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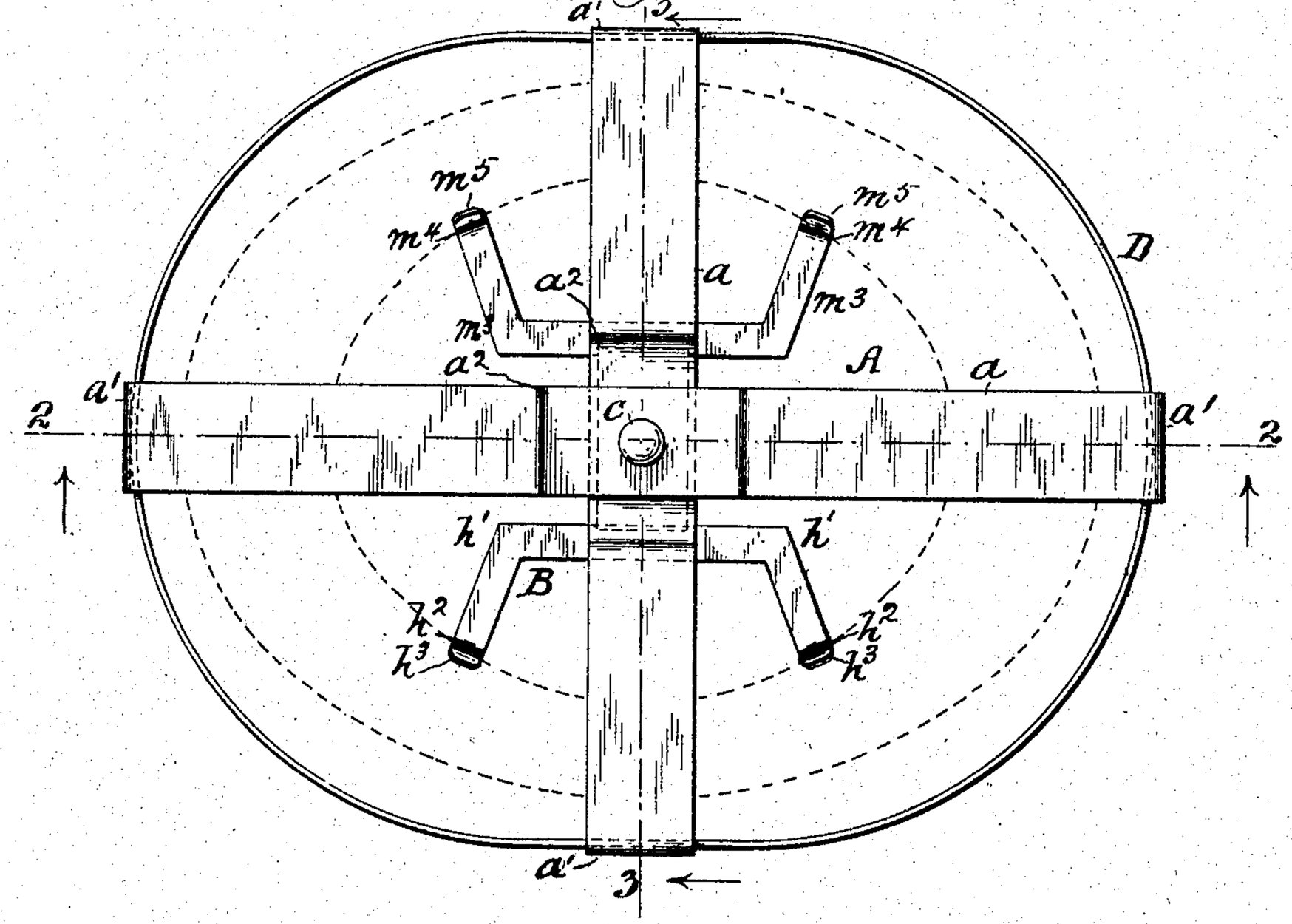

