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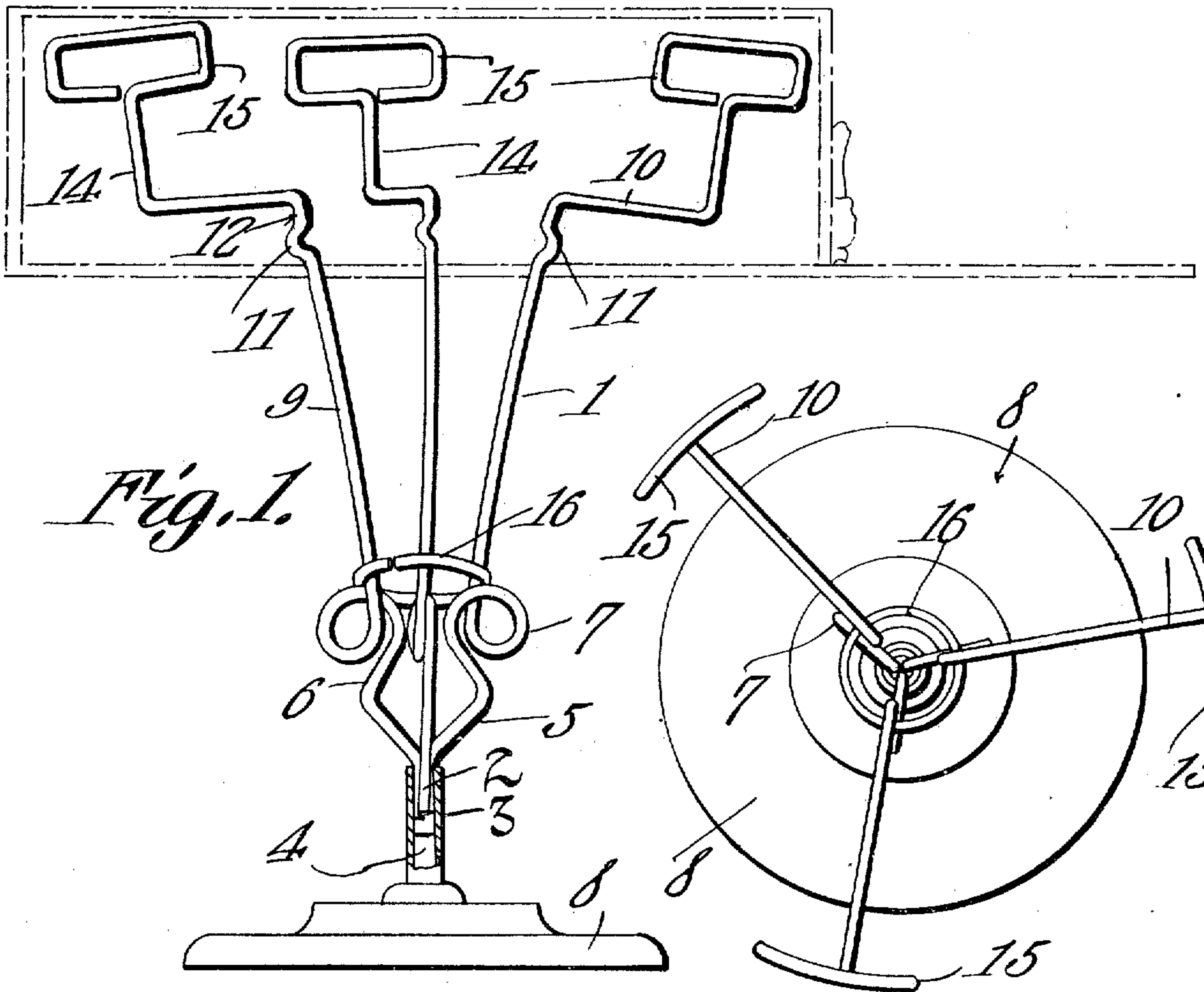


