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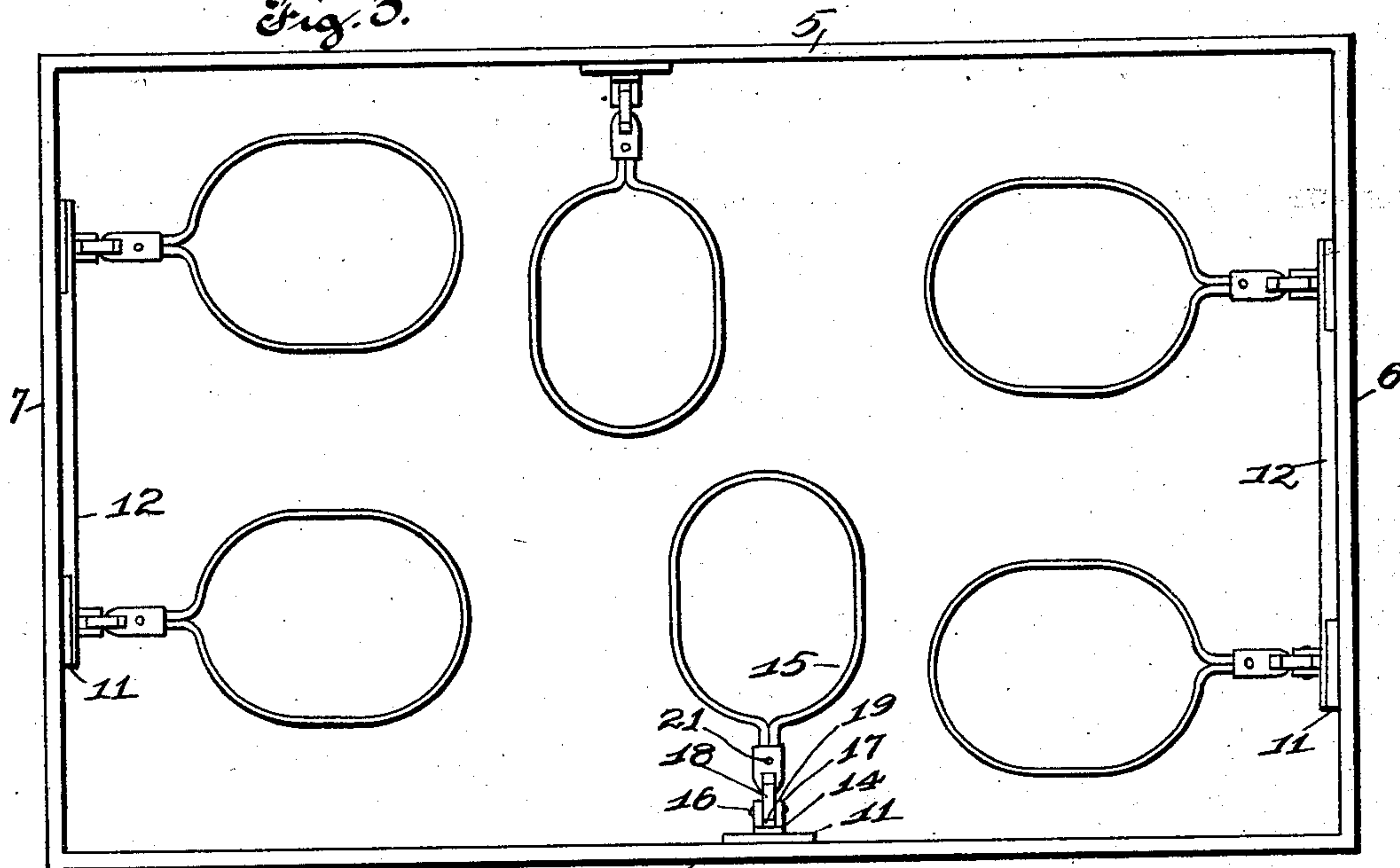
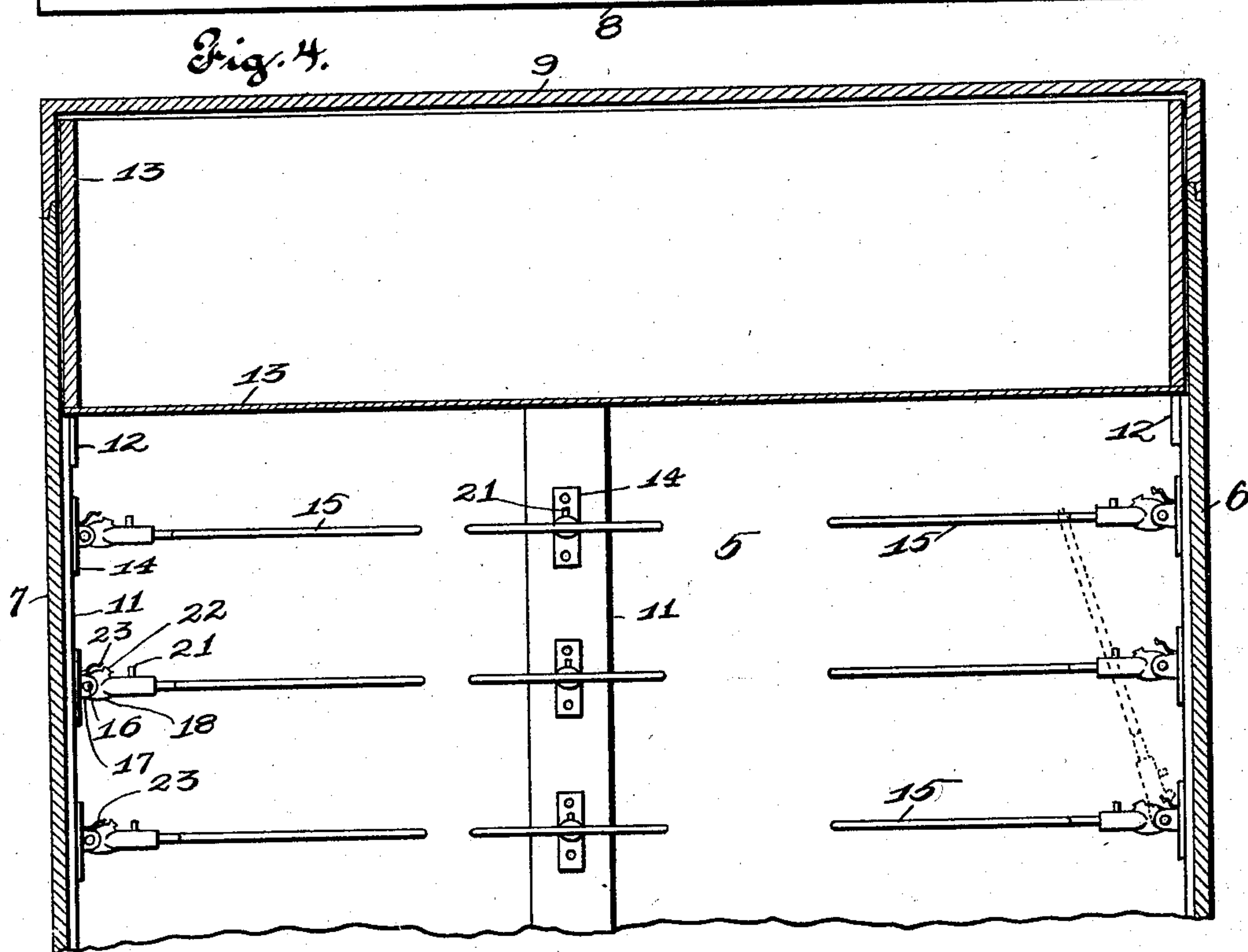


