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Fig. 1.

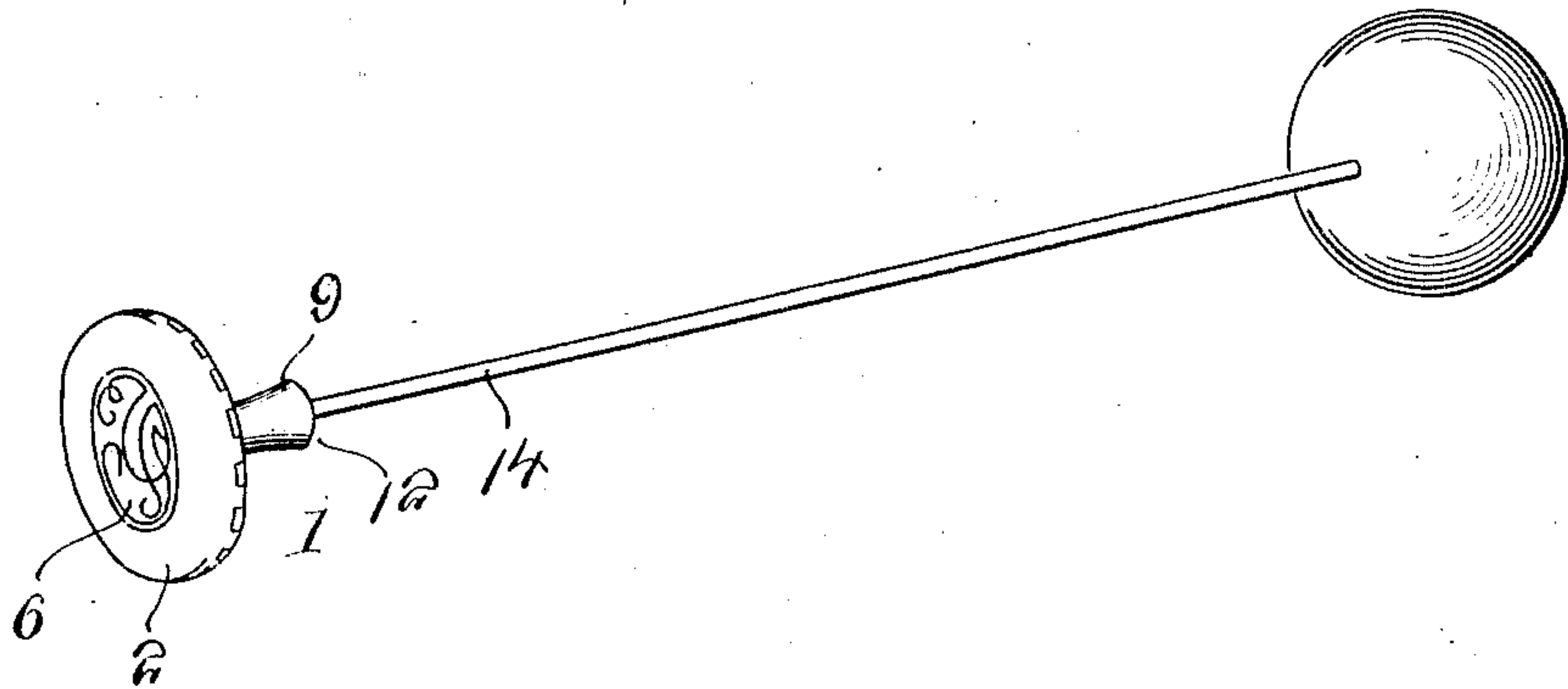


