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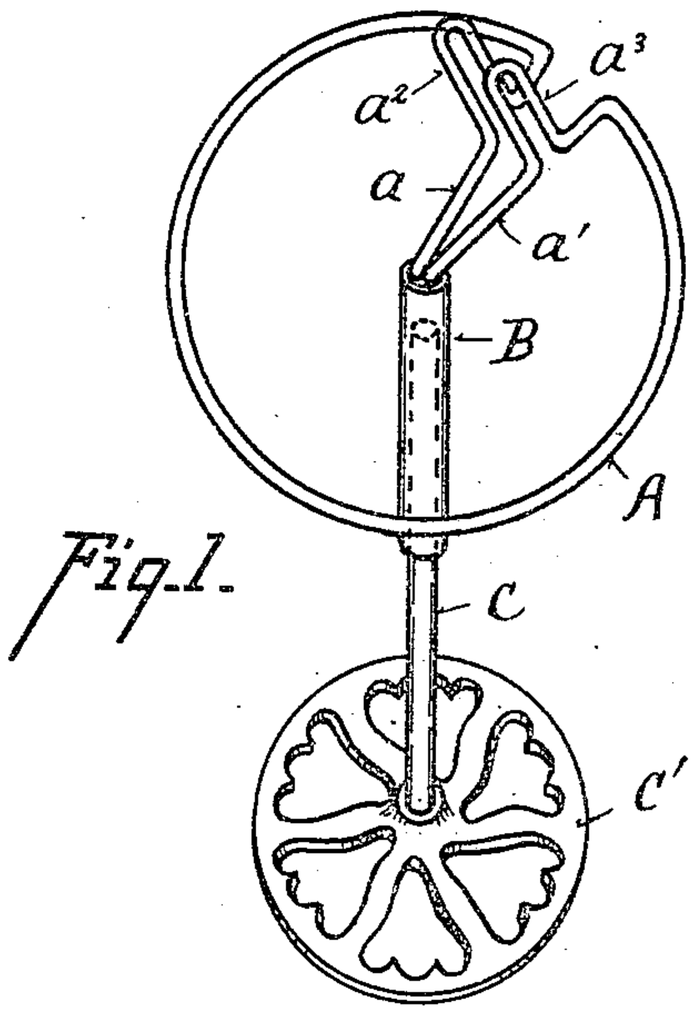
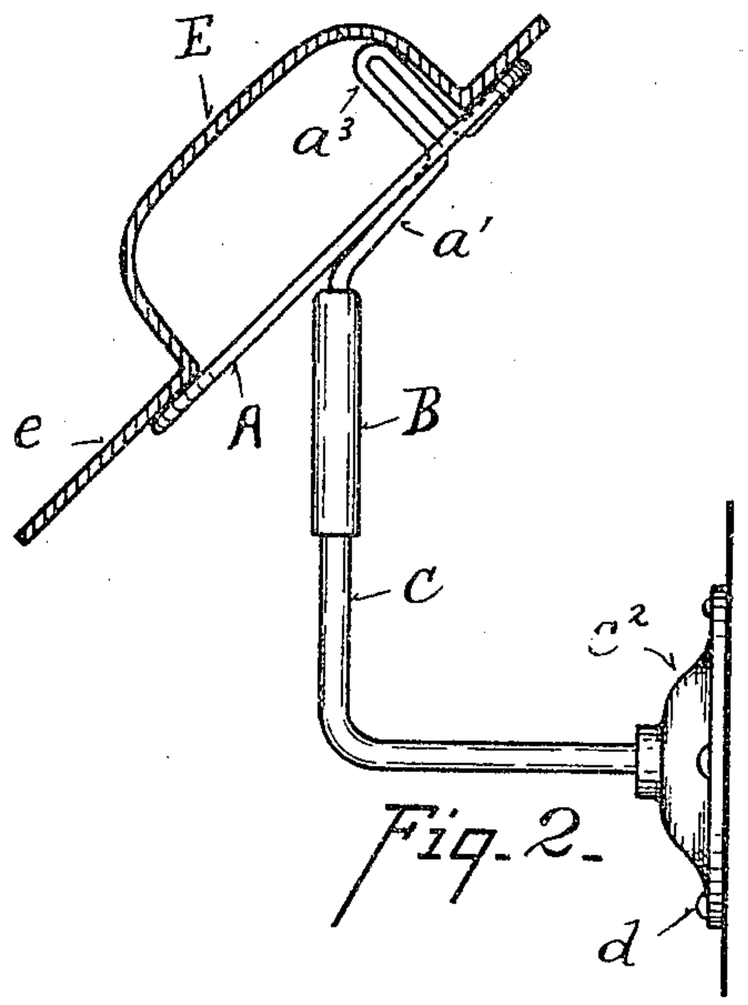


