

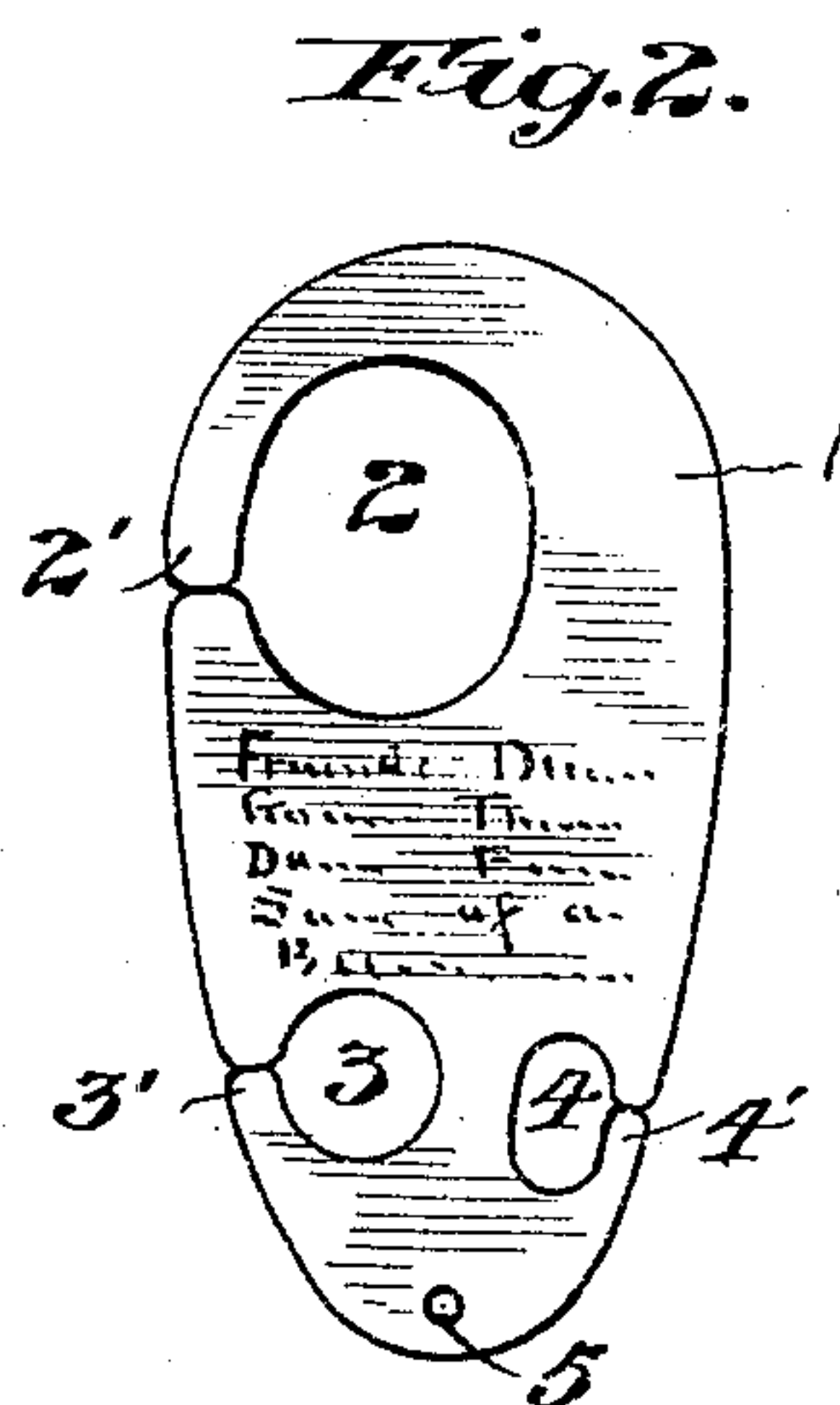
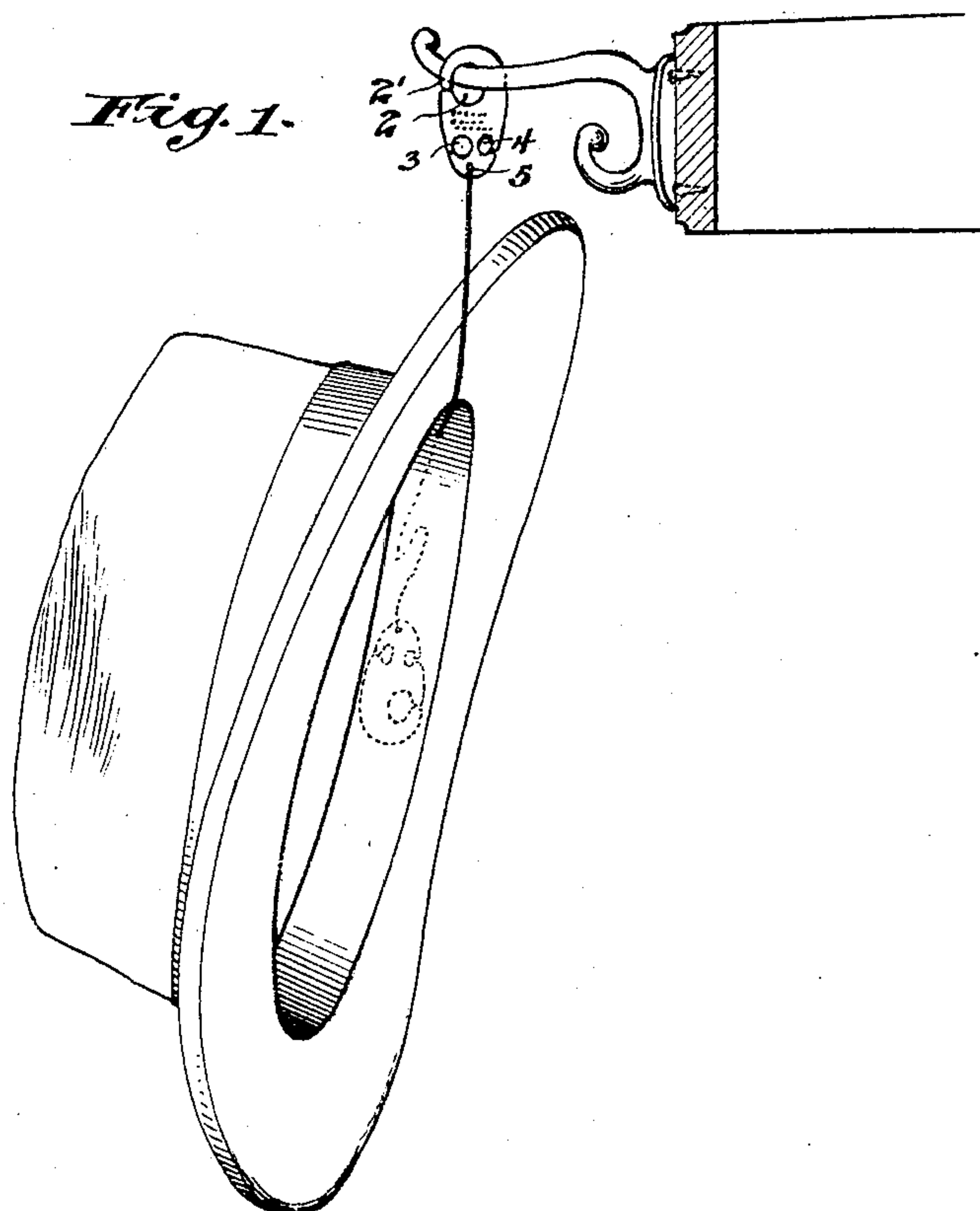
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL F. CARLSON, of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hat-clasps, and has for its objects to provide a simple little clasp or lock which may be permanently attached to a hat and by means of which the hat may be hung upon hooks, rings, or other supports of various kinds and sizes without chance or possibility of being accidentally removed therefrom, to provide a clasp of the character referred to of such construction that it may be conveniently carried or stored away beneath the sweat-band or outer band of the hat when not in use without exposure to view or without inconvenience or discomfiture to the wearer, to provide such a clasp with a number of hook-receiving openings having a spring lip or closure by means of which they may be flexed upon a rod or hook upon which they could not be placed if permanently closed, and to provide an extremely cheap construction of convenient size to be stored away in the hat and at the same time have sufficient surface upon each side for advertising matter of any desirable nature.

