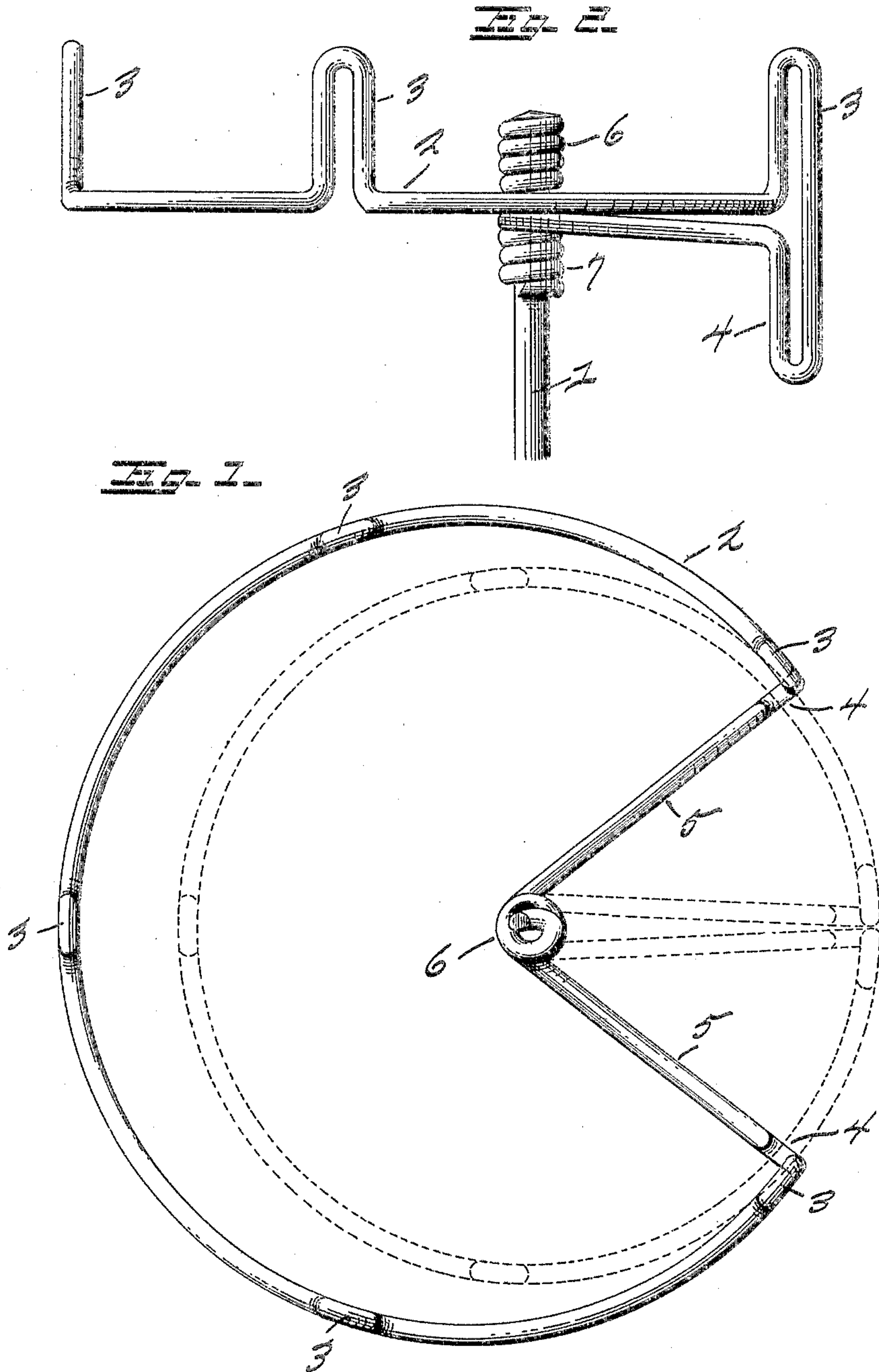


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VALENTINE F. DIEBEL, of Toledo, county of Lucas, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention has reference to a hat-holder for displaying hats in stores where they are offered for sale; and it has for its object to provide an effective device of this character which shall be simple and inexpensive in construction and convenient to operate.

The invention is especially adapted for the display of hats worn by women, although it is equally effective for displaying hats worn by men.

The invention consists more particularly in the novel arrangement and details of construction hereinafter shown and described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved hat-holder, showing in full lines the normal position of the same when expanded and showing the same contracted in dotted outline; and Fig 2 is a side elevation of the same.

In the drawings, 1 is a stem or standard mounted upon a suitable base, (not shown,) and the same is adapted to support the head 2. The head is constructed of suitable spring-wire, substantially annular in form with a segmental open portion to permit the same to be contracted.

3 represents upwardly-extending bent portions arranged at suitable intervals about the head to engage the interior of the hat-crown, and 4 represents portions bent downwardly at the free ends of the head and adapted to be

pressed toward each other between the thumb and fingers of the operator when the head is to be contracted. The ends of the wire forming the head are extended inward radially from the portions 4, as at 5, and at the extreme ends of said radial extensions the wire is coiled, as at 6 and 7, to provide independent pivotal connections with the stem.

It will be observed that by simply pressing the parts 4 together the resilient head will be contracted to enter any size of hat-crown and that upon being released the hat will be firmly held in position, being engaged by the upwardly-extending portions 3. Where the device is employed for holding hats worn by men, the resilient head is preferably oval-shaped to conform to the shape of the hat-crown instead of circular, as shown.

From the foregoing description the novelty, utility, and improved operation of my invention will be apparent.

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

1. In a hat-holder, a supporting-stem, and a resilient, contractible head in the form of a mutilated annulus, having radial connections pivoted upon the stem, substantially as described.

2. In a hat-holder, a supporting-stem, and a resilient, contractible head constructed of a single piece of wire having the upwardly-bent engaging portions 3, the downwardly-bent portions 4, and the radial extensions 5 coiled at the ends to pivotally engage the supporting-stem, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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