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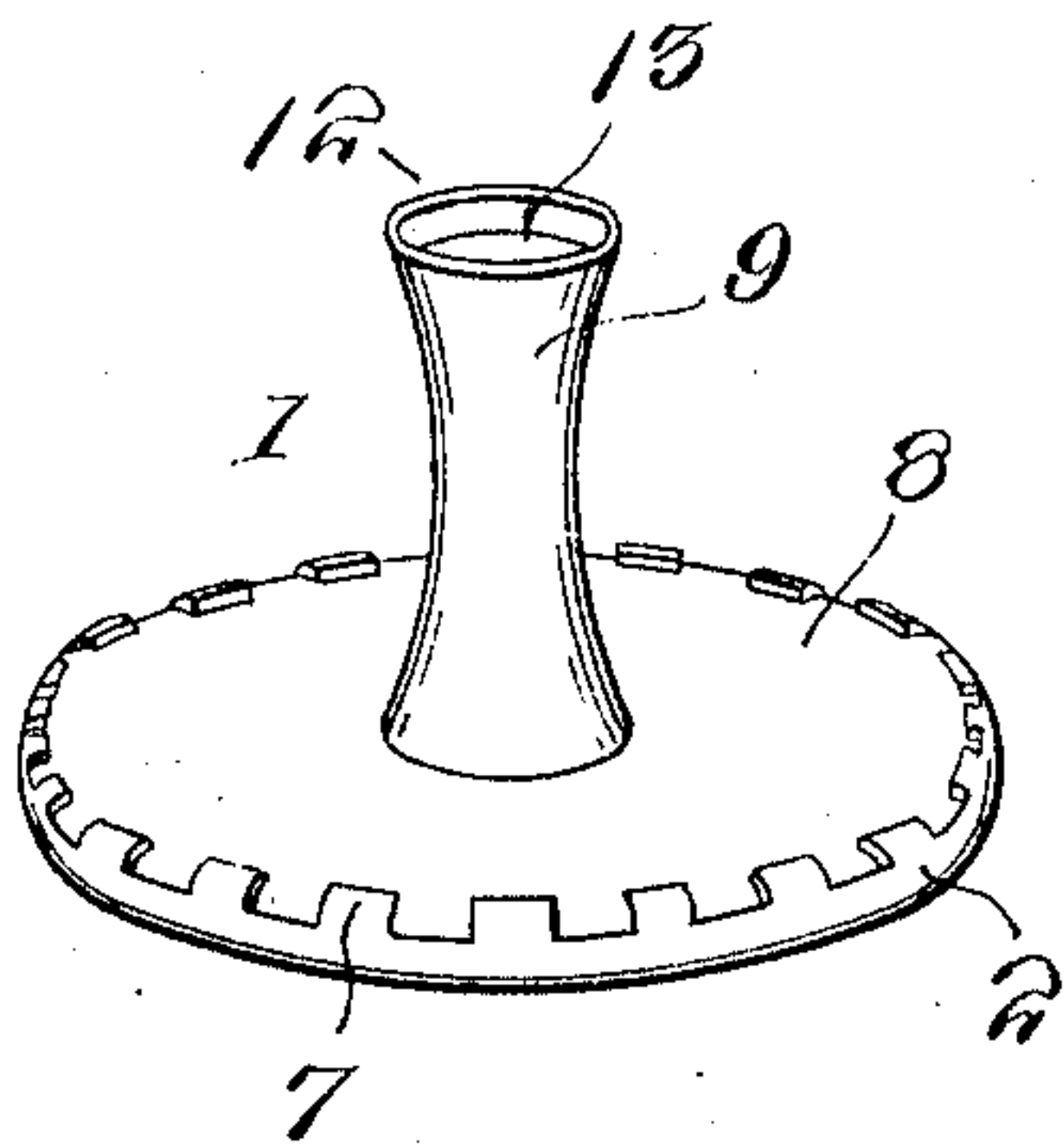
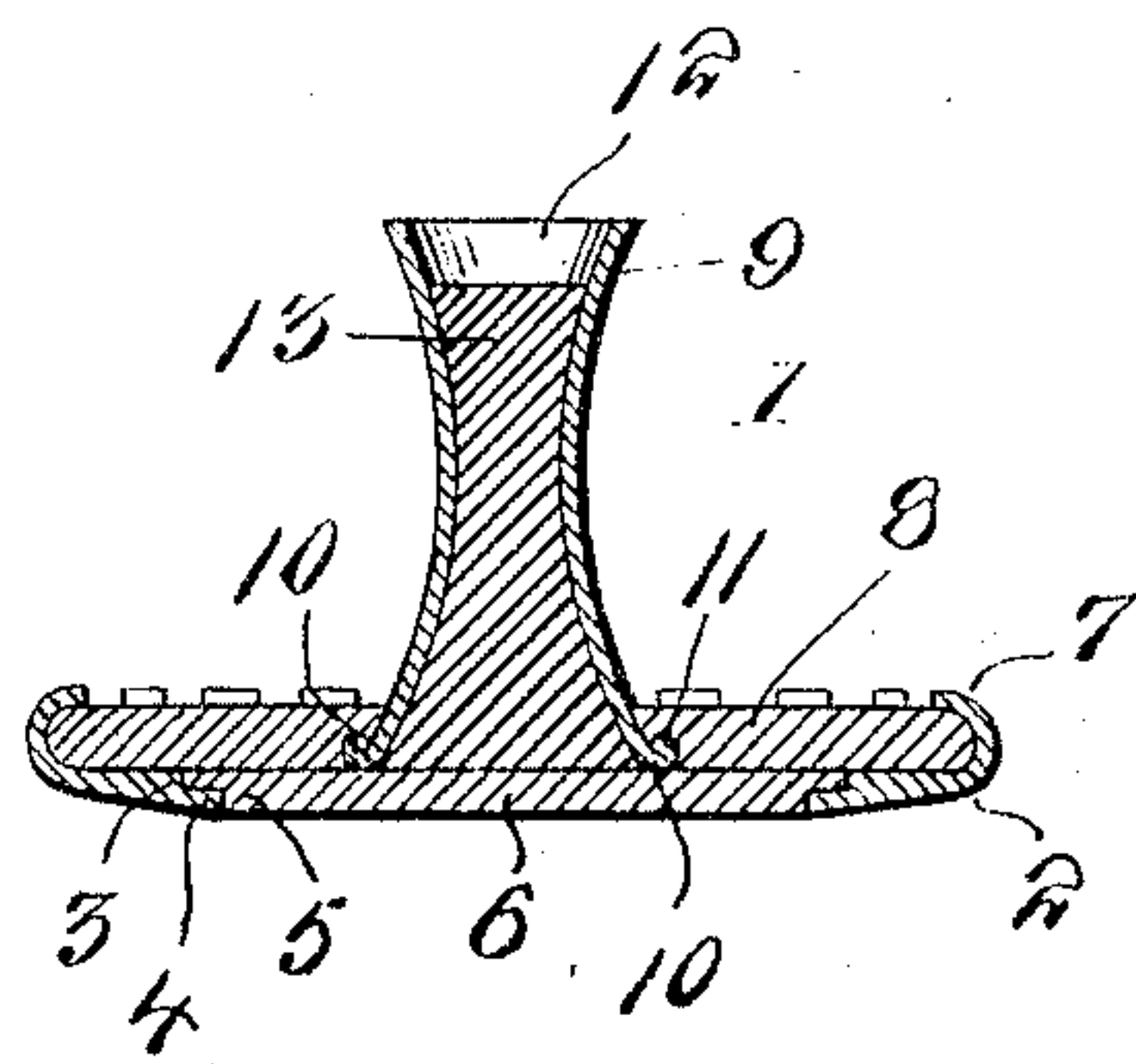


