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HAT REST

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Fig. 1.

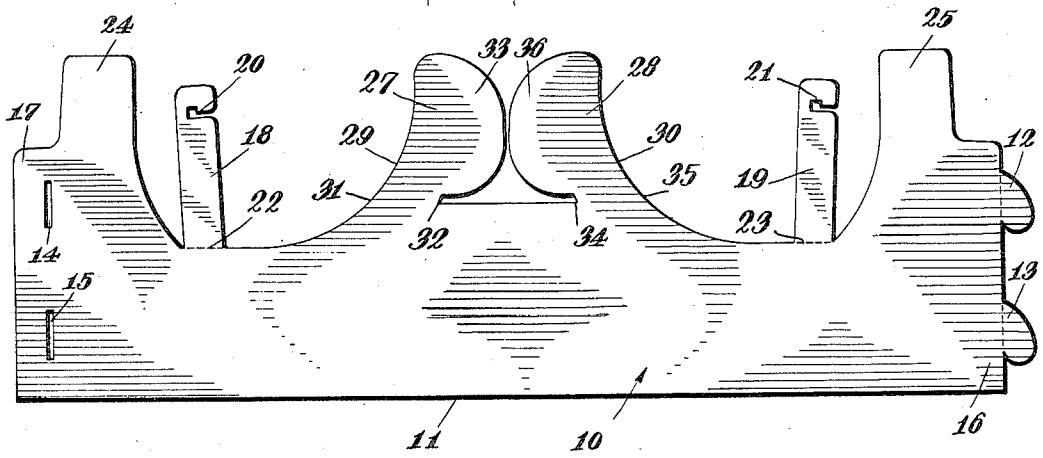


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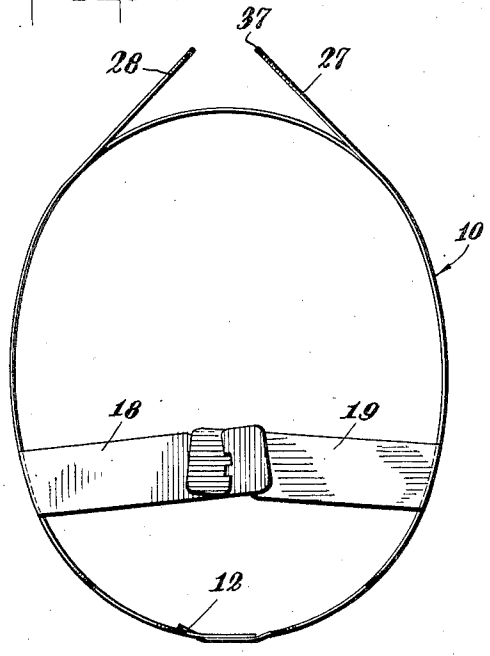


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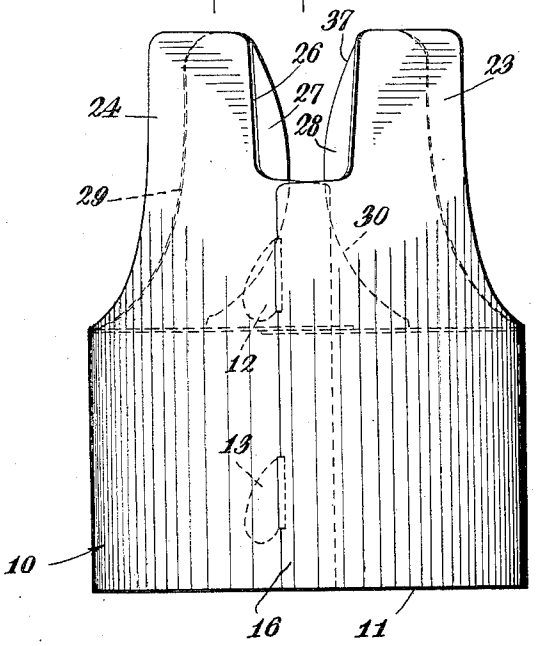
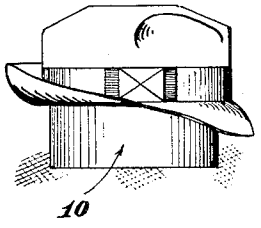


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This invention relates to improvements in hat rests.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved hat rest which may be easily and cheaply constructed of cardboard or equivalent inexpensive material.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hat rest which can be manufactured, stored and shipped in knocked down condition in the form of a blank and which, as occasion may require, can be easily and quickly set up to suitably support a soft or felt hat. The hat rest is especially intended for men's hats.

For some years past the felt or soft hats have been generally worn with either a longitudinal crease or a diamond crease, these being the generally prevailing styles. It is a further object of the invention to provide a hat rest of such a design that it will support and fit within a soft or felt hat which has been creased either with the longitudinal center crease or with the alternative diamond crease.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will be made manifest in the following detailed description, and specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference is had to the accompanying drawing for an illustrative embodiment of the invention, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the blank which is bendable into the construction forming the improved hat rest.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same when in set up condition.

Fig. 3 is a rear view in elevation of the improved hat rest.

