth.

2. A hat-hanger comprising a supporting-plate adapted to be inserted between the hat and inner band thereof, outwardly-projecting arms, and an intermediate outwardly-flexed resilient tongue, all stamped from a

single piece of metal, openings formed in the arms, terminal loops bent outwardly from the body of the arms, the free ends of the loops being passed through said openings, a  
5 hanging lever having basal laterally-projecting trunnions supported and loosely embraced by the loops, and a terminal hook for said lever, the free end of the tongue bearing against the lever a suitable distance beyond

the lower edge thereof, the parts operating in substantially as, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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