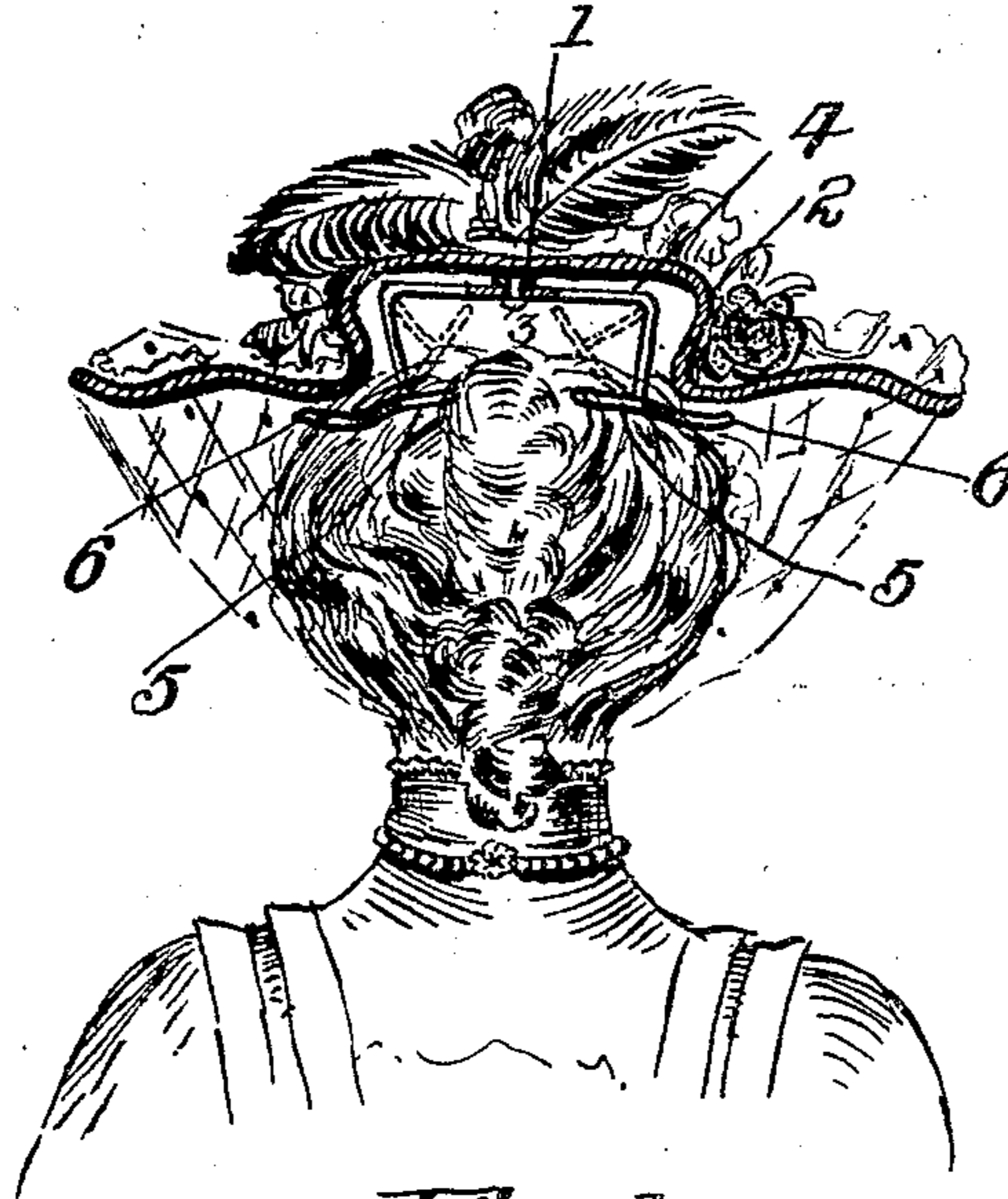


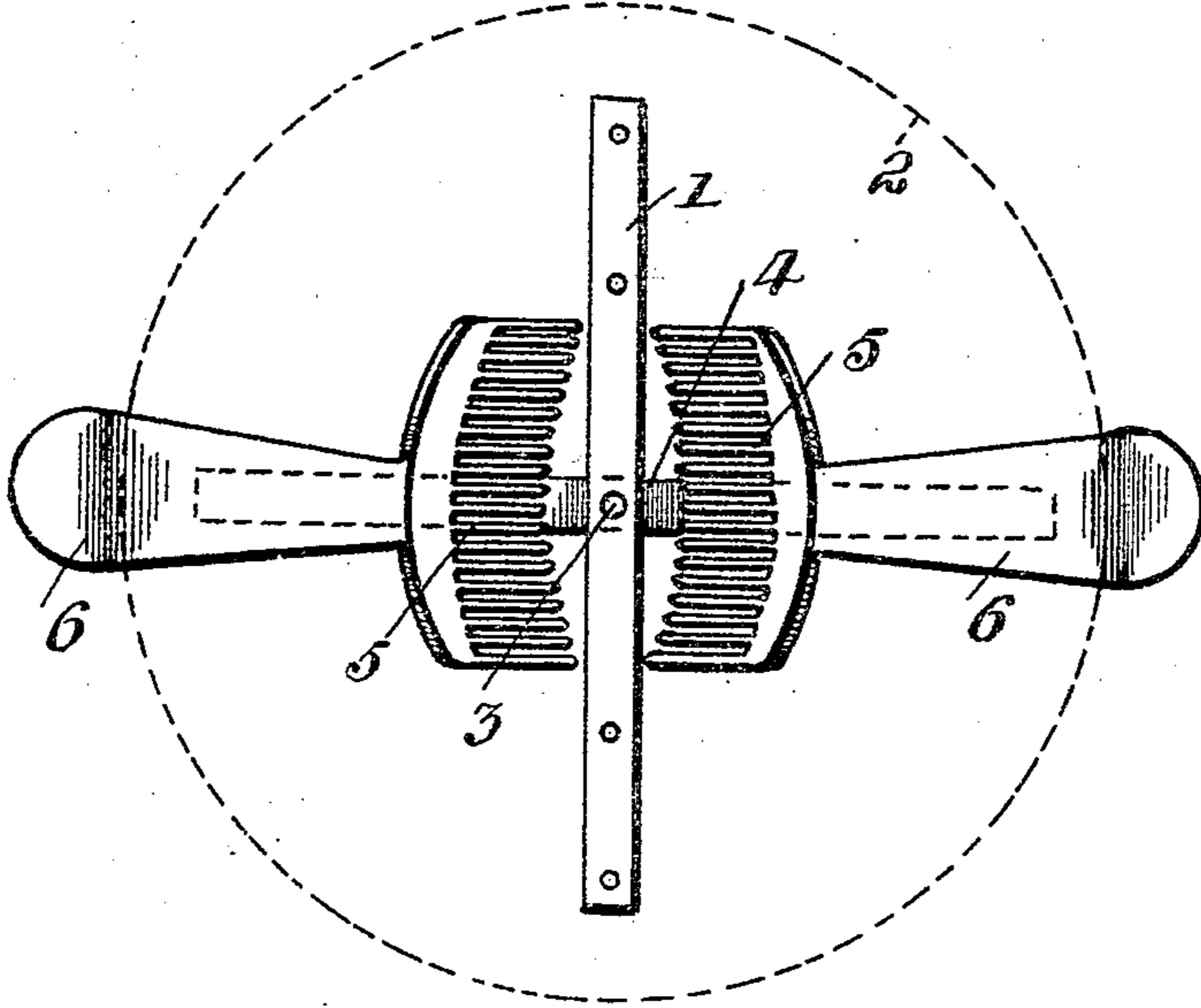
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN STAWARTZ, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Homestead, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and Useful Improvements in Hat-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hat-fasteners, the primary object of the invention being to provide novel and effective means for retaining a lady's hat in position upon the head and also to permit of the easy and quick removal thereof when desired.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a device in which the pins ordinarily employed passed through the crown or other portion of the hat are entirely dispensed with and in which the securing means are also substantially hidden from view.

Briefly described, the invention comprises a spring hanger or yoke swiveled to the hat-crown and embodying depending spring-arms, and to the ends of which are attached two oppositely-disposed combs adapted to take into the hair on the head of the wearer and hold the hat in position on the head. The combs have outwardly-extending arms, by means of which they may be spread to disengage the same from the hair and permit the removal of the hat from the head.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a transverse sectional view of a hat equipped with my improved retainer, showing the same in full lines in its engaging position and in dotted lines showing the position the combs assume when the hat has been removed from the head; and Fig. 2 is an underneath plan view of the retainer, showing the crown of the hat in dotted lines.

In order to securely support the retainer from the hat-crown, it is preferably provided with a stiffening-strip 1, which may be sewed or otherwise firmly attached to the hat-crown 2 or underneath face thereof. Attached to

