

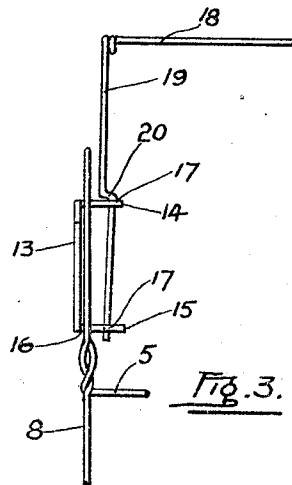
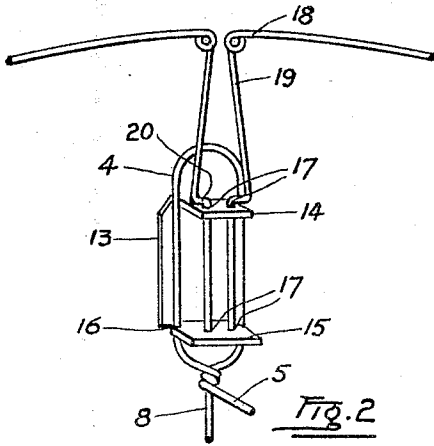
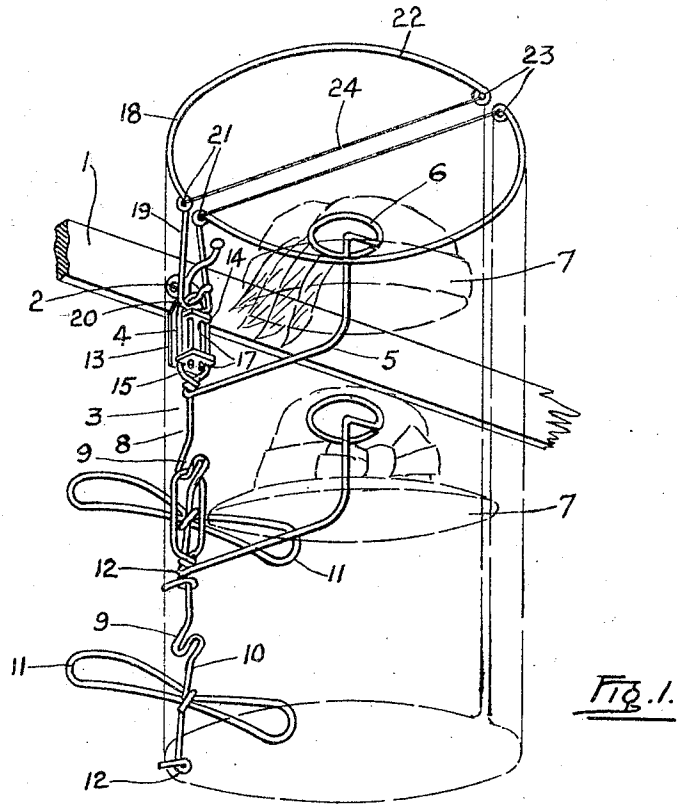
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES TAIT, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of the city of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvement in hat hangers and enclosures for same, the objects of the invention being first to provide a convenient means whereon a hat may be supported by its crown, second to provide a hanger which may be suspended from a nail or hook, third to provide a hanger which may be suspended from another of its kind to the end that a hat hanger may be formed upon which a plurality of hats may be placed one above the other, that the clothes closet area usually required for one hat may accommodate many, fourth to provide means whereby all of the hats so carried may be enclosed with a pair of light curtains which automatically close around the hats when one has been added to or taken from the hanger.

The invention consists essentially of a vertical suspensible member having a loop at one end and a hook at the opposite end and an outstanding bracket for carrying a hat, as will be more fully described in the following specification in which:—

Fig. 1 is a general view of my invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view showing the curtain enclosure support.