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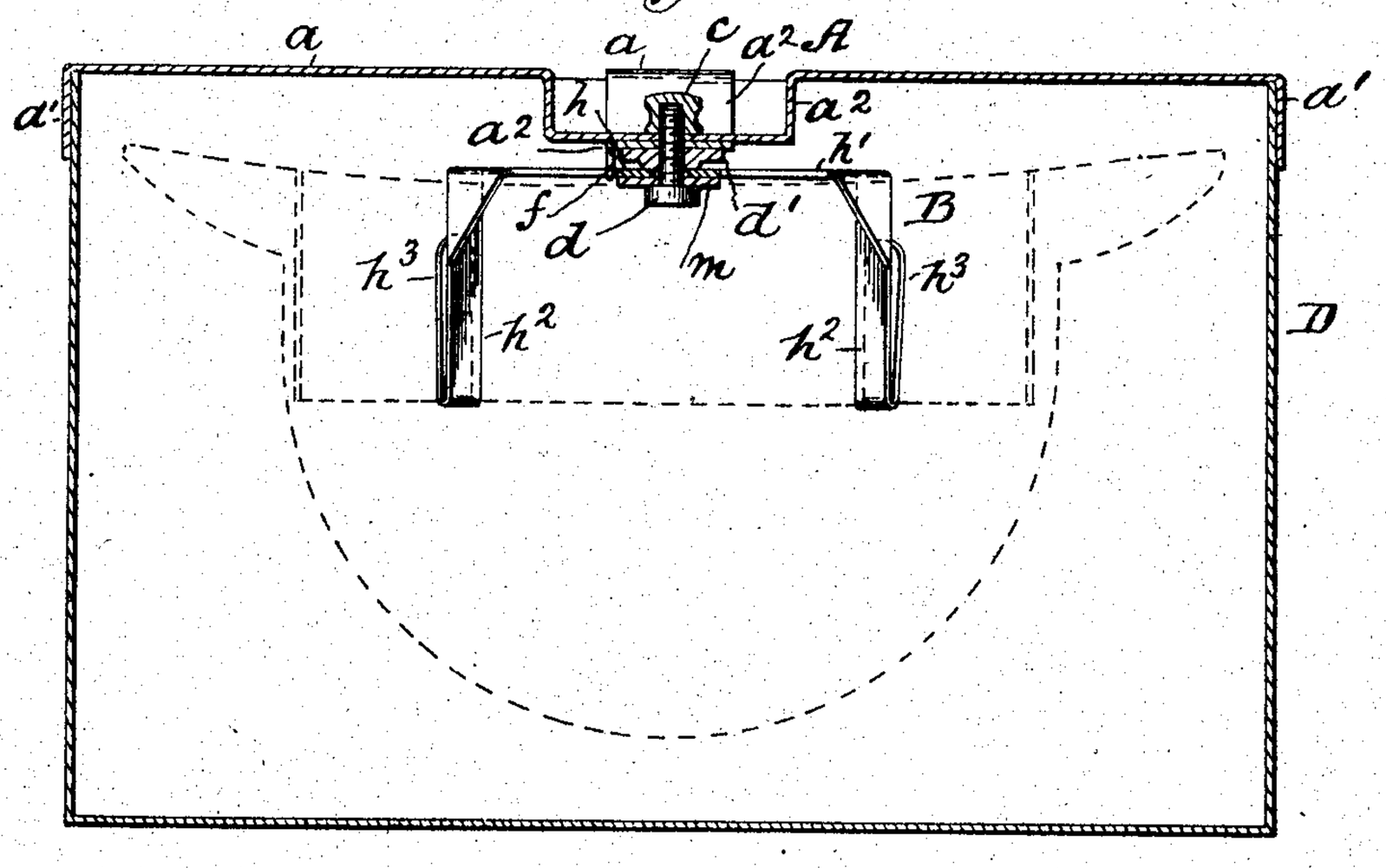

