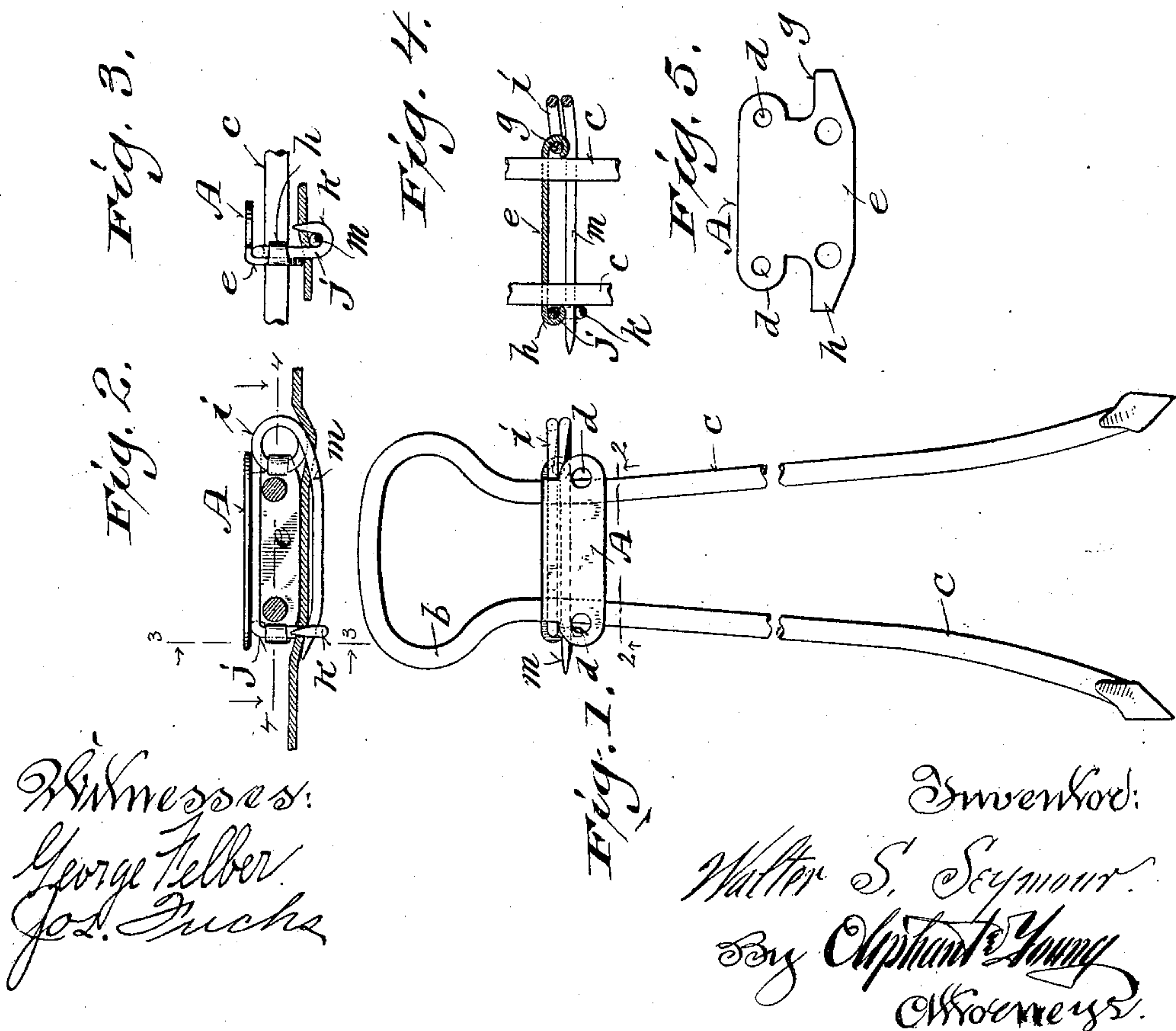


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER S. SEYMOUR, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts hereinafter particularly set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims; its object being to provide two-prong spring-wire hat-fasteners, with simple, economical and efficient guide-attachments by which to secure said fasteners to hats.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a rear elevation of a hat-fastener of ordinary construction provided with a guide-attachment in accordance with my invention for connection with a hat; Fig. 2, a view illustrating the fastener in section on the plane indicated by line 2—2 in Fig. 1, and a plan view of the guide attachment inverted; Figs. 3 and 4 sectional views of said guide attachment on said fastener, these views being respectively indicated by lines 3—3 and 4—4 in Fig. 2, and Fig. 5, a plan view of a blank for the aforesaid guide attachment.

Referring by letter to the drawings, *b* indicates the head, and *c* each of the preferably diamond pointed prongs of the hat-fastener aforesaid.

The prongs of the fastener are loose in guides at right-angles to the back of a plate A provided with apertures *d* through which to stitch it to a hat, this plate in various forms being the guide-attachment for said fastener. The plate is provided with a right-angle flange *e* having apertures therein for the engagement of the hat-fastener prongs.

The attachment blank shown by Fig. 5,

has the flange portion thereof provided with ear-extensions *g, h*. The ear *g* is eventually bent to band the coil-end *i* of a spring-pin, and the ear *h* is also eventually bent to band the shank *j* of a keeper-hook end *k* of the pin, the stretch of said pin between its coil and hook-shank being parallel to the right-angle flange of the plate A.

The point of the keeper-hook of the pin is sharpened to facilitate its penetration of hat material in order that the same may be brought over onto the shank of said hook, and the tongue *m* of the pin is caught in said hook after being passed through said material, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. In case the pin should become broken or otherwise unserviceable, the fastener may be sewed to a hat through the stitch-apertures provided in the plate A, and it is to be noted that the ear *h* of said plate tends to prevent displacement of the hook end of the pin.

I claim:

1. A two-prong spring-wire hat-fastener, a plate with which the prongs of the fastener have sliding engagement through apertures of same, the plate being provided with ears, and a spring-pin upon which the plate-ears are bent, one of the ears being banded on the shank of the keeper-hook end of the pin.

2. A two-prong spring-wire hat-fastener, a plate with which the prongs of the fastener have sliding engagement through apertures in same, the plate being provided with ears, and a spring-pin having its coil-end and the shank of its keeper-hook banded by the plate ears.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin in the presence of two witnesses.

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