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HAT OR GARMENT HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BARTLET KREUZBERGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat or Garment Holders; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the numerals of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of a garment-holder constructed in accordance with my invention and shown in an open position; Fig. 2, a side view of the same, shown folded in broken lines; Fig. 3, a broken sectional view of the upper portion of the holder, the drawings illustrating the invention on an enlarged scale.

This invention relates to an improvement in hat or garment holders adapted particularly for use in churches, theaters, railway-cars, or other places where it is desirable to suspend a hat or garment from the back of a seat, the object of the invention being the construction of a simple device for this purpose which may be readily folded into small space, so as to be conveniently carried in the pocket; and the invention consists in the construction hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

In carrying out my invention I employ a plate 2, which at its lower end is bent to form a jaw 3 of one member of a spring-clasp of substantially usual construction, the other member 4 being pivoted to ears 5, formed on the side of the plate 2, a spring 6 being arranged between the member 4 and the plate 2 in the usual manner of spring-clasps. At its upper end the plate has two slots 7, which form between them a spring-finger 8, while the ends 9 are rolled to form the knuckle members of a hinge-joint. Hinged to this plate 2 is a plate 10, the plate having a single knuckle 11, adapted to pass between the ends 9, and this knuckle is formed with a shoulder 12 to bear upon the end of the spring 8 for the purpose, as will hereinafter appear. This plate 10 is formed at its outer ends with fingers 13, which are folded over the edges of a corresponding plate 14, which in turn has fingers 15, which fold over the edge of the plate 10, so that the plates may slide one upon

the other. This plate 14 is also formed with a knuckle 16, like the knuckle 11, and has a shoulder 17, this knuckle 16 setting between knuckles 18, formed at the upper end of the plate 19, which has a centrally - arranged spring 20, like the spring 8. This plate 19 is provided near its lower end with fingers 21, which fold over the surfaces of a second plate 22, having fingers 23 at its outer end to fold over the plate 19, so that the plate 22 may slide upon the plate 19 in the same way as does the plate 14 on the plate 10. The plate 14 is offset, so that the plate 19 may fold up against it and both be folded down against one face of the plate 2, as indicated in broken lines in Fig. 2. When in an open position, the fingers 8 and 20 prevent the plates 2 and 19 from turning with respect to the plates 10 and 14 beyond the point in which the plates are substantially parallel with each other. By arranging the plates 10 and 14 to slide one upon the other the plates 2 and 19 may be separated from each other to a greater or less extent, according to the thickness of the back of the seat on which the device is to be suspended, and by arranging the plate 22 to slide upon the plate 19 it virtually lengthens the plate 19, so that a better hold may be secured, if necessary. At the same time by arranging the plates to slide upon each other they can be arranged in a small compass and be folded together, as before described.

This device is so small and compact that it can be conveniently carried in the pocket and readily opened when required for use and provides a convenient means for holding a hat or other garment.

I claim—

1. A garment - holder comprising two plates, one formed with a spring-clasp at its lower end, said plates connected together by two plates arranged to slide one upon the other, substantially as described.

2. A garment - holder comprising two plates each formed with a spring-finger at the upper ends, one of said plates provided with a spring-clasp at its lower end, said plates connected by plates hinged thereto, said hinge-plates formed with shoulders to engage with the ends of said spring-fingers, substantially as described.

3. The herein-described garment-holder comprising two plates formed at their outer ends with spring-fingers and with hinge-joints, one of said plates provided at its lower

end with a spring-clasp, the other plate connected with a second plate for sliding movement therewith, said plates connected together by two plates hinged respectively to
5 the said plates and coupled together for movement one upon the other, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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