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HAT SWEATBAND

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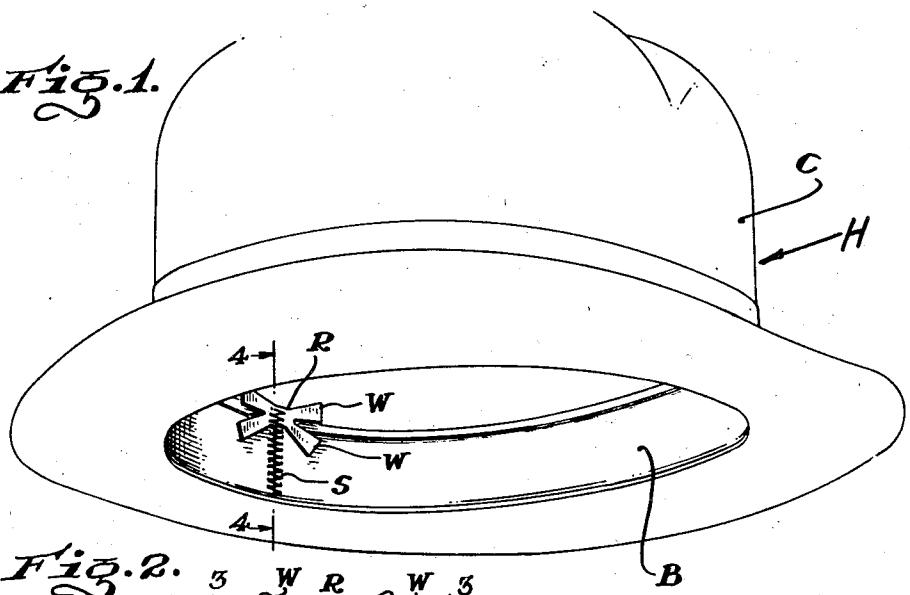


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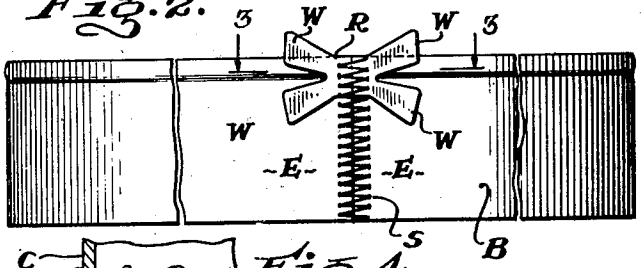


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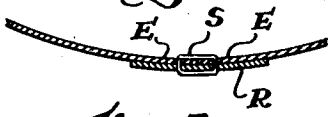


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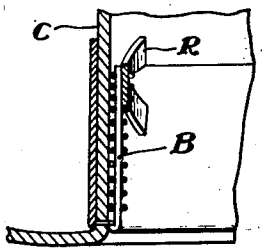


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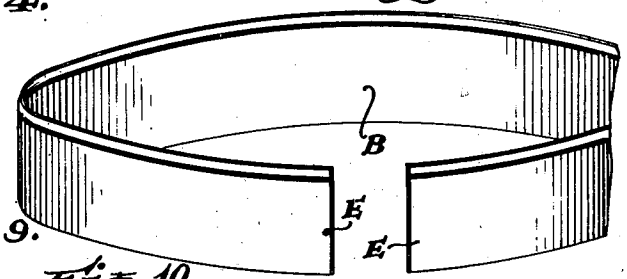


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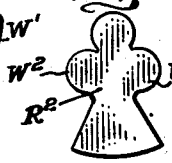


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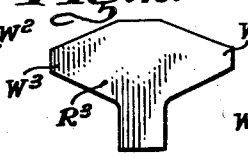


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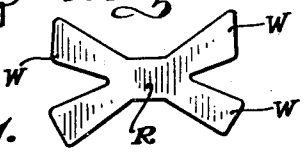


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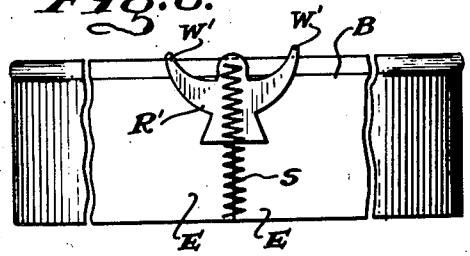
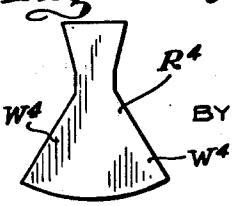


