

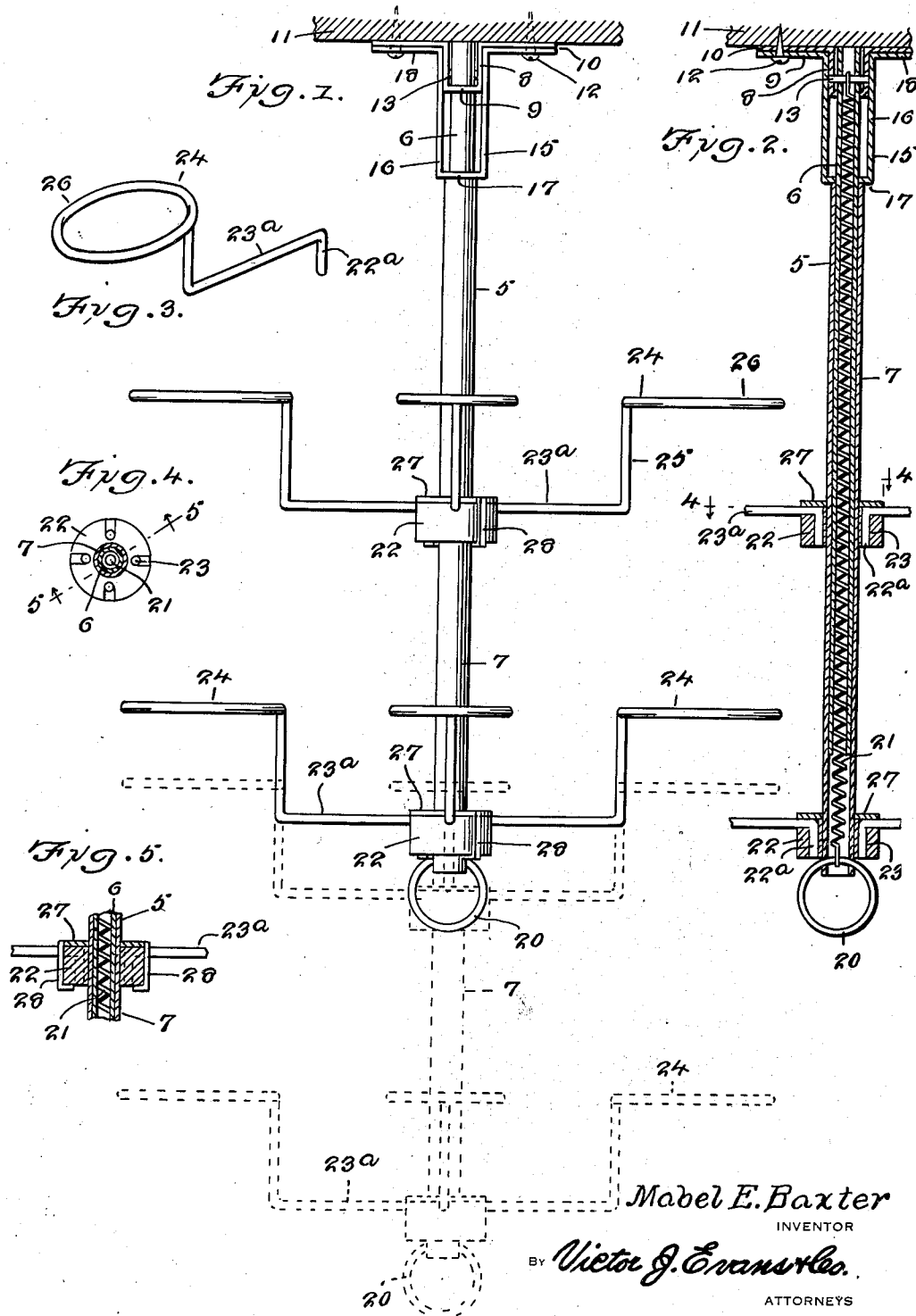
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My invention relates to hat supporting devices and has as one of the principal objects thereof the provision of a hat supporting device adapted to be attached to a ceiling or the like and which is equipped with a plurality of hat racks and operable in a manner to dispose the hat racks in proximity to the ceiling for effecting an economy of space.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described which is simple in construction, durable in use, efficient in operation and economical in manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, appended claims and annexed drawing.

