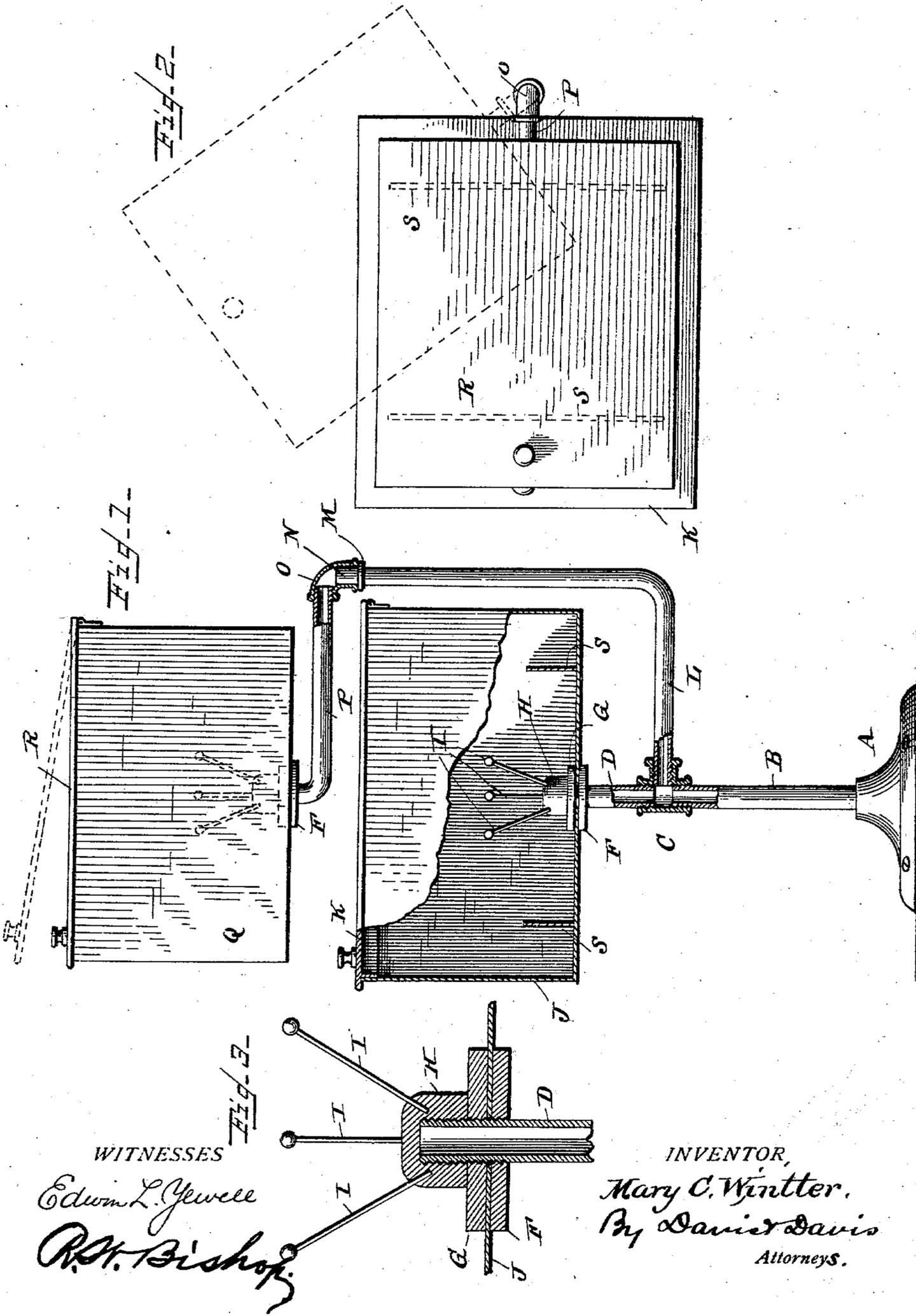


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY C. WINTTER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Norfolk, county of Norfolk, State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Ladies' Hats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of my improved article of furniture; Fig. 2, a plan view thereof, showing in dotted lines the manner of swinging the upper box out of the way when access to the lower box is desired; and Fig. 3, a detail section showing the combined hat-holding prong and clamp for engaging the box.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive article of furniture for holding ladies' hats, which by reason of their delicate structure and expensive character require to be carefully supported and protected when not in use, the apparatus being of a sufficiently ornamental character to be used as an article of furniture in a lady's boudoir and in millinery stores or show-rooms, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the drawings annexed by reference-letters, A designates a suitable base which may or may not be provided with screw-holes to enable it to be fastened to the floor, from which rises a standard B, screwed to the upper end of which is a T-coupling C. Screwed in the upper end of the T-couple is a short section D, which forms an extension of the standard and which is threaded at its upper end. This threaded end has screwed upon it a flat disk or plate F, and clamped between this disk and a similar disk or plate G above it is the bottom of a suitable metal box J, the bottom being provided with a hole up through which the threaded end of the part D extends. Screwed on the extreme upper end of the part D is a cap H, which serves as a binding-nut to hold the disk G against unscrewing and which carries a series of upward-extending diverging rods I, provided with knobs at their upper extremities, these rods being adapted to support the hat. The box is provided with a suitable cover hinged

at its rear edge, and its interior may be partitioned off in any suitable manner to provide small receptacles for gloves, ribbons, hat-pins, &c. In the drawings I have shown two transverse partitions S, extending across the box respectively near its front and rear wall, forming shallow receptacles.

To provide for an additional box, a supplemental standard L is screwed into the horizontal nipple of the coupling C and is bent so that its upper end terminates at the rear of and above the box J. Swivelly mounted on the upper smooth end of this standard L is an elbow O, which rests upon a collar M on said standard, so that said elbow is capable of being rotated thereon. Screwed into the elbow is a horizontal arm P, which extends forward over the lower box and is bent upward and extends through the bottom of the upper box Q and secured thereto by devices similar to those attaching the lower box to the main standard. The upper box is also provided with a cover R.