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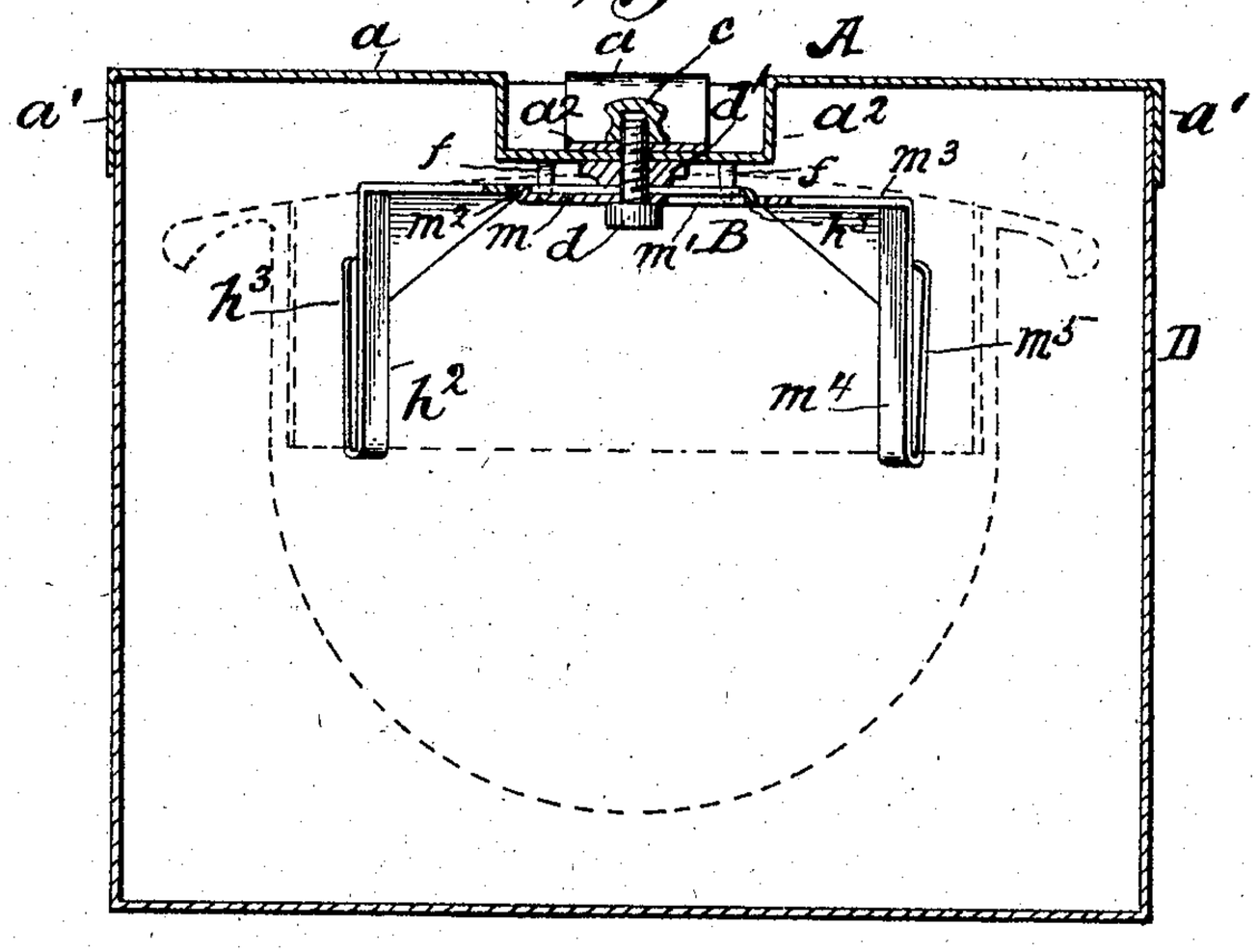

