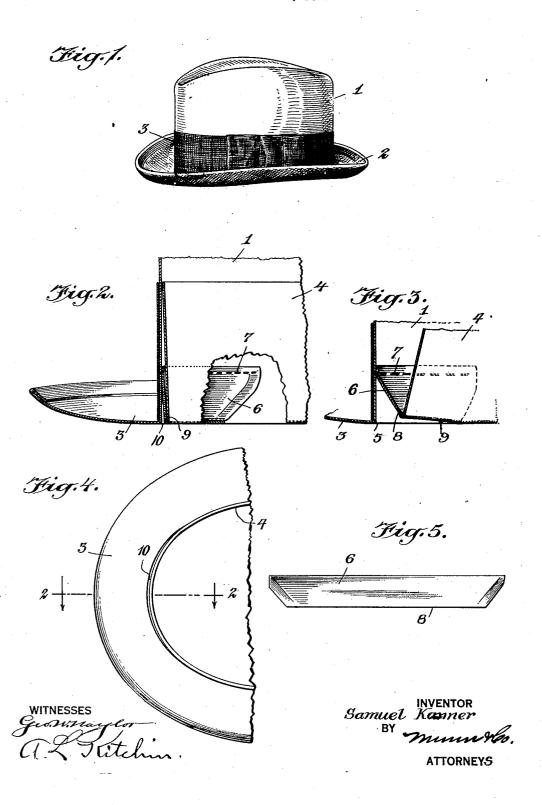
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This invention relates to hats, and has for an object to provide an improved construction of sweat band or hat leather, wherein a proper appearing structure is presented while means are provided which will prevent perspiration from passing from the head to the hat at the front or any desired point opposite the sweat band.

Another object of the invention is to pro-10 vide in a hat a ventilating and absorbing pad connected to the hat along one edge and to the sweat band along the opposite edge, whereby the sweat band is held in proper position but may swing away from the hat 15 from time to time so as to provide a desired ventilation.

An additional object is to provide in a hat an absorbing and ventilating pad which may be arranged at the front or at any desired point around the sweat band and so connected to the sweat band as to hold the sweat band in place while providing an air opening between the sweat band and the hat.

In the accompanying drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat with. an embodiment of the invention shown applied thereto:

Figure 2 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view through the hat shown in Figure 30 1, the section being taken on line 22 of Figure 4, the hat being on an enlarged scale;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view similar to Figure 2 but showing the ventilating pad and sweat band swung away from the hat;

Figure 4 is a bottom plan view of the structure shown in Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a side view of the ventilating pad shown particularly in Figures 2 and 3.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates the crown, and 2 the brim of a felt hat which may be made and shaped to answer the demands of the presentday purchasing public. In making hats of this kind there is always provided an ornamental band 3 which is usually stitched lightly in place, and on the inside there is provided a hat leather or sweat band 4 which is usually stitched to the juncture 5 of the brim and crown.

In the present invention a ventilating

structure is provided which includes a pad 6 of felt or other desired material. This pad is preferably some absorbent material and is held in place by stitches 7 near the upper edge, the lower edge 8 being secured to the 55 lower edge of the sweat band 4 by stitches 9, as shown particularly in Figures 2 and 3. The sweat band 4 is preferably made of such a size that the pad 6 is held slightly away from the crown 1 shown in Figure 4, whereby 60 a ventilating opening or space 10 is presented. The pad is shown located at the front of the hat because most of the perspiration is at this point, and by reason of this structure the perspiration cannot pass into the crown 65 1 or brim 2. When perspiration passes into the crown or brim an appreciable amount of discoloration takes place, and consequently, the hat becomes unsightly. By providing pad 6 and arranging the same as described 70 the perspiration cannot reach the crown or brim and therefore does not discolor the same. In addition, the small space 10 provides a certain amount of ventilation and the spacing of the leather acts to present a resilient head-gripping structure at this point. Preferably the pad 6 is arranged at the front, as shown, but if desired, could be arranged at the back or either side, and also, if desired, more than one pad may be used without departing from 30 the spirit of the invention.

What I claim is:-

1. The combination with a hat having a crown and a sweat band, of a member arranged at the front of the sweat band posi- 85 tioned with the lower edge spaced from the crown, means for connecting the lower edge of said member to the lower edge of the sweat band, and means for connecting the upper edge of said member to said crown, the lower edge of said member acting to hold the sweat band out of contact with the hat to provide a ventilating space.

2. The combination with a felt hat having 95 a crown, a brim and a sweat band of a member arranged at the front of the hat, means for stitching the upper edge of said member to said hat and means for stitching the lower edge of the sweat band to the lower edge of 100 said member, the said lower edge of said member being spaced from said hat whereby the sweat band is held away from the hat at the front, the spacing of said sweat band being sufficient to present a ventilating space between the sweat band and hat.

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