

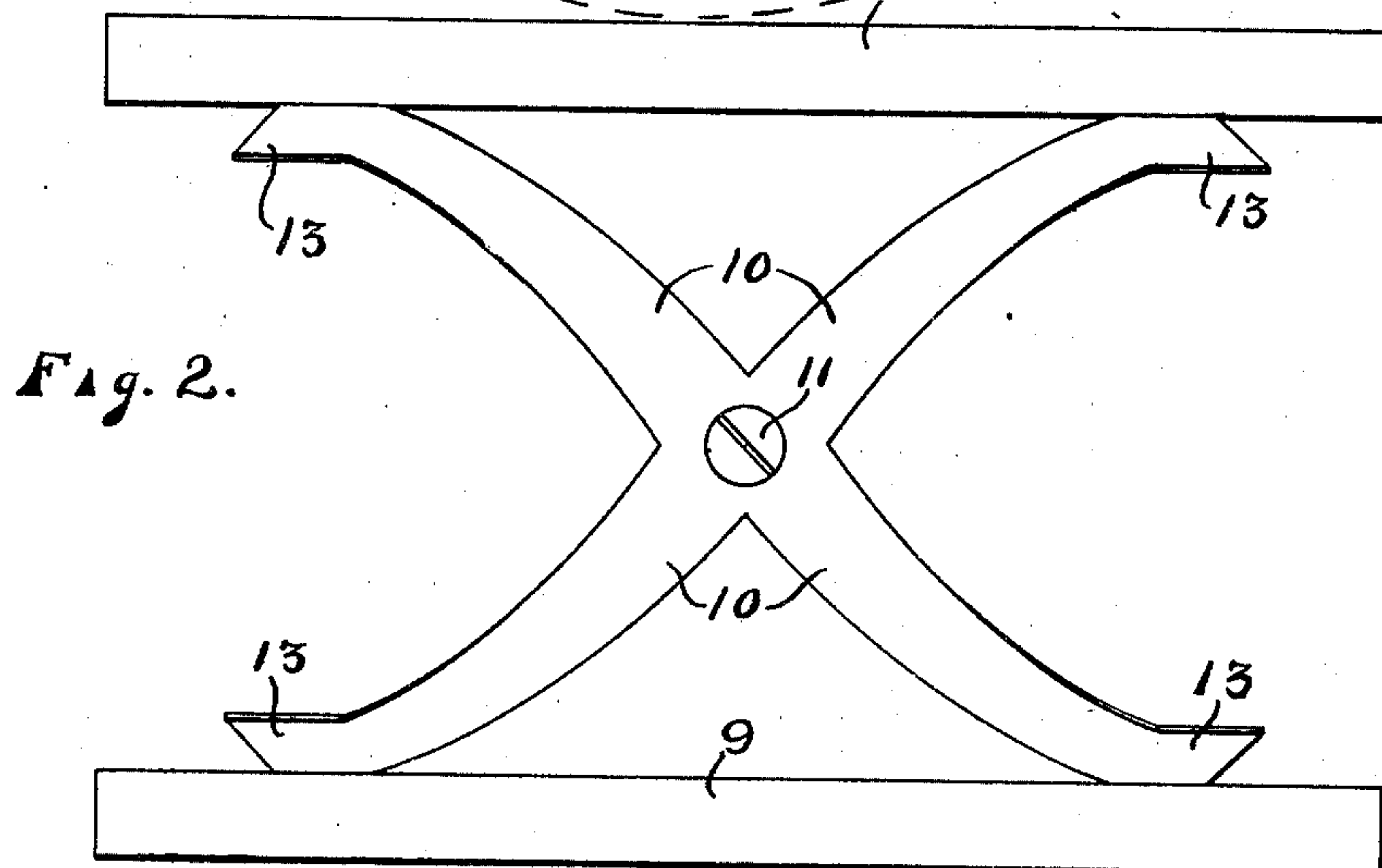
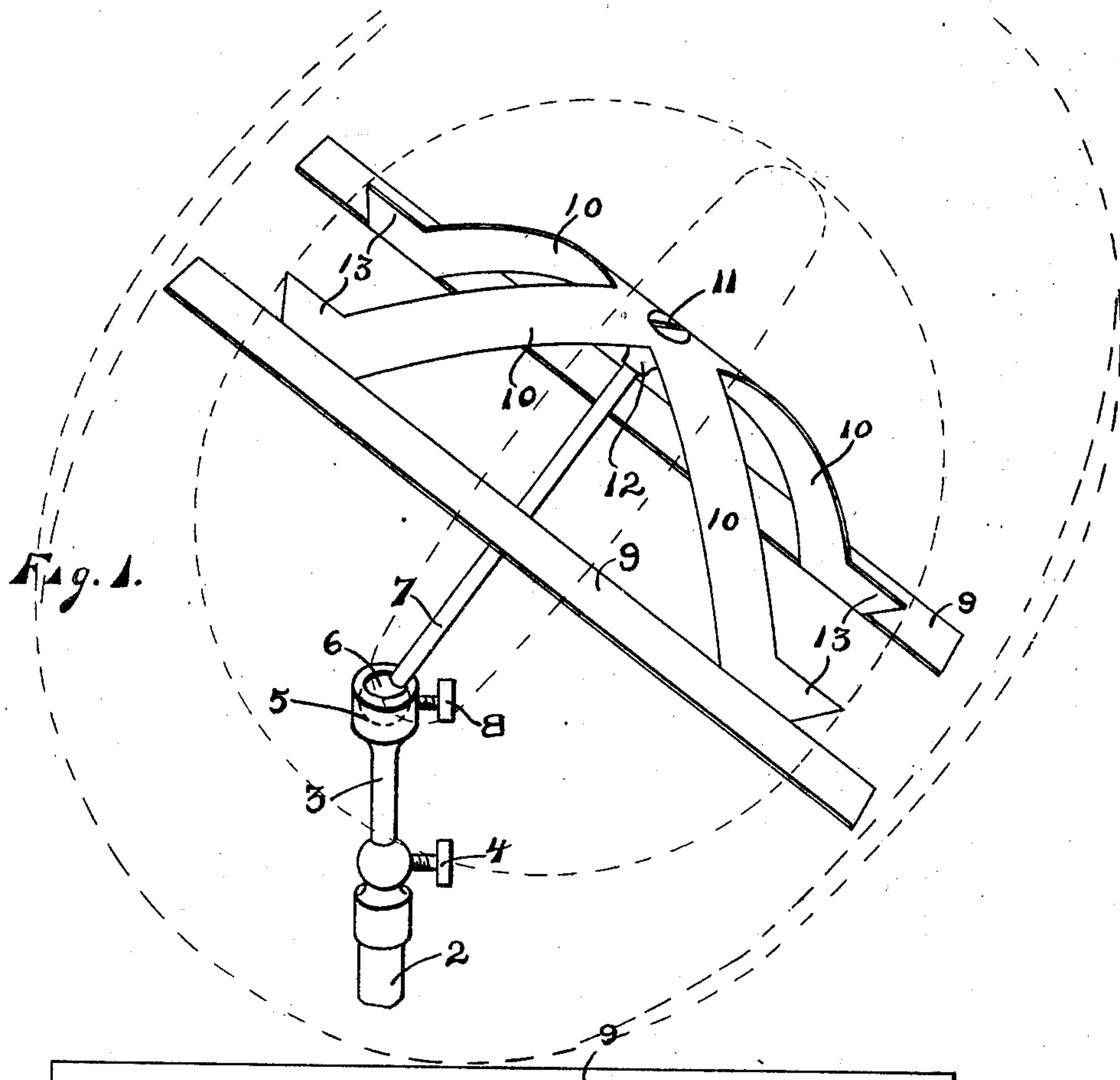
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## HAT-DISPLAY CLIP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADOLPH MARTIN, of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and  
5 useful Improvements in Hat-Display Clips, of which the following is a specification.