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. MATEER, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat-Pin Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to guards or protectors for women's hat pins, and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this class which is of an extremely simple construction, which provides means whereby ornamental plates or pieces may be interchangeably connected thereto, and which will be effectively retained upon the projecting point of a pin.

With the above, and other objects in view, which will appear as the description progresses, the invention resides in the novel construction and combination of parts, hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, there has been illustrated a simple and preferred embodiment of the improvement, but it is to be understood that the showing therein is merely illustrative and that minor details of construction, shape and proportion, within the scope of the appended claims, may be made, if desired.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the invention, as applied to a hat pin; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the guard detached; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same.

Women's hat pins as now constructed have their pointed ends projecting beyond the sides of the hat and thus become a menace on crowded thoroughfares, and the pins are also rendered dangerous when removed from the head of the wearer, such as in dressing rooms or theaters. It is the primary object of the present invention to overcome this danger and in order to accomplish this, I have provided a simple and effective hat pin guard, which is designated by the numeral 1. The hat pin guard 1 comprises a base ring 2. This base ring has its under face provided with an annular flange 3, and its inner perimeter provided with a depression 4. The annular depression 4 is adapted for the reception of an annular reduced portion 5 provided upon an ornamental disk 6. The disk 6 may be

suitably ornamented or may bear the initials of the owner of the guard. The ring 2 has its inner face provided with a plurality of spaced teeth or fingers 7, and the same are adapted to be bent inwardly so as to retain a securing plate 8 upon the offset portion 3 of the ring and to further retain the disk 6 upon the ring 3.

The numeral 9 designates the guide for the guard. This guide 9 has its lower portion provided with an annular groove 10 and the securing plate 8 is centrally provided with an opening having an annular depression 11, the walls of which being adapted to snugly engage said groove 10. The guide 9 flares outwardly from its bead to its opened mouth 12, and positioned within the guide is a pin receiving element 13. The element 13 is constructed of some soft, pliable material, such as rubber or the like, so as to provide for the ready insertion of the pin point 14, and which, at the same time, tightly engages the said point 14 to prevent the accidental removal of the guard.

From the above description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be noted that all of the elements comprising the guard are readily removable, so that the merchant, with a device of this class, can easily and quickly insert a disk provided with the desired monogram or ornament upon the ring 2. It will be further noted that by constructing the guide 9 as a hollow member which flares in opposite directions from its center, the pin retaining element 13 cannot work loose or become disengaged from within the said guide.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. A hat pin guard comprising a base ring, an ornamental disk carried by the ring, a flaring guide member positioned upon the disk, a securing plate engaging the guide and overlying the disk, and the inner face of the ring, means for connecting the securing plate to the ring, and an elastic member within the guide.
2. In a guard for hat pins, a base comprising a cross sectional curved ring, said ring having its lower face provided with an annular offset, a disk having an annular flange engaging the offset of the ring, a hollow guide member flaring in opposite di-

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