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

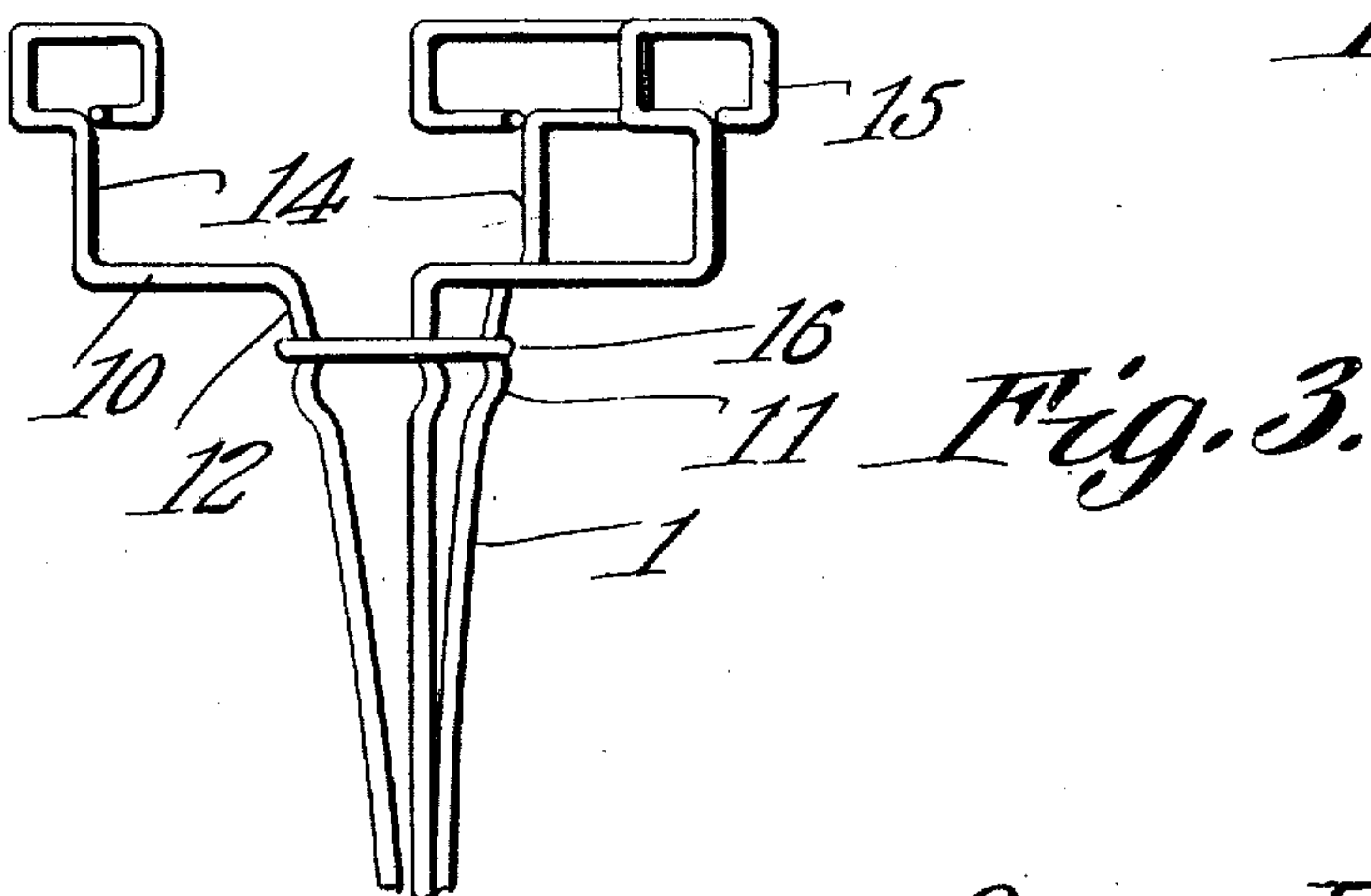


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OCEE JUSTUS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clarksburg, in the county of Harrison and State of West Virginia, have invented a new and useful Hat-Display Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of the invention are, generally, the provision in a merchantable form of a device of the class above-mentioned which shall be inexpensive to manufacture, facile in operation, and devoid of complicated parts; specifically, the provision including resilient arms, upwardly flaring, and adapted to be brought into close relation, the arms being so constructed as to be retained in place, when contracted or brought into close relation, by inclosing members or clamps, whereby such contraction of the arms is effected; other and further objects being made manifest hereinafter as the description of the invention progresses.

The invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, delineated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in that portion of this instrument wherein patentable novelty is claimed for certain distinctive features of the device, it being understood, that, within the scope of what hereinafter thus is claimed, divers changes in the form, proportions, size, and minor details of the structure may be made, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to denote corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 shows my invention in perspective, the arms standing in their normal positions; Fig. 2 is a top plan of the device, the arms being brought into close relation; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the device, the arms being in the position shown in Fig. 2, and portions being broken away.