Referring to the drawing wherein like reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention illustrating the same as attached to a ceiling or the like.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of one of the racks.

Figure 4 is a detail sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2 with the racks removed therefrom.

Figure 5 is a detail sectional view taken on the plane of the line 5—5 of Figure 4 and illustrating one of the members for securing the hat racks to the device.

In practicing my invention, I provide a tube 5 having inner fixed and outer movable telescoping sections 6 and 7 respectively. The upper end of the inner section 6 is secured between a pair of spaced connected arms 8 of a bracket 9, the latter being integrally formed with right angularly disposed ceiling engaging feet 10 secured to a ceiling 11 by means hereinafter set forth. The upper end of the section 6 is secured between said arms 8 by means of a transverse pin 13 extending therethrough.

An outer bracket 15 is fashioned with a pair of downwardly extending spaced arms 16 integrally connected together at their lower ends by a cross bar 17. The upper ends of the arms 16 engage the outer faces of the arms 8 and serve to prevent displacement of the pin 13 carried by the arms 8. The upper ends of the arms 16 are fashioned with right angularly disposed feet 18 underlying the outer faces of the feet 10 and screws 12 extend through the feet 10 and 18 and into the ceiling whereby to secure the brackets 9 and 15 fixed to said ceiling as a unit.

The lower end of the section 7 has extending

therethrough a finger ring 20 to which is connected, within said lower end thereof, the lower end of a coil spring 21. The upper end of said coil spring is connected to the pin 13 and thereby urges the section 7 upwardly towards the ceiling and into retracted position. The bar 17 of the bracket 15 coacts with the upper end of the section 7 to limit the upward movement thereof.

Obviously, when the finger ring 20 is grasped, the section 7 may be actuated downwardly relative to the section 6 and against the tension of the spring 21. Release of the finger ring effects upward movement of the section 7 through the medium of said spring 21.

Fixed to the section 7 are a pair of spaced rack supporting members 22, one being arranged adjacent the lower end of said section 7 while the other is arranged intermediate the ends thereof. The members 22 are of a cylindrical configuration and have formed therethrough a plurality of axially extending bores 23 terminating at the upper ends thereof in radially extending recesses in the upper faces of said members 22. Positioned within the bores 23 are vertically disposed ends 22a of horizontally extending inner end sections 23a of hat racks 24. The outer ends of the sections 23a terminate upwardly in vertically disposed sections 25, the upper ends of which are formed with substantially ring-shaped horizontally disposed hat supporting elements 26. The vertically disposed ends 22a of the sections 23a are maintained within the respective bores 23 by means of caps 27 overlying the upper faces of the members 22 and sections 23a. The caps 27 are provided with oppositely disposed vertical fingers 28 engaging the peripheries of the members 22 and are provided with offset ends underlying the under faces of said members.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that I have provided a simple and efficient hat supporting device adapted to be secured to a ceiling or the like and which is operable in a manner whereby the racks of said device may be readily accessible for positioning hats thereon or removing the same therefrom.

It is obvious that the invention is not confined to the hereindescribed use therefor as it may be utilized for any purpose to which it is adaptable. It is therefore to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific construction as illustrated and described, as the same is only illustrative of the principles of operation which are capable of extended application in advance forms, and that the invention comprehends

all construction within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the character described, comprising, a bracket adapted to be secured to a ceiling, a tube extending subjacent said bracket and provided with a pair of telescoping sections, one of said sections having an upper end disposed within said bracket, the other of said sections having a lower end extending beyond said first defined section, an operating element fixed to said lower end, a coil spring extending through said tube and having one end connected to said element, a pin extending through said upper end and said bracket and connecting the other end of said spring to said upper end and the lat-

ter to said bracket whereby to effect relative retraction of said sections, a bracket connected to said first mentioned bracket and maintaining said pin in fixed position within the first mentioned bracket and said upper end, and hat racks fixed to said movable section and movable therewith. 5

2. The elements of claim 1 as set forth and defined therein including, said second mentioned bracket having a portion disposed subjacent said first mentioned bracket for engagement with one of said sections to limit the movement thereof when operated by said spring to retracted position. 10

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