It will be observed that the upper box may be swung horizontally backward far enough to permit the cover K of the lower box to be lifted and thrown back, so that the hat therein may be lifted out without injury.

It will be observed that the arrangement of boxes is such that they will both be supported centrally over the standard, so as to thereby give the stand the utmost stability. It will be observed also that additional box capacity may be provided for, if desired, that the boxes may be made of any suitable metal or other material and may be made very ornamental. The standards may be made, for lightness, of metal tubing, as shown, or solid rods may be employed, and other minor changes may be made without departing from the invention in the least.

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

1. In an apparatus of the class described, the combination of a supporting-standard, a box supported centrally thereon, a supplemental standard attached to said standard and extending backward and upward to the rear of said box, an arm swivelly supported on said standard so as to swing forward cen-

trally over the lower box and backward away from the same, and another box carried by this arm.

2. In combination, a standard, threaded at its upper end, a box having a hole in its bottom through which said standard extends, screw-disks clamping said bottom, a binding-cap screwed over the upper end of said standard and carrying a series of hat-holding rods.

3. In an article of furniture, the combination of a standard, a covered box supported on the upper end thereof and provided with means for supporting a hat within it, another box supported over said box, and means for swivelly supporting said upper box from the main standard, whereby said upper box may be swung away from the lower box to permit the cover of said lower box to be opened.

4. In combination, a standard threaded at its upper end, a supporting disk or plate thereon, a box resting upon said disk or plate and provided with a hole in its bottom through which said standard projects, a clamping device on the upper screw-threaded end of the standard adapted to clamp the bottom of the box against the disk or plate and carrying a

series of upward-projecting hat-holding devices.

5. In an article of furniture, the combination of a standard, a covered box supported thereon, another box supported over said first box, and means for swivelly supporting said upper box from the main standard, whereby said upper box may be swung away from the lower box to permit the cover of said lower box to be opened.

6. In an article of furniture, the combination of a standard, a covered box supported thereon, and provided with means for supporting a hat within it, another box supported over said covered box and means for movably supporting said upper box from the main standard, whereby said upper box may be moved away from over the lower box.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 16th day of February, 1903.

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