In the drawings like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

The numeral 1 indicates a coat rail such as is usually nailed to a clothes closet wall for receiving hat and coat hooks. 2 is a coat hook and 3 indicates generally my hat hanger which is preferably formed from a single piece of stout wire which is bent upon itself and twisted together to form an elongated loop 4 by which the hanger is suspended, one leg of the wire extending horizontally outwards at right angles to the plane of the loop and vertically upwards to form a bracket 5, the extremity of the bracket being bent into a horizontal ring 6 on which a hat, shown in light lines, is supported. The leg 8 of the wire is carried vertically downward for an appreciable distance and is then bent back upon itself to form a hook 9 from whence it is again car-

ried downwards and inclined rearwardly as at 10, the wire is then bent to form a pair of loops 11 extending on opposite sides of the vertical member, the loops being curved adjacent their outer ends to bear upon the wall on which the coat rail 1 is nailed, the wire 8 is then carried vertically downwards again and bent to form a horizontally disposed hook 12 which is open to the rear. The distance from the hook 9 to the hook 12 is somewhat greater than the length of the loop 4 so that the upper part of the leg 8 of one hanger is slipped under the hook 12 of another hanger and the loop of the second caught over and pulled down upon the hook 9 of the first hanger when the two are tightly locked together to form a rigid hanger having two hat supports.

The numeral 13 indicates a piece of sheet metal, somewhat wider than the aperture of the loop 4, which is bent at right angles at its upper and lower ends to form brackets 14 and 15, the bracket 14 is reduced in width so as to pass freely through the loop 4, the bracket 15 is slotted adjacent the rear as at 16 to engage the sides of the loop, each bracket is provided with a pair of apertures 17 for the purpose of journalling a pair of curtain supports 18, the apertures in the brackets 14 being drilled slightly further forward of the loop 4 than those in the bracket 15 so that the curtain supports 18 will be forwardly inclined, the purpose of which will hereinafter appear.

The curtain supports formed with a single piece of wire are generally indicated by the numeral 18 and are each formed with a substantially vertical shaft 19 having a small offset 20 which is adapted to rest upon the top bracket 14 to form a stop. 21 is an eye at the upper end of the vertical shaft 19. 22 is a semi-circular bow terminating at its outer extremity in a further eye 23, a cord 24 is stretched between the eyes 21 and 23 to which a muslin or other light fabric curtain 25 would be fastened and hung over the bow 22 to form a half enclosure to the hat rack. By pivotally mounting the shaft 19 in a forwardly inclined position the curtains 25 after being opened, swing by gravity to a closed position thus rendering the closing of the curtains automatic.

It will thus be seen that I have invented a hat hanger which can be extended to support a number of hats by clipping different

units together, which is provided with a suitable enclosure for keeping the hats supported free from dust and which can be speedily dismantled and packed in a trunk or suitcase if desired.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a device of the character described the combination of a plurality of article supports detachably linked together to form a chain, a bracket member permanently carried by the upper end member of the chain and adapted to be fastened to a wall or other support, curtain means for enclosing said chain and the articles supported thereby, and means supporting the curtain means from the said bracket.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a plurality of article supporting members detachably linked together to form a chain adapted to be suspended from a common support, each of said members comprising a shank having a suspension loop at its upper end and a hook intermediate its length adapted to engage in and sustain the suspension loop of a lower duplicate member and a main supporting bracket adapted to be attached to a wall or other structure and presenting upper and lower brackets projecting through the suspension loop of the upper terminal member of the chain and a curtain support including standards extending through openings formed in the projecting portions of the bracket and provided with supporting offsets resting on the upper bracket.

3. The combination of a bracket presenting upper and lower parallel plate portions projecting laterally from the base of the bracket, said lower plate portion being of greater width than the upper plate portion and provided with notches formed in oppo-

site edges thereof adjacent to the base of the bracket and an article supporting member including a suspension loop receiving said plate portions therethrough and having its side members engaged in the notches of the lower plate portions.

4. A curtain support for use in connection with the structure of claim 3 comprising a pair of standards adapted to extend downwardly through openings formed in said plate portions and provided at an intermediate point with shoulders adapted to rest upon the upper plate portion for supporting the standards thereon and means at the upper ends of said standards for supporting a curtain adapted to enclose the articles carried by the article supporting members suspended from said bracket.

5. An article support consisting of a plurality of duplicate article supporting members detachably linked together to form a chain adapted to be suspended from a common support, each of said members being formed from a single length of wire fabricated to provide a shank, a suspension loop at the upper end of the shank, an arm projecting laterally from the shank at the lower terminal of the suspension loop, a hook below said arm adapted to serve as a support for the suspension loop of a duplicate member, a pair of laterally extending loops below said hooks extending in a plane at right angles to the plane of said arm, and an eye at the lower end of the shank adapted to embrace the shank of the duplicate member at a point between the suspension loop and the hook of the latter member.

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