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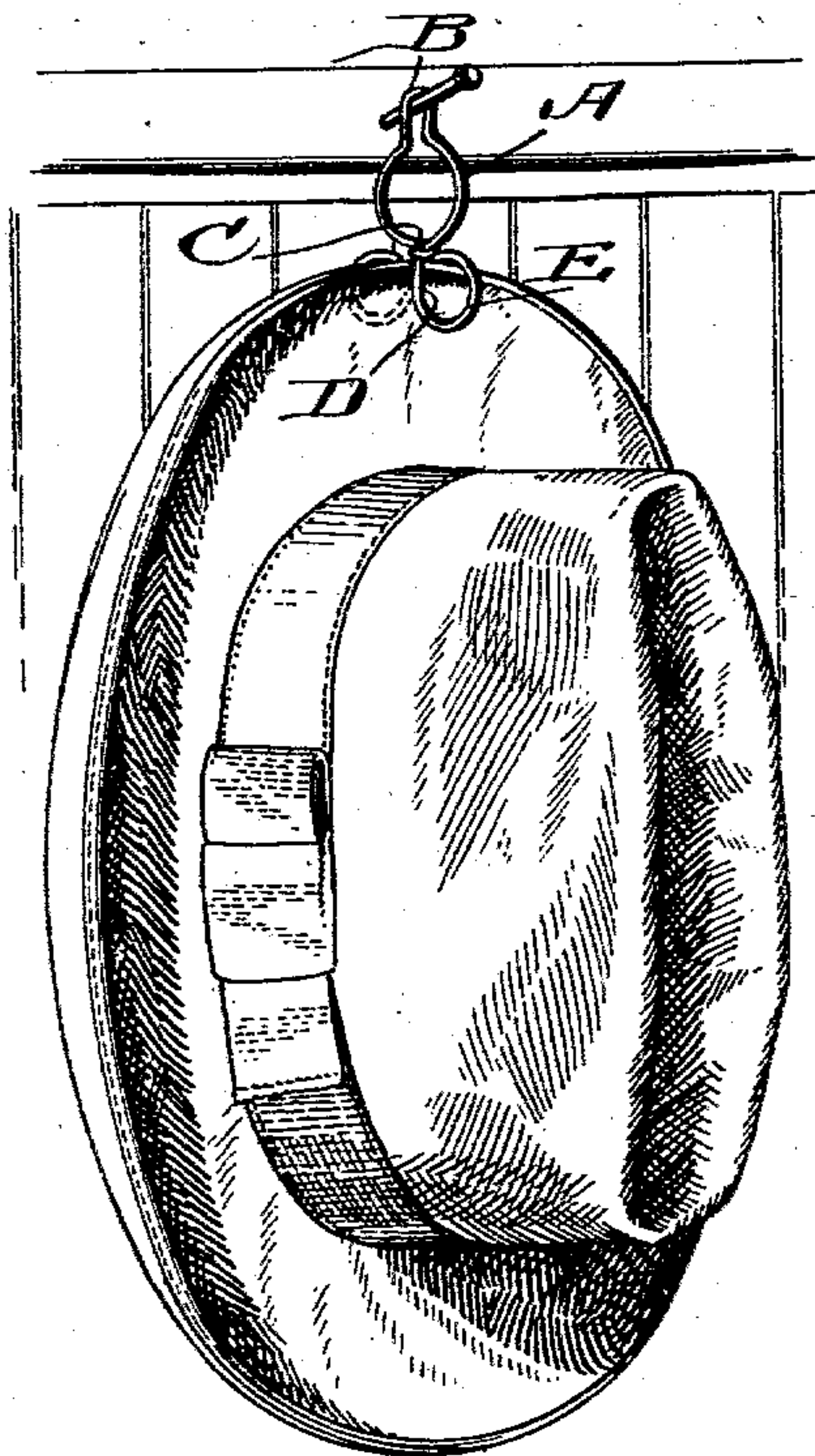
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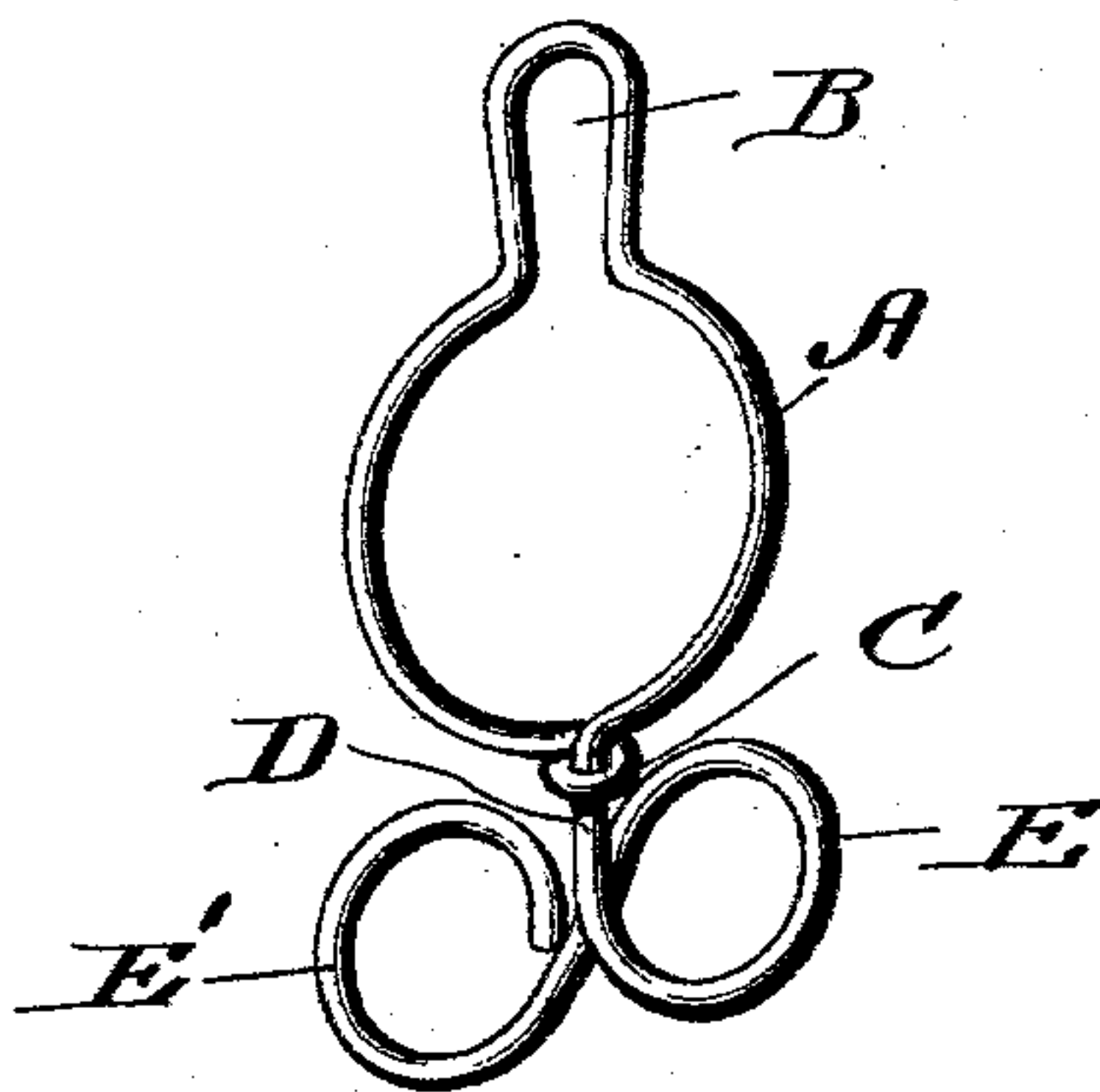
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## HAT-HOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENE WALLACE HIGGINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cortland, in the county of Cortland and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Hat-Hook, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in hat-hangers; and the object thereof is to provide a simple and inexpensive device which may be readily positioned upon a hat and hung upon a nail or hat-rack and retained thereon, thus obviating the falling or accidental knocking of the hat from its position.