this stiffening-strip 1 centrally of its length, as by a pivot 3, is a suspension spring yoke or hanger 4, the ends of which are attached to combs 5 substantially at the back of said combs. This yoke or hanger is made of spring material, and the depending arms thereof are adapted when the combs have been disengaged from the hair to lie in the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings. This, it will be evident, will permit the hat to be placed on the head without engaging the combs with the hair, if it is so desired. The combs are provided at their back edge with outwardly-extending arms or finger-pieces 6, the outer ends of which are preferably extended slightly beyond the crown of the hat, so that they can be easily engaged and the arms of the yoke or hanger moved, whereby to spread the same in order to bring the combs down into substantially parallel horizontal position, and when they are thus released the spring-arms of the yoke or hanger draw the combs firmly into engagement with the hair of the wearer.

It is to be observed that the device can be easily and quickly operated to engage the same in the hair or to disengage the same therefrom in order to permit the removal of the hat. The yoke or hanger may be riveted firmly to the strengthening-strip 1, or it may be hung on the rivet 3, so as to have movement thereon, in order to permit slight adjustment in the positioning of the combs for engagement with the hair of the wearer.

While I have shown and described the preferable embodiment of the invention, it will be evident that various slight changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit thereof.

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

1. In a hat-retainer, the combination with a hat, of a yoke or hanger swiveled to the crown of the hat, and embodying depending spring-arms, a hair-gripping means secured to said spring-arms, and embodying combs, and finger-pieces secured to said combs and extending

downwardly beneath and beyond the crown of  
said hat.

2. In a hat-retainer, the combination with a  
hat, of an elongated strengthening-strip affixed  
5 to the underneath face of the crown of said  
hat, a yoke or hanger swiveled to said strength-  
ening-strip and embodying depending arms,  
combs secured to said arms, and finger-pieces

secured to said combs and extending out-  
wardly beneath the crown and rim of the hat. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in  
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