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Reversible Hat.

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Fig 1.

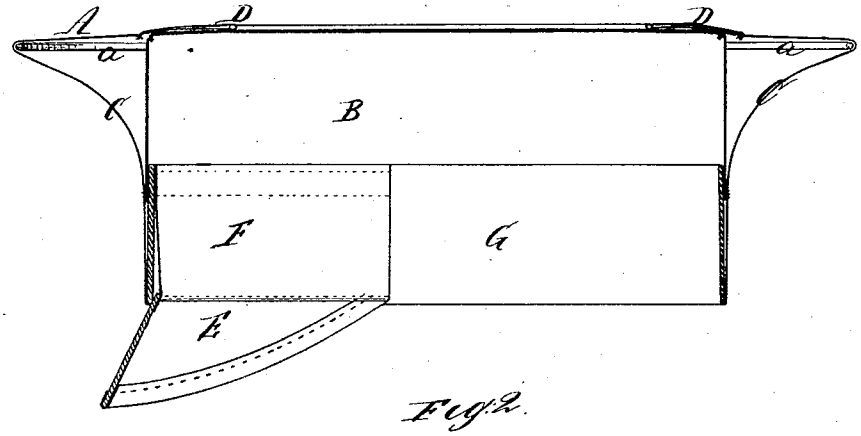
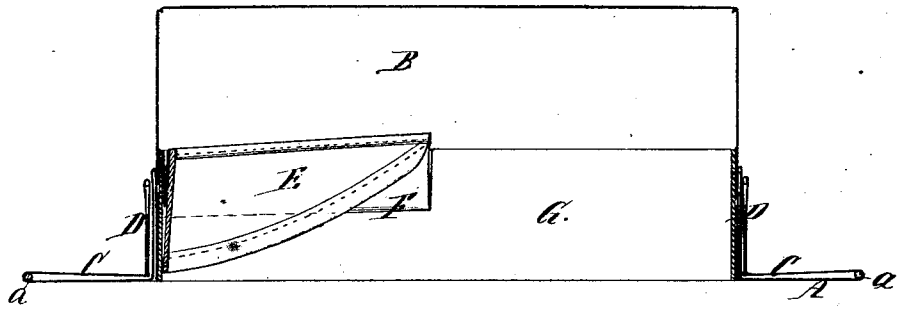


Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN REVERSIBLE HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONHARD GIRBARDT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and Improved Reversible Hat or Cap, of which the following is a specification:

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 shows a cross-section of a cap. Fig. 2 shows a like section of a hat.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to head-gear which is capable of being transformed to a hat or cap, at the option of the wearer; and consists in the combination of a loose rim with a hat or cap body, in such a manner that the rim can be moved to the top or the bottom edge of the body, and by this means produce the semblance of either a cap or hat.

The loose rim is supported on the body by means of a piece of cloth or other flexible material, which folds together when the rim is moved to the bottom edge of the body, and when the rim is moved to the top edge forms a continuation of the side of the body, and imparts to the whole a symmetrical form.

To the inner edge of the loose rim is secured an elastic band, in such a manner that when the rim is moved to the top edge of the body the band catches over the said edge, and by this means holds the rim in place.

The elastic band, furthermore, conceals the supporting-piece of the loose rim, when the same is folded, and constitutes a band to the hat.

In the drawing, the letter A designates the loose rim of my hat or cap, constructed in the present case of cloth, and provided with a spring-wire, *a*. This loose rim is connected to the body B by means of a supporting-piece, C, of cloth, preferably similar to that of the body, and which extends from the outer edge of the rim to the lower half of the body.

By this supporting-piece C a flaring top is given to the cap, as commonly found in conductor's and other caps, when a cap is formed, and the piece C is extended by adjusting the loose rim A to the top edge of the body.

D designates an elastic band secured to the inner edge of the loose rim A, and which, when the cap, Fig. 1, is formed, is adjusted over the top edge of the body B, and thus prevents the loose rim from shifting. The band D in the present case is composed of a pocket containing an elastic cord.

In forming a hat from the cap, Fig. 1, the elastic band D is removed from the position it occupies above the top edge of the body B, and, following the loose rim to the bottom edge of the body, it lies above the fold of the connecting-piece C. The elastic band thus has a tendency to hold the fold down, while it forms a perfect imitation of a hat-band.

The body B is made with straight sides, so that the loose rim can be moved up and down on it with facility.

In order to form a hat, Fig. 2, the loose rim A is simply adjusted to the bottom edge of the body B, when the supporting-piece C folds together on the side of the body immediately above the rim, and, together with the elastic band D, occupies the place occupied by the band of an ordinary hat.

The cap, Fig. 1, is completed by a peak, E, which is attached to the sweat-leather on the inside of the body B through the medium of a strip of cloth, F, or other flexible support. The peak E can thus be pulled out and shoved back into the body at will, and according to whether a cap or hat is desired.

When the peak is shoved back, it is held in place by contact with the head of the wearer.

The sweat-leather, marked G, is preferably used on account of its adaptability to retain the peak E, as just described, as well as on account of its other advantages; but it may be dispensed with, and the peak E connected directly to the body.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the hat or cap body, of a loose brim constructed to be adjusted or moved from the lower edge of the body to its upper edge, substantially as described, for producing a hat or cap, as set forth.

2. The combination, with the body of a hat or cap and a loose brim, constructed to be adjusted or moved from the lower edge of the body to its upper edge, for the purpose de-

scribed, of the flexible supporting-piece C, extending from the outer edge of the brim to the lower portion of the body, for imparting a flaring top to the cap, when the latter is produced, as set forth.

3. The combination, with the loose brim A, body B, and flexible supporting-piece C, of the elastic band D, secured at its inner edge to the loose brim, and constructed to operate substantially as and for the purpose described.

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