The invention includes, primarily, a series of resilient arms, which, in the accompanying drawings, are denoted generally by the numeral 1. These arms 1 are preferably fashioned from resilient wire, their lower extremities being brought into parallel, close relation as denoted by the numeral 2 and inclosed and bound together by means

of a tube 3, into the upper extremity of which, the portions 2 of the arms are introduced, the portions 2 extending but part way through the tube 3, so that the lower portion thereof may be left open to slip over a standard 4 of any construction, which, if desired, may rise from a supporting base 8. Above the tubular member 3, the arms are outbent as denoted by the numeral 5, to prevent the said arms from entering too far into the tubular member 3. Above the outbent portions 5, the arms are carried toward each other as denoted by the numeral 6, and bent upon themselves to form outstanding coils 7, whereby the resiliency of the arms may be enhanced. Above the portions 7, the arms are substantially straight as denoted by the numeral 9, these portions 9 flaring, as they extend upwardly. Above the portions 9, the arms are outbent, substantially at right angles to the portions 9, to form base members 10, which, when the arms are brought into close relation at their upper extremities, by means to be described hereinafter, lie in a common plane, substantially normal to the portions 9 of the arms, and parallel with the lower face of the member 8. At their extremities the base members 10 are upbent to form gripping fingers 14, standing substantially normal to the plane defined by the members 10, as shown in Fig. 3. These gripping fingers 14 are terminally bent to form laterally extending heads 15, which, as shown in Fig. 2, are bent to define portions of a circular arc. Adjacent the base portions 10, the members 9 are bent outwardly to form shoulders 11, defining seats 12 between the said shoulders and the portions 10 of the arms. A clamp is slidably mounted upon the arms, and in the present instance, this clamp is shown in the form of a ring 16 which is adapted to be slid upwardly upon the arms to hold the same in close relation, the seats 12 being adapted to receive the ring 16 to hold the arms in close relation as above described. There may be any number of the arms 1, but, in the present instance I have shown but 3 of them, this number being sufficient to effect the functions hereinafter attributed to the device.

My invention may be variously employed: as shown in Fig. 1, the ring 16 may be allowed to rest upon the coils 7, the heads 15 in such case, owing to the resiliency of the arms, being adapted to engage the interior

of a hat crown. It is obvious, that, when it is desired to display the interior of a hat crown or the lower face of the brim, the crown may be inserted within the members 5 14 and 15 to rest upon the base members 10, the arms in such case being made to engage the hat crown by sliding the ring 16 upwardly, to the desired extent.

It is obvious that devices of the class to 10 which my invention appertains, are more or less cumbersome in form, notably when disposed in the position shown in Fig. 1. In order that the device may be disposed in the smallest possible compass for storage or for 15 shipping, the seats 12 are provided, the same being adapted to hold the ring 16 in position adjacent the base members 10, the ring 16, in the absence of the shoulders 11 which define the seats 12, tending, owing to 20 the formation and the resiliency of the arms, to slip away from the position shown in Fig. 3, to assume ultimately, the position shown in Fig. 1. It is obvious that the device is capable of a wide application, even in the 25 absence of the shoulders 11, but I regard them as a useful adjunct to the device.

I do not contemplate that the tube 3 shall be rigidly assembled with the standard 4, my intention being that the device, termi- 30 nating anteriorly in the tube 3, may be mounted upon standards already in use, and, likewise, transposed from standard to standard, when the standards themselves are fixed in position in a showcase, window 35 or the like.

Owing to the fact that the base members 10 may be brought into a common horizontal plane and there retained, as shown in Fig. 3, by means of the ring 16, the same

engaging the shoulders 11, the device may be 40 employed as a stand to support a flower pot or other like article, which resting upon the base members 10, will be prevented from slipping off by means of the upstanding fingers 14 and the heads 15, the members 14 45 and 15 exercising their gripping function, or not, depending upon the diameter of the article which is superposed upon the base members 10.

Having thus described my invention, what 50 I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:—

A device of the class described comprising a plurality of resilient arms secured together at their lower ends, each arm com- 55 prising an inner and an outer portion disposed upright in substantial parallelism with respect to each other, the adjacent ends of said portions being connected by a part disposed at right angles to both of said 60 portions, there being upright, looped shaped heads at the ends of the outer portions; there being shoulders upon the inner portions, located adjacent the rectangularly disposed parts; and a ring slidable upon the 65 inner portions and arranged to be engaged between the shoulders and the rectangularly disposed parts, to hold the said parts in a common plane to constitute a platform upon which an article may be rested against 70 tilting.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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