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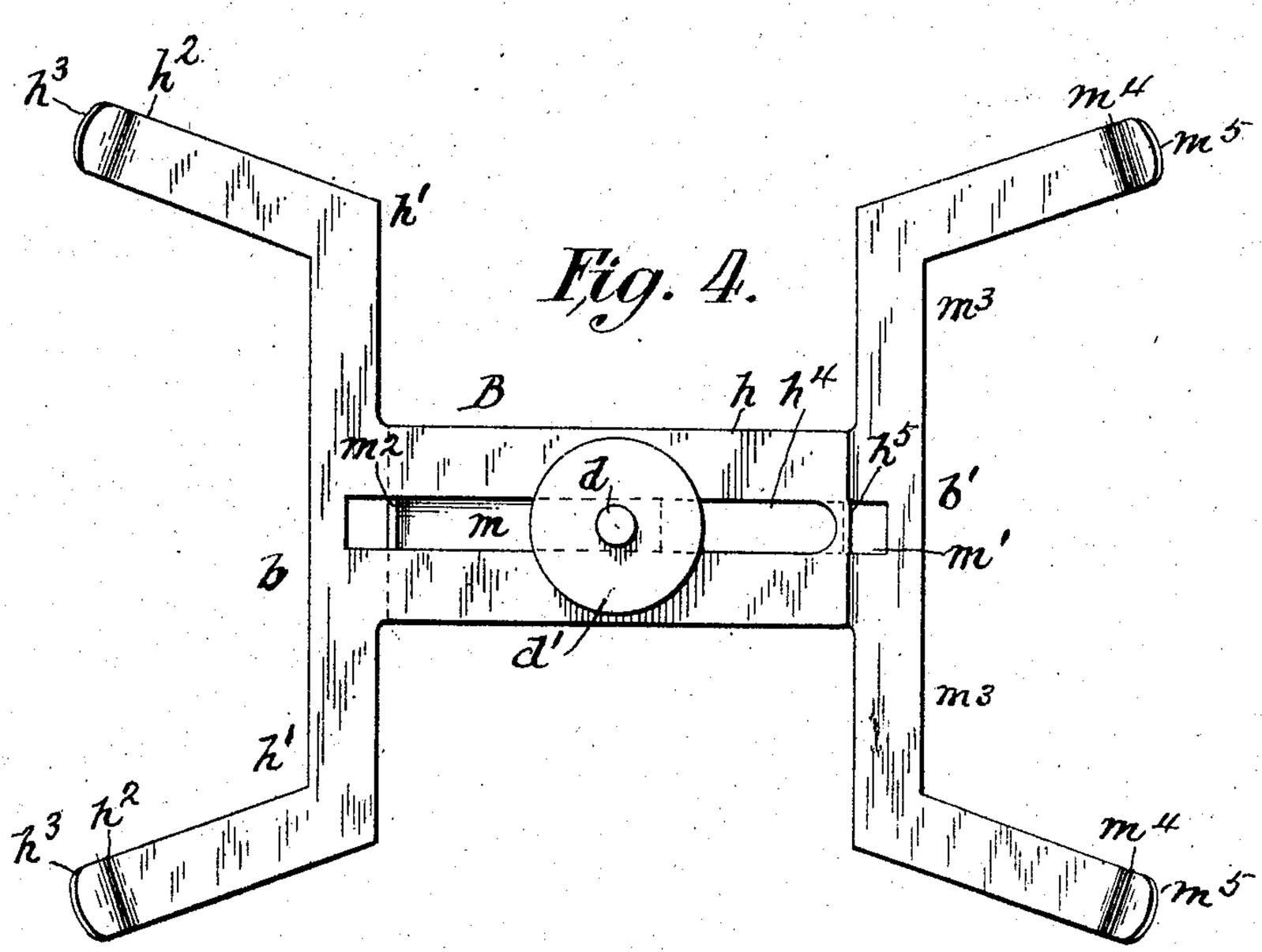

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES ELLIOT BAKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide means for holding hats in hat-boxes in such a manner that they will not come in contact with the interior of the box during shipment and will not be marred or rubbed by the holder or by the box; and to this end my invention consists mainly in combining with a spanner adapted to engage with the edges of the hat-box a hat-holding device adapted to suspend the hat inside of the box from the said spanner.

