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Fig. 1.

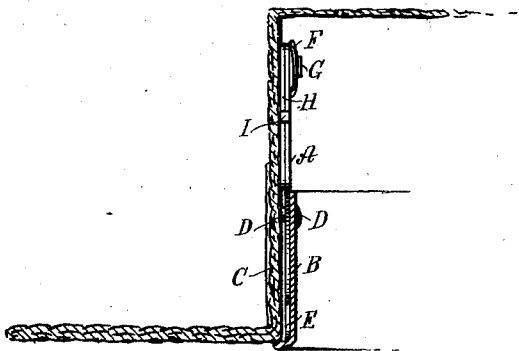
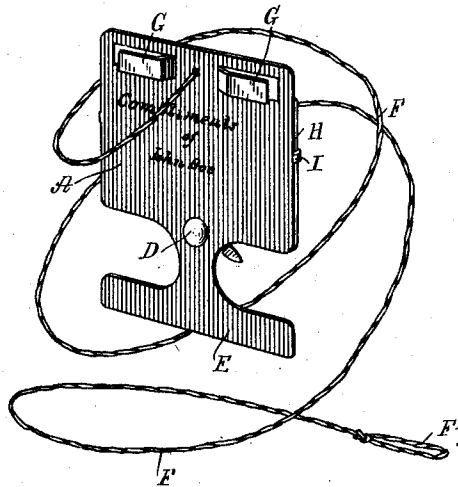


Fig. 2.

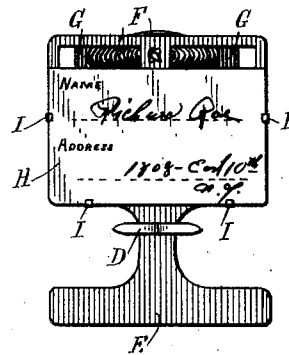
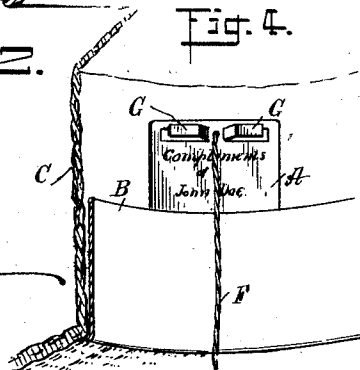


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW WALLACE, Jr., a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Hat-Guard, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved hat guard, for convenient attachment to a hat between the sweat band and the crown, and provided with a normally folded cord which can be readily unfolded and attached to the coat or other garment of the wearer, to guard against loss of the hat. For the purpose mentioned, use is made of a guard plate, adapted to be passed between the sweat band and the crown of the hat and fastened to the sweat band, the guard plate being provided with a base or feet, adapted to rest on the sweat band at the joint of the latter with the crown of the hat, the upper end of the guard plate having cord-holding means and a cord attached to the upper end of the plate and adapted to be wound on the said cord-holding means.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the hat guard with the cord unfolded; Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same as applied to the hat, the latter being shown in section and the cord being folded on the guard plate; Fig. 3 is a rear face view of the hat guard; and Fig. 4 is a reduced perspective view of the guard as applied.

A guard plate A, of sheet metal or other suitable sheet material, is adapted to be inserted between the sweat band B and the crown C of the hat, as plainly indicated in Fig. 2, and the guard plate A is fastened to the sweat band B by a suitable fastening device D, such as is commonly known as a paper fastener, passed through the sweat band B and the guard plate A, with the ends bent in opposite directions on the back of the guard plate, as plainly indicated in Figs. 2 and 3. The guard plate A is pro-

vided at its bottom with a base or feet E, adapted to rest on the lower edge of the sweat band B, at the junction of the sweat band with the crown C of the hat, so as to securely hold the guard plate A in position on the hat, with the upper end of the guard plate projecting above the upper edge of the sweat band B.

To the upper end of the guard plate A is secured one end of a cord F, terminating at its other end in a loop F' adapted to be fastened to a button or other part of a coat or other garment of the wearer, to guard against loss of the hat. When the hat guard is not in use, the cord F is wound on cleats G, struck up in an inward direction at the upper end of the guard plate A, on opposite sides of the attachment of the cord F to the guard plate A. Thus when the device is not in use the owner of the hat can conveniently wind or fold the cord F on the cleats G, as plainly indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, so that the hat guard does not interfere in the least with the wearer's head when the hat is worn.

A name plate H, in the form of a card, and bearing the owner's name, address, etc., is fitted on the back of the guard plate A, and is held removably in position thereon by lugs I struck up from the side and bottom edges of the guard plate A, as indicated in the drawings. As the name plate H extends between the guard plate A and the inner surface of the crown C, it is evident that the name plate is not soiled by coming in contact with the hair of the wearer.

The hat guard shown and described is very simple in construction, cheap to manufacture and can readily be applied by the owner or seller of the hat. If desired, the hatters may supply the hat with a guard, and in such cases their names or other legends may appear on the inner surface of the guard plate A, as indicated in Fig. 1.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

A hat guard comprising a plate adapted to be inserted between the sweat band and the crown of the hat, the said plate having at its lower end a foot spaced apart from the plate and adapted to rest on the lower edge of the sweat band at the junction there-

of with the crown, the upper end of the  
said plate being provided with stuckup  
cleats, and a cord attached to the plate be-  
tween the cleats and adapted to be wound  
5 upon the cleats, said plate having lugs at  
the edges thereof for holding a name plate.  
In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in the presence of  
two subscribing witnesses.

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