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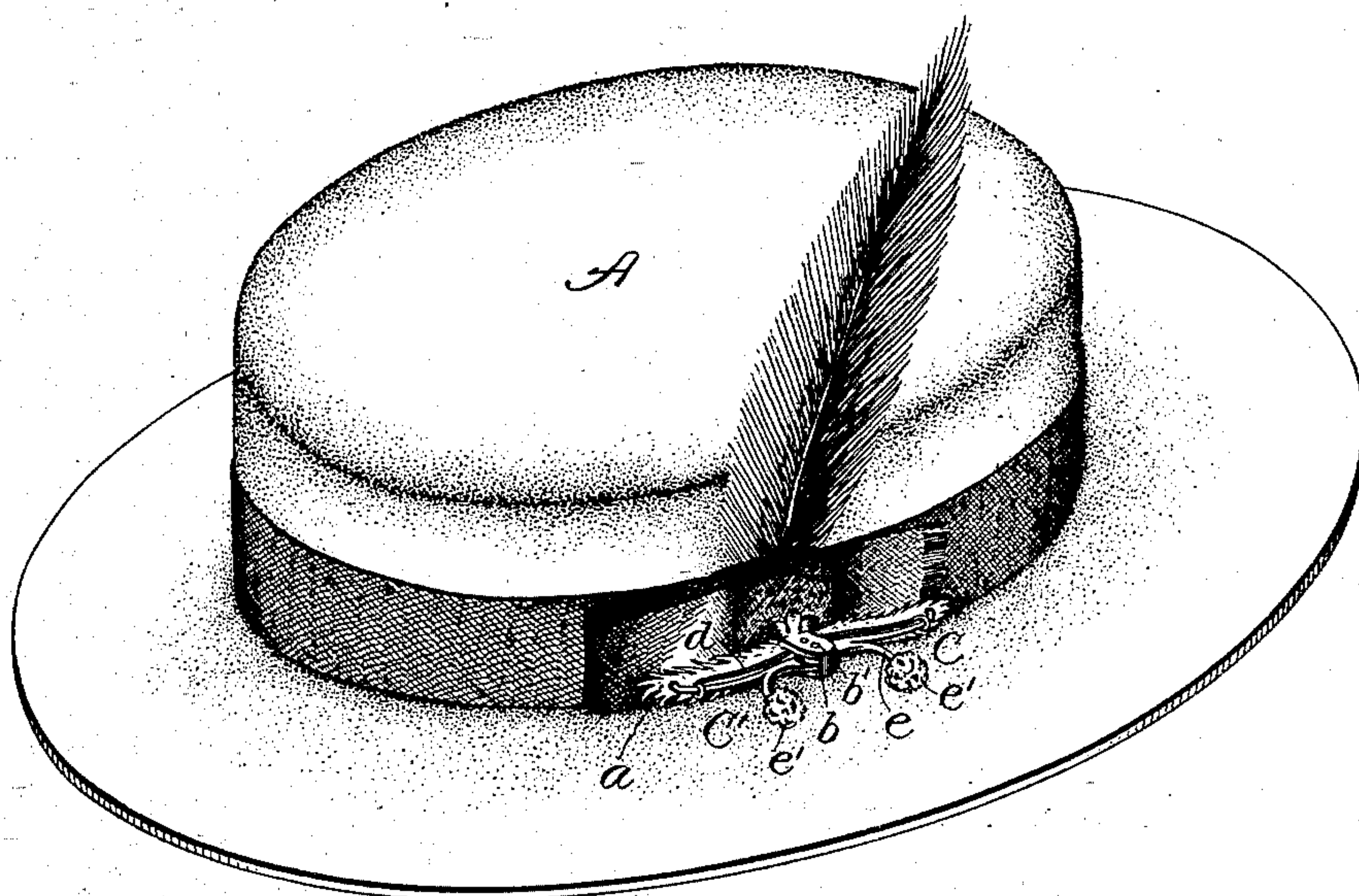
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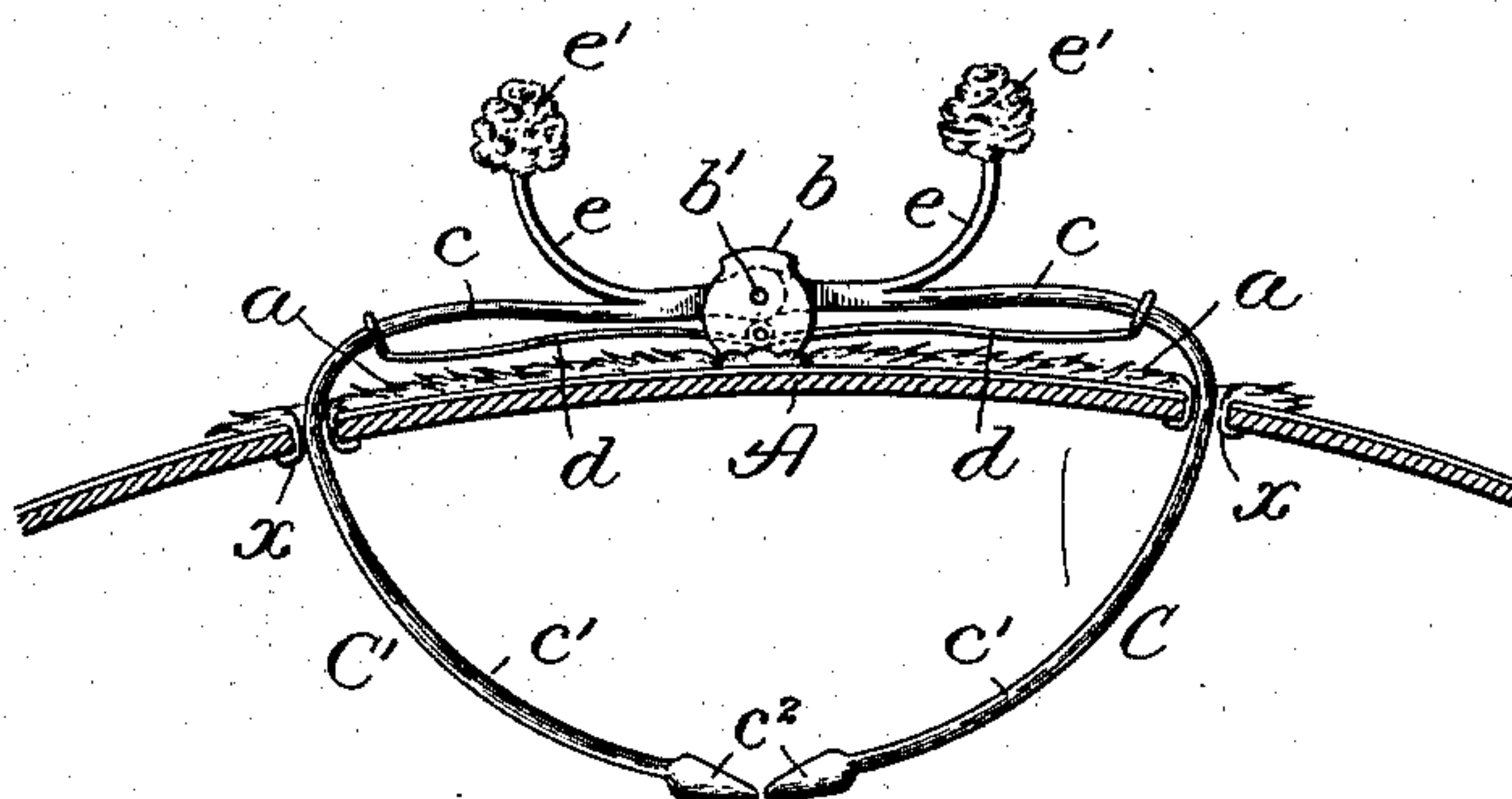
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## HAT-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS VIHON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Austin, Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in the class of fasteners used by ladies for penetrating their hats and engaging with their hair to fasten the hats on their heads.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved construction of fastener in the class referred to, whereby it shall be peculiarly effective in its purpose and may be rendered desirably ornamental to serve as an embellishment of a hat upon which it is used.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat equipped with my improved fastener; and Fig. 2 a plan view of the fastener in position on the hat, of which a broken section is shown.