To the above ends the invention consists in the matters hereinafter referred to and will be readily understood from the following description and reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the invention in use and also in stored-away position in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the invention.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the invention consists of a thin metal plate body 1, provided with a number of support-receiving openings 2, 3, and 4 and with a cord-attaching aperture or hole 5. The support-receiving apertures are preferably provided with spring-lips 2', 3', and 4', having rounded corners and adapted to contact correspondingly-rounded portions of the body, as clearly shown in the drawings. The lips are capable of being flexed laterally to permit

the admission of the hook or other support upon which it is desired to hang the hat to the support-receiving opening. It will be understood, of course, that the device is stamped or cut out at a single operation from sheet metal, preferably of steel, possessing, or tempered so that it will possess, sufficient flexibility to retain and return to its normal position when flexed in any manner. The rounded corners of the lip and adjoining portions facilitate the application to and removal from the support upon which it is hung.

When not in use the device is stored away under the sweat-band of the hat, as clearly shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. This is more preferable than to apply it to the hat-band and permits of the cord being attached to a part of the hat which is not conspicuous while being worn and which does not draw any part of the hat out of shape, as is the case when attached to the hat-band, as well as placing the cord in a position which will not inconvenience the wearer of the hat.

It is obvious that modifications and alterations in the arrangement and construction can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, and I do not, therefore, limit the invention to the form adopted to illustrate the same, except in so far as made the subject-matter of specific claims.

I claim—

1. A hat-clasp, comprising a thin, resilient body provided with a plurality of support-receiving openings, said openings being of various sizes and the periphery of each provided with a cut extending to the margin of the body.

2. A hat-clasp consisting of a body of thin resilient sheet metal having curved margins and a plurality of support-receiving openings formed therein contiguous to the margins, said body provided with a dividing cut extending out from each opening to the margin of the body whereby spring-lips are formed bounding the admission-opening of each support-receiving opening, substantially as described.

3. A hat-clasp consisting of a body of thin

resilient sheet metal having therethrough a plurality of support-receiving openings, said openings having each a slit leading to the margin of said body, whereby spring-lips are
5 formed capable of being flexed laterally to permit admission to said openings, said openings being so positioned in said body that a

substantial plain surface is left unoccupied, and means for attaching said clasp to a hat, substantially as described.

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