The invention also consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, all as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, to which reference is made and which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention applied to a hat-box, the cover of the box being removed. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation on line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the hat-holder proper detached from the box-brace.

In the drawings, A designates a spanner and brace for the hat-box, and B designates the hat-holding device proper, which is attached to and suspended in the hat-box from the said spanner.

The box-spanner is composed, by preference, of the strips or plates a a, each formed with flanges a' a' at the ends adapted to embrace the edges of the hat-box D on opposite diameters, as shown clearly in Fig. 1. The strips or plates a a are crossed in the center, and at this point each is formed with a depression a^2, and in said depression the plates are secured by a bolt d and nut c. One of the plates, the lowermost one, is formed or provided with stops or lugs f f, which serve to prevent the hat-holder B from revolving upon the bolt d. Any suitable form of stop may be employed in place of the said lugs.

The hat-holder B is composed of the two frames or members b b', (see Fig. 4,) which are clamped together by the bolt d and the nut d', which latter works on the said bolt between the spanner and the members of the hat-holder, as shown clearly in Figs. 2 and 3. The member b of the hat-holder is formed with a main body-plate h, two lateral angle-arms h' h', which are bent downward to form legs h^2 h^2 and then upward to form the keepers h^3 h^3, which are adapted to receive the sweat-band of the hat to suspend it thereby, as shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. The said body member h is formed with a slot h^4 and with the lip h^5, which acts as a guide and stop in the slot of the other member b' of the hat-holder.

The member b' of the hat-holder is formed with the main body-plate m, through which the bolt d passes and in which it is held. It is slotted, as shown at m', to receive the lip h^5 of the member b, as shown clearly in Fig. 3, and it is formed with a lip m^2, which works in the slot h^4 of the member b, so that by loosening the nut d' the two members may be adjusted out and in according to the size of the hat to be held. Otherwise the member b' is in all respects like the member b—that is to say, it is formed with the lateral angle-arms m^3 m^3 and the legs m^4 m^4, which are bent back to form the keepers m^5 m^5.

In use the hat-holder proper, B, is detached from the box-spanner by removing the nut c from the bolt d. The nut d' is then loosened and the members adjusted to the size of the hat and the sweat-band placed in the keepers h^3 and m^5. In this adjustment a spring tension is put in the keepers h^3 m^5, so that they will press outwardly against the body of the hat, thus holding it firmly in place. The nut d' is then screwed down tightly, and then the spanner is placed upon the bolt d and the nut c screwed down, when the whole is ready to be placed upon the edge of the hat-box D, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

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

1. A hat-holder comprising two main members united at the center, each composed of a main central body and formed with lateral arms, each arm being formed with a downwardly-projecting leg and each leg with an upwardly-projecting spring-keeper which presses against the body of the hat and holds the sweat-band between it and the downwardly-projecting leg, substantially as described.

2. A hat-holder formed with lateral arms bent downward to form legs and each leg bent upward to form keeper for holding the hat, and a bolt at the center of the hat-holder, in

combination with a spanner adapted to be applied to the edge of the hat-box and to the center of which the hat-holder is detachably connected by said bolt, substantially as described.

3. A spanner for a hat-box, comprising two centrally-crossed plates, each formed with an apertured depression at the center, and formed with downwardly-projecting end flanges to embrace the edge of the hat-box, in combination with a hat-holder having a central screw-bolt inserted in the apertures in said plates and a nut on said screw-bolt, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. A hat-holder composed of two separate members, one of which is slotted, the other provided with a screw-bolt, each member being formed with lateral arms bent downward to form legs, a nut upon said bolt for clamping the two members together, in combination with a spanner for the hat-box formed with apertures to receive said bolt and a nut on the outer end of said bolt, substantially as described.

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