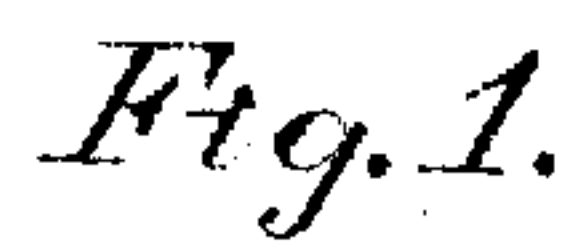


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. STEELE, a citizen of the United States, residing at 2157 C street, Granite, in the county of Madison and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Pins, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hat pins, and the object is to provide a protective sheath for the point and adjacent portion of the pin proper when in wearing position, and to form with the latter a two-part hat pin of ornamental as well as useful construction.

In the accompanying drawing on which like reference letters indicate corresponding parts: Figure 1, represents a hat pin exemplifying my invention applied to a hat; and Fig. 2, a detail sectional view of the said sheath and a portion of the pin proper.

My hat pin sheaths the point and co-acts with the pin proper as an ornament. The sheath A, of tubular or other form is adapted to receive the point and a portion of the pin proper B, and to hold it with a yielding grip, so as not to be accidentally separated but allowing of withdrawing the pin proper when necessary. This yielding grip is preferably secured by the spring tendency of the sheath, slotted at E or otherwise split and assisted by a filling of rubber D, and cork shavings D' or other suitable material interposed between the sheath and a casing C. The sheath tube A is slightly smaller than the point end of the pin proper, and is preferably flared at the end to facilitate entrance of the said point. It may be integral with the casing C, or otherwise.

The form of hat pin shown on Figs. 1 and 2 suggests a miniature oar in which the blade end carries the pin proper B, and the handle end forms the sheath. The ornamental requirements as to shape will vary the construction and size of the hat pin, but the point is sheathed and the parts held in position by the yielding grip of one on the other,—preferably of the sheath upon the pin proper as above described.

While I have shown and described my protective sheath as applied to pins for hats, yet I do not confine it to this particular form, as it may be used on other pins to which it is adapted.

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

1. A hat pin sheath comprising a split tube, a casing therefor and a filling of spring material interposed between the casing and said tube, adapted to react on said tube and effect a yielding grip on the pin inserted in said tube.

2. A hat pin sheath comprising a casing and an inner tube integral therewith, and a filler of resilient material located inside the casing and outside the inner tube to exert a yielding pressure on the latter.

3. A hat pin sheath comprising a casing, and a tapering inner tube having its open flaring end connected to the casing, and split from its inner smaller end for a portion of its length, and a resilient filler located between the said casing and tube around the split portion of the latter, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. A hat pin sheath comprising a casing, a tapering pin-sheath A, split at E for a portion of its length and slightly smaller at its inner end than the outer end, and a filling of suitable material between the sheath and casing, substantially as and for the purpose described.

5. A hat pin sheath consisting of a casing C and an introverted, split, tubular sheath A integral therewith, and a filling of rubber and cork shavings opposite the split portion of the tube and within the casing, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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