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The present invention is concerned with sweat bands particularly applicable to head wearing apparel, such as men's hats or the like. Usually each of these hats has sewed to the inside surface of the lower part of the crown thereof a flexible sweat band having its end portions disposed in juxtaposition or in a close abutting relation and suitably sewed together. For purposes of adequately finishing the sweat band, indicator means either in the form of a tassel or a fabric woven ribbon in the form of a bow is thereafter sewed to the juxtapositioned end portions. Generally the abutting end portions are disposed at the posterior part of the crown and consequently upon a mere casual glance at the indicator means thereon, initial positioning of the hat relative to the head of the wearer may be readily ascertained. One object of the present invention resides in the provision of a functionally and structurally improved hat sweat band wherein the indicator means is attached to the complementary or juxtapositioned ends of band at the time these ends are sewed together, thus resulting in an appreciable saving of time in the matter of assembly. Another important object resides in the provision of novel indicator means which may be stamped out of appropriate flexible material, such as leather or cast of a suitable plastic material. Another important object is to provide a serviceable and relatively soft indicator means precluded from fraying and compensatory in character to obviate undesirable bulkiness nevertheless concomitantly simulating a stamped bow and other appropriate tassel effects. Another object is to provide indicator means in the form of a relatively light weight, soft, and flexible membrane adapted to take the place of a woven bow or combined woven bow and tassel effects and adapted to reinforce in part the juxtapositioned ends of the sweat band. A further object is to provide an improved and effective arrangement of the character described adapted to be made and assembled at a relatively low cost and with an appreciable saving time. Other important objects, advantages, and functional and structural features of the invention will appear from the following detailed specification taken with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a hat illustrating the sweat band according to the preferred embodiment of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a broken and front elevational view of the sweat band illustrated in Fig. 1.

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Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the sweat band prior to anchoring of the complementary ends thereof and the indicator means.

Fig. 6 is a front view of the flexible indicator means.

Fig. 7 illustrates another form of indicator.

Fig. 8 shows the indicator of Fig. 7 anchored to the abutting or complementary ends of the sweat band, and

Figs. 9 to 11 inclusive illustrate other forms of flexible indicator means adapted to be severally anchored to companion contiguous ends of a sweat band.

The sweat band B according to the invention is appropriately attached by conventional means within the crown C of a hat generally denoted H. The companion ends E are disposed in close juxtaposition or in abutting relation. However prior to anchoring the band to the crown C, the reinforcing means broadly designated R which serves as indicator means is mounted on in overlapping relation with the juxtapositioned or contiguously disposed ends E. Subsequently a suitable undulatory line of stitching S is applied to these ends and to the reinforcing means or flexible membrane R which may be of a suitable leather appropriately stamped out to simulate a bow effect as illustrated in Figs. 1–6 or follow any of the several configurations depicted in Figs. 7–11 inclusive. Specifically however in Fig. 7, the reinforcing membrane R^1 may be said to follow a winged tassel. In Fig. 9 the membrane R^2 is scalloped and has a depending and flared portion which may be considered simulating a tassel. In Fig. 10 the membrane R^3 has a substantially diamond shaped breast portion with an attenuated depending tail portion. In Fig. 11 the membrane R^4 embodies a relatively small upper flared portion and a depending flared lower portion.

By the present invention and in all the embodiments herein disclosed the flexible and reinforcing membrane is initially positioned on the detached but closely disposed ends E of the hat band B and thereafter the line of stitching is applied to both the membrane and the juxtapositioned ends, hence appropriately securing the latter together as well as attaching these ends to the membrane. It is apparent therefore that by a single or unitary line of stitching, that is by fastening means common to the membrane and

the juxtapositioned ends, the membrane is adequately anchored at a time the juxtapositioned or abutting ends E are secured together after which the endless hat band is formed characterized by the indicator and reinforcing means such as R. The several membranes herein disclosed may be of a suitable flexible material adapted to be appropriately formed by compression or injection molding as is well appreciated.

In securing a membrane of the herein several embodiments disclosed, the line of stitching is along the medial vertical portion thereof permitting the wing portions such as W, W^1, W^2, W^3, and W^4 to be detached from the contiguous or juxtapositioned ends E of the sweat band.

Various changes may be made in details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof inherent therein.

I claim:

1. A sweat band for insertion within the crown of a hat comprising; a relatively narrow body having the entire height of its free ends disposed in close juxtaposition, a flexible membrane having a medial portion mounted on and overlapping contiguous portions of said ends and having wing means extending laterally of said medial portion and disconnected from said portions, and a line of stitching securing said entire height of said ends together and the entire height of said medial portion to said contiguous portions to preclude lifting of said ends away from each other and concomitantly permit displacement of said wing means relative to said contiguous portions.

2. A sweat band for insertion within the crown of a hat comprising; a relatively narrow and hollow body having the entire height of its free and companion ends disposed in close juxtaposition, a flexible membrane having a medial portion mounted on and overlapping continguous portions of said ends and having wing means extending laterally of said medial portion and disconnected from said portions, and a single line of stitching along said entire height and common to said ends for securing said entire height of said ends together and the entire height of said medial portion to said contiguous portions to preclude lifting of said ends away from each other and concomitantly permit displacement of said wing means relative to said contiguous portions.

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