Fig. 4 is a front elevation on a reduced scale, showing the position of a hat resting thereon.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, wherein similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout, the improved hat rest is made of a single, integral blank of cardboard or equivalent bendable material which is relatively inexpensive. This blank is indicated at 10 and has a straight bottom edge 11. It is of such length that when bent into the form or position shown in Fig. 2 it will telescope into a soft or felt hat. Adjacent one end of the blank there are formed downwardly extending ears 12 and 13 which are receivable in vertical slots 14 and 15 formed in the opposite end of the blank. In bending the blank into the form shown in Fig. 2 it is preferable to have the eared end 16 positioned along the outer side of the slotted end 17 so that the ears 12 and 13 extend through the slots and are positioned on the inner side of the slotted end. When the blank is thus folded or bent and the ends connected together by the insertion of the ears through the slot, the double thickness of cardboard at the connected ends tends to make the hat rest stiffer at this point than elsewhere. Consequently, the blank will not naturally tend to assume either a true circle or a shape conforming closely to the shape of the interior of a hat. To correct this and to cause the blank to assume a proper shape the blank is provided with foldable arms 18 and 19 having hooked ends 20 and 21, which are adapted to engage each other and be connected. These arms are foldable upon fold lines 22 and 23 and, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, they are disposed slightly off center, that is, the fold lines 22 and 23 are displaced toward the connected ends of the blank. When these arms are connected they counteract the stiffness of the overlapped connected ends, drawing the sides of the bent blank toward each other against this stiffness. This results in the formation of a band which is oval or slightly egg-shaped so as to conform more closely to the interior of a hat. In this way, by using the connected arms 18 and 19, the folded blank with its overlapped ends can be given the proper shape in plan.

As a means for supporting the hat there is an upstanding projection rectangular in shape adjacent each end. These projections, which are indicated at 24 and 25, cooperate when the blank is in set up condition to form forwardly divergent projections which are spaced by an opening 26 (see Fig. 3). At the forward part of the blank, which constitutes the center of the blank, there are a pair of adjacent projections or ears 27 and 28. One side of each projection 27 and 28 is formed by a smooth, wide curve, the curves being indicated at 29 and 30. They are so formed as to project toward each other beyond their lines of attachment. In other words, if the line of attachment for projection or ear 28 is considered as being between the points 31 and 32 a portion 33 projects to the right of this line. Conversely, if the ear or projection 28 is considered as being attached to the blank along a line 34—35, this ear or projection has a portion 36 which projects to the left of this line. Consequently, by the formation of these ears or projections, when the blank is in set up condition the ears or projections project forwardly beyond the body of the blank and may be considered as approximately tangent thereto, as shown on Fig. 2. The forward edges are spaced apart as indicated at 37.

Hat rests made as above described can be

stored and shipped in knocked down condition. When occasion requires they may be easily set up by connecting the adjacent ends of the blank, bending the arms 18 and 19 inwardly and connecting them. The upstanding projections 24, 25, 27 and 28 will enter the hat placed on the hat rest in such a manner as not to disturb either the longitudinal or the diamond crease formed thereon. The space 26 is sufficiently wide so as not to disturb the hat which has been longitudinally creased, and the same applies to the space 37, especially when considered in connection with the rounded forward edges at the tops of the ears 27 and 28. The angle of divergence between the ears or projections 24 and 25 is much wider than the angle of convergence of the ears or projections 27 and 28. Consequently, these projections conform to the back of a diamond crease if the hat applied to the hat rest is so creased. Likewise, the forward ears or projections 27 and 28 will conform to the diamond crease at the front of the hat which usually has greater convergence than at the back of the hat.

It will thus be appreciated that the improved hat rest is so designed as to receive and properly fit within a soft or felt hat which is creased either with a longitudinal or a diamond crease. The improved hat rest can be very easily and quickly set up and can be conveniently stored and shipped. Inasmuch as it is made from a single blank of cardboard by a single cutting and stamping operation the ease of manufacture will be readily appreciated by those familiar with the art.

Various changes may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A hat rest comprising a sheet of bendable material adapted to be bent into a band to be telescoped into a hat, means at the ends of the band for connecting the ends, and foldable connecting arms at the top edges of the band adapted to be connected to cause the band to conform to the desired shape.

2. A hat rest comprising a sheet of bendable material adapted to be bent into a band to be telescoped into a hat, means at the ends of the band for connecting the ends, and foldable connecting arms at the top edges of the band adapted to be connected to cause the band to conform to the desired shape, there being upstanding projections at the top of the band at the front and back thereof.

3. A hat rest comprising a sheet of bendable material adapted to be bent into a band to be telescoped into a hat, and means at the ends of the band for connecting the ends, there being upstanding projections at the top of the band at the front and back thereof, the forward projections having portions projecting forwardly beyond the body of the band.

4. A hat rest comprising a sheet of bendable material adapted to be bent into a band to be telescoped into a hat, means at the ends of the band for connecting the ends, and foldable connecting arms at the top edges of the band adapted to be connected to cause the band to conform to the desired shape, there being upstanding projections at the top of the band at the front and back thereof, the forward projections having portions projecting forwardly beyond the body of the band.

5. A hat rest comprising a sheet of bendable material adapted to be bent into a band to be telescoped into a hat, and means at the ends of the band for connecting the ends, there being upstanding projections at the top of the band at the front and back thereof, the angle of divergence between the rear projections being greater than the angle of convergence between the forward projections.

6. A hat rest comprising a sheet of bendable material adapted to be bent into a band to be telescoped into a hat, means at the ends of the band for connecting the ends, and foldable connecting arms at the top edges of the band adapted to be connected to cause the band to conform to the desired shape, there being upstanding projections at the top of the band at the front and back thereof, the angle of divergence between the rear projections being greater than the angle of convergence between the forward projections.

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