A strip *a*, of metal or other suitable material, is caused to conform to the curve of the side of a hat *A*, to which it is applied and securely fastened. It is preferred to render the strip *a*, which affords the base of the fastener, ornamental, as by forming it in resemblance of an elongated leaf having serrated edges, as shown, with serrations at suitable points penetrating the side of the hat and bent against the inner side thereof to fasten the base in position, as represented at *x x* in Fig. 2, where openings are shown in the hat to admit the penetrating serrations on the strip *a*. However, other means than those described for securing the base in position on the hat may be used without departure from my invention. Centrally between the ends of the curved plate *a* it carries on its outer side a bifurcated bearing *b*, crossed by a stud *b'*, on which are pivoted side by side at corresponding ends pins *C* and *C'*. These pins are alike, each comprising an arm portion *c*, one end of which is pivoted, as described, and the arm portions are bent to form fingers *c'*, curving toward each other to coincide, as shown, at their extremities, the ends being provided with pointed heads *c''*. A spring *d*, confined on the base *a*, with its outer ends connected with the arms

*c c*, tends to maintain the points *c''* in the relative positions in which they are illustrated and to return them to that position when retracted therefrom. For so retracting the fingers *c'* to spread apart the points there is provided on the arms a handle shown in the form of an outwardly-curved branch *e* on each arm terminating in a suitably-ornamental head *e'*.

In practice two of my improved fasteners are provided on a hat, one at each side thereof. When the fastener is in place on a hat as described, the wearer of the hat in putting it on grasps the handle *e e* of each fastener in one hand, and thereby turns the arms *c* outward on their pivot, with the effect of withdrawing the fingers from obstructing the seating of the hat-crown on the head of the wearer, thus bringing the points *c''* adjacent to the openings at *x x*. When the hat has therefore been adjusted on the head of the wearer, the latter releases the handle of each fastener, when the spring *d* by its recoil will force the fingers *c'* to the relative positions in which they are illustrated and cause them to penetrate the hair in coming together at the points, the shouldered form of which tends to hold them against too ready retraction. To unfasten the hat preparatory to removing it, the handles of the fasteners are compressed to withdraw the fingers *c'* out of the hair, and thus release the hat to permit its removal.

My improvement is not limited to the exact details shown and described, as they may be variously modified without departure from the invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A hat-fastener comprising, in combination, a base-plate adapted to be secured to a side of a hat-crown and provided with a bearing, pins composed of spring-pressed arms pivoted at corresponding ends on said bearing to extend therefrom in contrary directions lengthwise along said plate and terminating in pointed fingers penetrating said plate and curved to bring adjacent to each other their pointed extremities, said fingers being retractable to withdraw their points close to the plate by turning the pins on said bearing, and a handle on said arms for retracting them to



spread apart the fingers, substantially as described.

2. A hat-fastener comprising, in combination, a base-plate adapted to be secured to a side of a hat-crown and provided with a bearing, pins composed of spring-pressed arms pivoted at corresponding ends on said bearing to extend therefrom in contrary directions lengthwise along said plate and terminating in fingers penetrating said plate with pointed heads and oppositely curved to bring the points adjacent to each other, said fingers being retractable to withdraw their pointed heads close to the plate by turning the pins on said bearing, and a handle composed of bent branches projecting outwardly from said arms, by which to retract them and spread apart the fingers, substantially as described.

3. A hat-fastener comprising, in combination, a base-plate having openings near its op-

posite ends and provided with means for fastening it to a side of a hat-crown, a bearing projecting outwardly from said plate, pins composed of spring-pressed arms pivoted at corresponding ends on said bearing to extend therefrom in contrary directions lengthwise along said plate and terminating in fingers curved to pass through said plate-openings and project toward each other and having headed and pointed ends, the fingers being retractable to withdraw said ends close to the plate by turning the pins on their bearing, and a handle composed of bent headed branches projecting outwardly from said arms, by which to retract them and spread apart the fingers, substantially as described.

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