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Fig. 1.

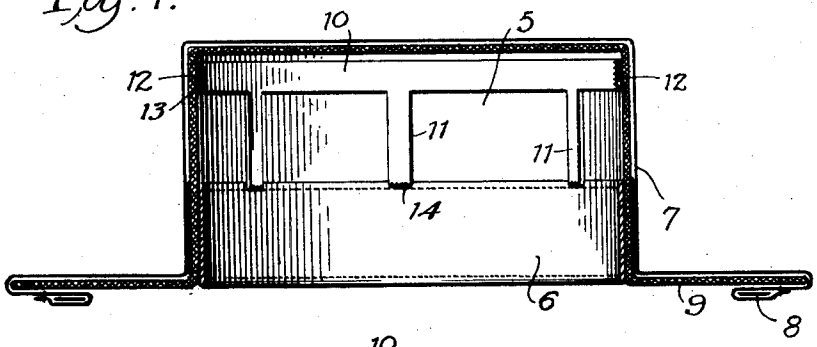


Fig. 2.

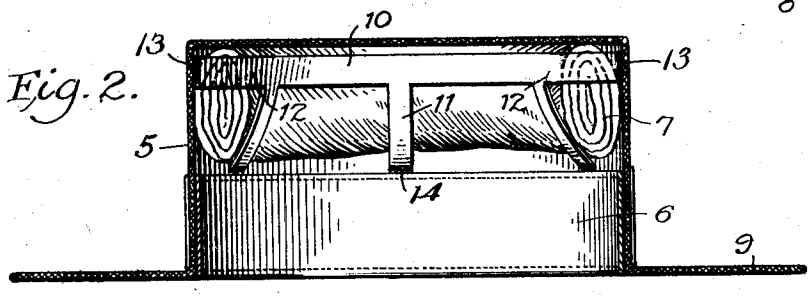


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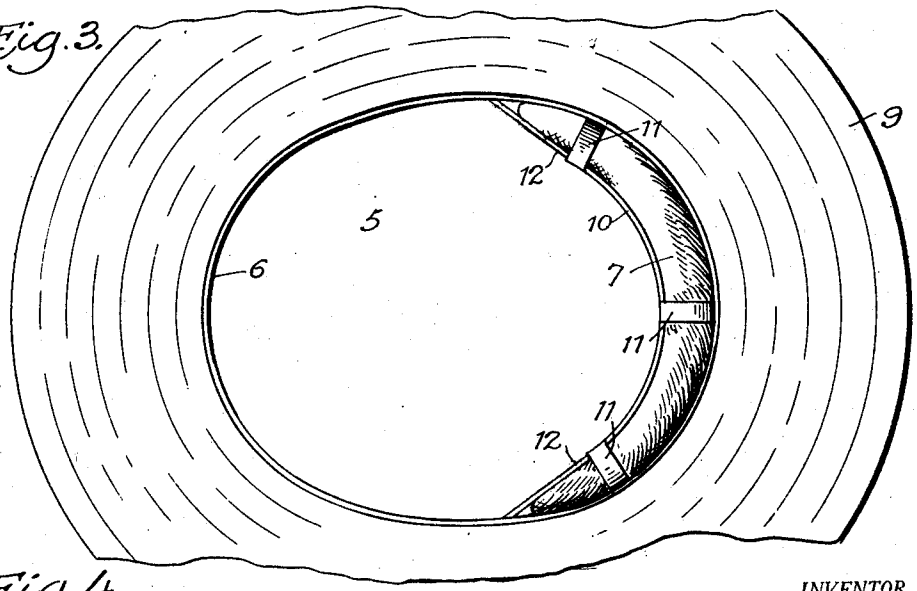
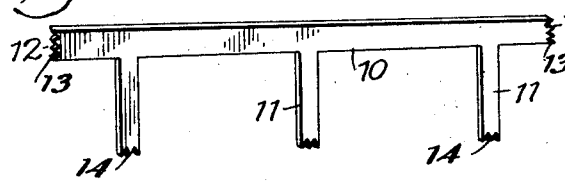


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to attachments for hats and more particularly to waterproof coverings for straw hats and means for storing the same in the hat when not in use, the object of the invention being to provide the hat with a spring frame that is held in the hat by its own resiliency and having space between itself and the interior wall of the said hat in which the waterproof covering, after removal from the exterior, may be held within the hat by the pressure of the frame.

These and other objects of the invention are more fully described in the following specification, set forth in the claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a sectional view of a hat showing the covering on the same and the retaining frame within.

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the covering folded within the hat and held by the spring frame.

Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view of the hat shown in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the spring retaining frame.

In Fig. 1 the straw hat 5 is of the usual type having the sweat band 6 and over the hat is fitted the waterproof cover 7 of any desired material and having the elastic band 8 around its edge to hold it on the hat brim 9.

The cover is adapted to be worn in damp or rainy weather and when not so used it is detached from the hat and may be folded or rolled up into as small a space as possible. If found desirable it may be enclosed in a bag or envelope. When thus compressed into a small package it may be stored, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. in the front or rear of the inside of the hat and near the crown.

To hold the cover in position a frame of steel or other resilient material is provided and comprising the bar 10 having the fingers 11. The bar is normally straight but may be bent to the shape of a section of the hat and placed therein, as shown in Fig. 1, where it will readily maintain itself in a relatively flat position so as not to contact with the head.

When the cover is deposited in the hat in its folded state, the resilient frame is removed and placed over the said cover. In both Figs. 2 and 3 the frame is shown under tension with its ends 12 pressing outward and forcing the cover against the inner sides of the hat while the fingers 11 further assist in preventing the cover from falling downward when the hat is on the head.

To aid in retaining the resilient frame in place, it may be found desirable to make the ends of the main bar toothed as at 13 and to provide teeth on the fingers as indicated at 14.

The frame is in no way secured to the hat but is held in its various positions by its own resiliency and may be dispensed with in case that the cover is not desired.

As will be seen in the drawings, the cover and frame are compressed into such a small volume as to be fitted into the hat without interfering with the comfort of the wearer of the hat and the cover may be of a material whose weight would be a matter of no inconvenience.

It is obvious that the spring frame may be modified or otherwise arranged without departing from the essential features above described or from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

What I claim as new is:

1. An attachment for hats particularly adapted to hold a folded cover within the hat crown when not in use comprising an elongated resilient member adapted to be bowed to conform to the curve of the hat crown and provided with depending fingers to engage with the crown.

2. An attachment for hats adapted particularly to hold a folded hat cover in place in the upper portion of a hat crown when not in use. comprising an elongated bar adapted to be bowed against the hat cover to conform the same to the curve of the crown of the hat and provided with depending resilient fingers extending laterally from one edge adapted to be flexed to engage at their free ends with the hat crown to retain the resilient bar in place, said bar and fingers having the ends thereof serrated.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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