

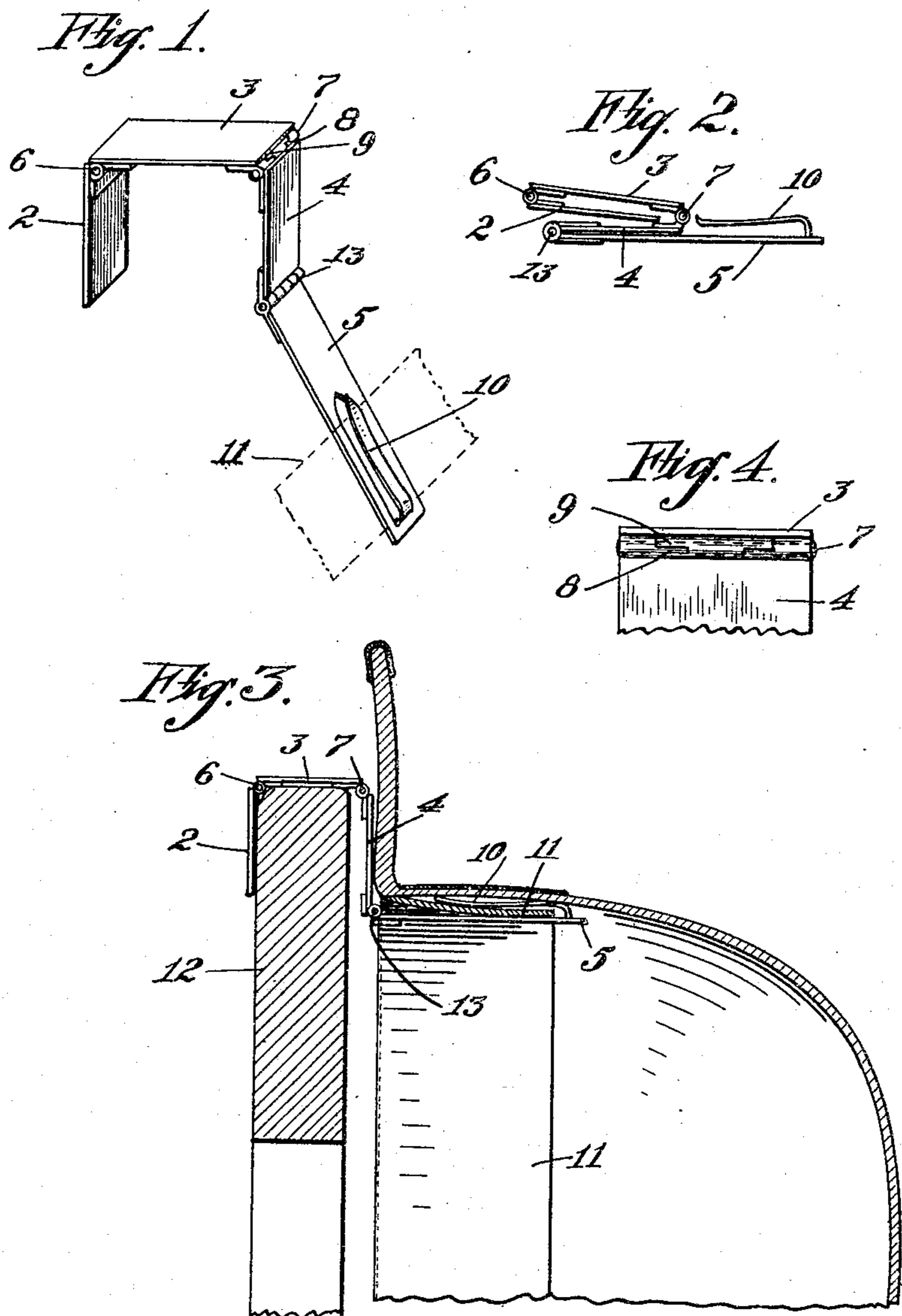
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. EVANS, citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to hat-holders, and pertains especially to a temporary holder for use in theaters, cafés, and other places, for suspending a hat or the like from the back of a chair.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, cheap, practical, compact device capable of being carried in the vest pocket, and which can be readily opened out for use and employed to support either a man's hat or a lady's hat.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the holder in the folded position. Fig. 3 is a view showing the holder as applied. Fig. 4 is a detail of a hinge member.

In the embodiment of the invention I employ four plates or links 2—3—4—5 hingedly connected in a chain, and adapted to be opened out to form a hook, and also to provide means for engaging with the sweat-band of a hat. The plates 2—3—4 constitute a rectangular holder or collapsible hook, with the contiguous ends of these parts hinged together, as shown at 6 and 7, in such fashion that each part 2 and 4 is capable of being turned from a folded position parallel with the intermediate plate 3, into a position at right angles thereto; the outward movement of the parts 2 and 4 being limited by means of shoulders 8 on the pivot lugs of the parts 2 and 4 engaging corresponding shoulders or stops 9 on the pivot lugs of the part 3. The link 5 is hingedly connected to the opposite end of the plate 4, as at 13, and has an upturned permanent hook 10 stamped out of it which is adapted to engage the

sweat-band 11 of a man's hat, or a hat-pin of a lady's bonnet.

In practice, when it is desired to hang up a hat, the hook 10 is engaged with the sweat-band of the hat, and the plates 2—3—4 opened out into hook form, the shoulders 8—9 limiting the movement of the plates 2 and 4 when they are opened at right angles to plate 3, so that this portion of the device can be hooked over the back of a chair or like support, represented at 12. When thus in use the weight is exerted on the device in such fashion that it has no tendency to become unhooked from its support. When not in use, it can be folded up flat and carried in the vest pocket, or in a lady's hand-bag. The same device serves for ladies' hats, because the hook 10 may be engaged with a hat-pin passed through the crown of the hat. It is preferable to a clip, or like clamping means, because many hats, and especially ladies' hats, would be marred or injured by gripping them at the edges.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A hat-holder comprising three plates hinged together and foldable to lie flat or adapted to be opened out to form a hook, and a member hingedly connected to the end of one of said plates and having an offset portion parallel with itself and serving to engage the sweat band of the hat.

2. A hat-holder comprising four plates hingedly connected in a chain, means for limiting the relative hinge movement of three of said plates so that when they are opened out these three plates form a hook, said fourth plate provided with an upturned hook, and said last-named hook designed to engage with the sweat-band of a hat.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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