Fig. 1.



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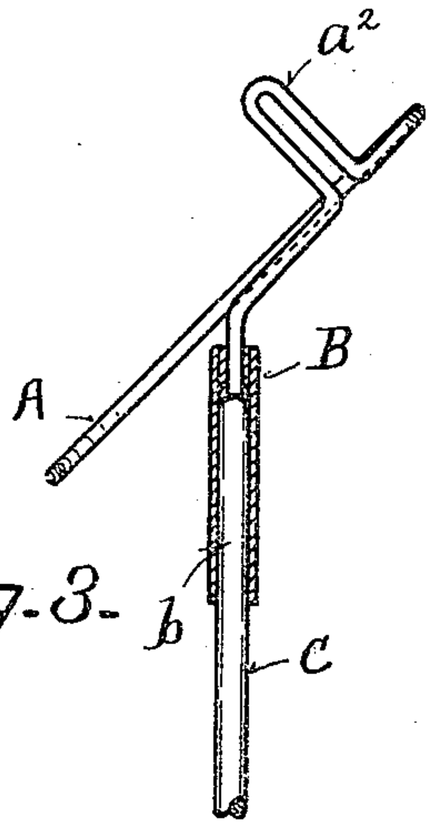

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. BILLINGS, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Cincinnati, county of Hamilton, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is a display-rack especially adapted for bonnets and hats upon which the article will be held firmly, so as not to be readily displaced and so as to offer little resistance to a blow, and which is likewise readily adjustable to display the hat in different positions. This object is attained by the means described in the specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a display-rack embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a somewhat-modified form with a hat shown in section thereon. Fig. 3 is a central sectional view of the rack.

Referring to the parts, the support consists of a wire A, bent into the form of a circle, having its ends turned inward upon the radii of the circle and in substantially the same plane with the circular rim, forming the radial arms a a', and being bent outward into loops a^2 a^3, the loops standing at right angles to the arms a a' and at a short distance from the circular rim. The inner ends of the radial arms a a' are secured at the center of the circular rim rigidly to a cylindrical hub B. The hub B, which stands at an acute angle to the plane of the rim A, has a socket b, adapted to engage the vertical stud c of a stand.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the stud c as projecting upward from a base c'. In Fig. 2 the stud c forms the vertical member of a bracket whose base c^2 is adapted to be secured to a vertical wall by screws or nails d.

In use a hat is placed upon the rack so that the loops a^2 a^3 engage the inner edge of the crown E, so that the rim e of the hat rests upon the circular rim A of the rack. When thus set upon the rack, it is seen that the hat is placed in a position to display its trimmings and shape readily when placed in a window. The hat may not be readily knocked to a crooked position upon the rack for the reason that any blow upon the same causes the rack to rotate about the stud c. The hub B being located in vertical alinement with the center of gravity of the rim A, the hat will rest firmly upon the stand regardless of whether or not the trimming may be more weighty upon one side of the hat than the other. The slanting position of the rim A in relation to the hub B puts the hat in a position such that a chance blow upon the hat will strike it at an angle, and thus not have much effect upon it and not dislodge it from its position.

What I claim is—

A hat-support consisting of a wire bent into a circle, turned inward forming radial arms, the arms being bent into outwardly-projecting U-shaped studs, a hub engaging the inner ends of the arms at the center of the rim standing at an acute angle to the plane of the rim, and having in its lower end a socket, and a stand having a vertical stud to fit into the socket.

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