Fig. 4.



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## HAT-TRUNK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. CURRY, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improve-  
5 ments in Hat-Trunks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to hat-trunks; and it  
10 consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

My object is to construct a trunk for the use of hat-salesmen; and my invention consists of a trunk, brackets fixed in the trunk,  
15 and hat-supports hinged to the brackets to swing upwardly and not downwardly, so that the hats on one support may be swung out of the way of the hats on the lower supports.

20 Figure 1 is a perspective of a hat-trunk embodying the principles of my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the hat-support and bracket. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the trunk with the cover removed. Fig. 4 is a  
25 vertical central section, parts being broken away to economize space.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the trunk consists of a suitable bottom, the back wall 5, the end walls 6 and 7, the front wall 8, the principal cover 9, and the secondary cover 10. The front wall 8 is shorter than the back wall 9, and the secondary cover 10,  
35 hinged to the upper edge of the front wall, extends to the same level as the top of the back wall. The cover 9 is hinged to the top of the back wall in the ordinary way. Posts 11 are secured to the inner faces of the walls of the trunk, and the cross-pieces 12 connect the upper ends of the posts 11, which are at-  
40 tached to the end walls 6 and 7 to form supports for the tray 13. The brackets 14 are attached to the posts 11 and extend inwardly, and the hat-supports 15 are hinged to the brackets 14 by the pins 16, inserted through  
45 the ears 17 of the bracket and through the head 18 of the hat-support. A flange 19 connects the upper edges of the ears 17 and serves as a stop to engage the arm 20, ex-  
50 tending backwardly from the head 18, as required, to allow the hat-support 15 to swing upwardly and limit its downward motion to

a horizontal position. The hat-support 15 is a wire loop adapted to encircle the crown of the hat and to support the brim. A stop 21 extends upwardly from the forward end of the head 18 to engage the brim of the hat and prevent its sliding downwardly when the hat-support is swung upwardly, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4. A lug 22 extends upwardly from the central portion of the head 18, and a spring 23 extends forwardly and upwardly from the flange 19 to engage the lug 22 when the hat-support 15 is elevated, said spring forming a snap connection with the  
65 lug.

The hat-supports 15 are arranged in vertical rows, and each hat-support is intended to hold several nested hats. When the hats are in position, access to the lower hats may be obtained by swinging the upper hat-supports  
70 15 upwardly, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 4. If desired, the pin 16 may be employed to make a tight joint, and the spring 23 may be omitted.

The tray 13 is a box resting upon the upper ends of the posts 11 and upon the cross-pieces 12.

I claim—

1. In a hat-trunk, a hat-support mounted to swing upwardly, and a stop in position to engage the hat-brims and keep them from sliding when the hat-support is swung upwardly, substantially as specified.

2. In a hat-trunk, a suitable trunk or box; posts rigidly secured in the trunk or box, the upper ends of said posts being on a level, and serving as supports for a tray; hat-supports hinged to said posts and adapted to swing upwardly; stops in position to engage the hat-brims, and keep them from sliding when the hat-supports are swung upwardly; and means of securing said hat-supports and holding them in their upright positions, substantially as specified.

3. In a hat-trunk, the bracket 14 rigidly mounted; the hat-support 15 hinged to the bracket by a pin 16 inserted through the ears 17 of the bracket, and through the head 18 of the hat-support; the flange 19 connecting the upward edges of the ears 17 and serving as a stop; the arm 20 extending backwardly from the head 18 to engage the stop and allow the  
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hat-support to swing upwardly and limit its downward motion to a horizontal position, said hat-support 15 being a wire loop adapted to encircle the crown of the hat, and support the brim; and the lug 22 extending upwardly from the head 18 and the spring 23 extending forwardly and upwardly from the flange 19 to engage the lug 22 and hold the

hat-support in its elevated position, substantially as specified. 10

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

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