The invention consists in the novel features of construction which will be fully set forth hereinafter, particularly pointed out in the claims hereto annexed, and clearly illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hanger in operation. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same detached from the hat.

My improved hanger is formed from a single piece of wire or other spring material, one end of which is bent or doubled upon itself to form a loop A of sufficient size to pass over the end of a hook, knot, or other means of support. The upper end of the loop is contracted to form a smaller loop B for engaging with the support and preventing its accidental removal. The top or end of the wire is formed into a hook C, which is wrapped around the main portion of the wire to give sufficient rigidity to the loop A to keep it in shape. Below the loop A the intermediate portion of the wire is extended into a straight portion D, upon one side of which is formed a circular loop E and upon the other side a loop E', the loop E' being formed from the tip end of

the wire. The portion of the wire between the two loops E and E' crosses the straight portion D at an angle substantially in the form of a figure 8 and forms therewith a clamp within which the rim of a hat or other article may be inserted and securely held. The loops E and E' lie substantially in the same plane with the loops A and B and form supports for the article upon each side of the straight or clamping portion D.

While I have described and illustrated my hanger as used with hats, yet it will be apparent that it might be employed to suspend other articles, and I do not, therefore, limit myself to its use as a hat-hanger.

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

1. A hanger formed from a single piece of wire, one end of which is formed into a closed supporting-loop and the other end is formed into a clamp having two members, one member being a figure-8-shaped clamping member and the other clamping member being the straight portion of the wire below the supporting-loop, substantially as described.

2. A hanger formed from a single piece of wire, one end of which is formed into a supporting-loop, a straight portion below the loop, and two loops in the remaining portion of the wire, one upon each side of the straight portion, the portion of wire between said two loops crossing the straight portion at an angle and forming therewith a clamp for holding the article to be supported, substantially as described.

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