In dressing a window or show-case it has been customary to use the well-known cups to support a hat or cap by engaging the top  
10 of the crown on the inside, the entire weight of the hat being supported at the point where the crown bears on the cup. This manner of displaying hats and caps has been found objectionable, owing to the fact that the por-  
15 tion of the crown engaged by the cup is pressed or forced out, particularly when the hat-crown has become soft and damp from exposure in the window, making bulged places which so detract from the appearance of the  
20 hat that it is frequently necessary to reblock it before it is salable.

The object of my invention is to provide a display-clip which will support the hat or cap without bulging or pressing out the crown.

25 A further object is to provide a clip capable of adjustment at any desired angle to its support and one that can be readily put on a standard in place of the ordinary cup.

30 A further object is to provide a clip of a very simple construction, and hence economical to manufacture.

The invention consists generally in a display-clip having side bars and an intermediate arched portion connecting said bars.

35 Further, the invention consists in providing points upon said arched portion which engage the sweat-band and prevent slipping of the hat when displayed at an angle.

40 In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective of a display-clip embodying my invention supported at an angle upon an upright standard. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the clip.

45 In the drawings, 2 represents the upper end of the standard, wherein a stem 3 is adapted to telescope, being locked at any desired height by the thumb-screw 4. Upon the upper end of the stem 3 I provide a socket  
50 5 for a ball 6, mounted on the end of a rod 7, said ball being locked to support the rod at any desired angle by a thumb-screw 8.

The display-clip proper is supported upon the end of the rod 7 and consists of the parallel bars 9, that are connected by an arched  
55 portion 10, which is provided with a screw 11 to enter a head 12 on the end of the rod 7. Upon loosening the screw the clip may be removed and mounted upon another standard or in place of the usual display-cup. The  
60 ends of the bars 9 project beyond the points where the arched portion 10 unites with said bars, and these ends engage the lower portion of the hat or cap crown and support the  
65 same, while the arched portion extends up into the crown, as shown in Fig. 1, though it does not come in contact therewith to bulge or press it out of shape. Upon the arched  
70 portion, preferably near the bars 9, I provide points 13, that are adapted to engage the sweat-band of the hat and prevent it from accidentally slipping off the clip when ad-  
75 justed at an angle. These points do not dig into or mar the sweat-band, but merely catch the same as the hat is hung on the clip, and while serving to hold the hat securely will  
80 nevertheless permit its ready removal. The top of the arched portion is, as shown, a considerable distance from the top of the hat-crown, and it will not be possible in using  
85 this clip to have it bear on the inside of the crown and bulge it out, so as to require re-blocking or even any attention whatever after the hats are removed from the display-window or show-case. A hat or cap may be placed  
90 upon this clip and exhibited, and except perhaps for a little dusting will be fully as salable at all times as those that are kept in the boxes.

The device is preferably stamped out of sheet metal in one piece and may be suitably  
95 formed at the same time, and when nickel-plated will present a neat ornamental appearance in the window and be considerably less expensive than the devices commonly used for this purpose.

I have illustrated my invention in use as a support for a soft hat; but it will be under-  
stood to be equally applicable for a stiff hat, which is difficult to make assume its normal  
100 shape after the crown has been pressed or bulged out by the cup-support bearing on the inside thereof.

I claim as my invention—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a hat-



display clip composed of a single piece of sheet metal having side bars whereon the weight of the hat is supported, and an arched portion intermediate to and connecting said bars and adapted to project up within without engaging the crown of the hat or cap placed thereon.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a hat-display clip, comprising substantially parallel side bars adapted to support the weight of a hat or cap placed thereon, an arched portion having means for attachment to a standard and intermediate to and connecting said bars and projecting up within without engaging the crown of the hat placed thereon, and points provided on said arched portion and adapted to engage the hat sweat-band, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a hat-display clip, composed of a single piece of sheet metal having side bars, an arched portion intermediate to and connecting said bars, the ends of said bars projecting beyond the points where said arched portion unites therewith, and points provided on said arched portion near said bars and adapted to engage

the sweat-band of a hat resting upon said ends.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a hat-display clip, comprising a frame having means for attachment to a standard, substantially parallel bars provided at the side of said frame and whereon the hat is supported and points on said frame to engage the sweat-band of a hat and prevent it from slipping when displayed at an angle.

5. As a new article of manufacture, a hat-display clip comprising a sheet metal frame having substantially parallel supports for the opposite sides of the brim of a hat, and means for attachment to a standard and points provided on said frame in position to catch the sweat-band of a hat and prevent it from slipping when displayed at an angle.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of April, 1902.

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In presence of—

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