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Fig. 1

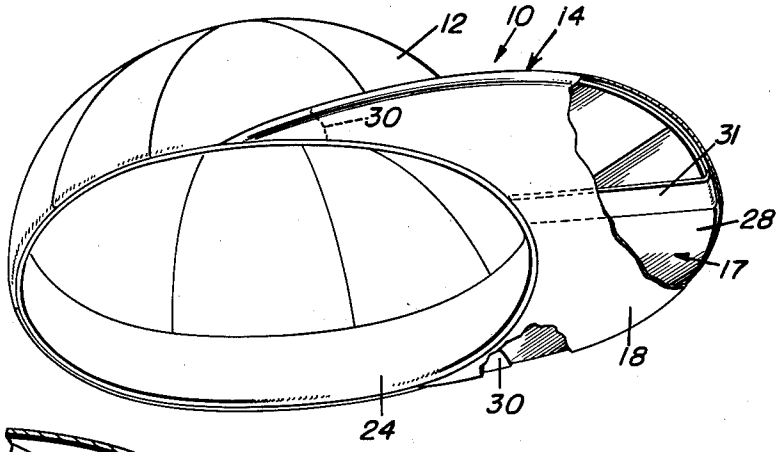


Fig. 2

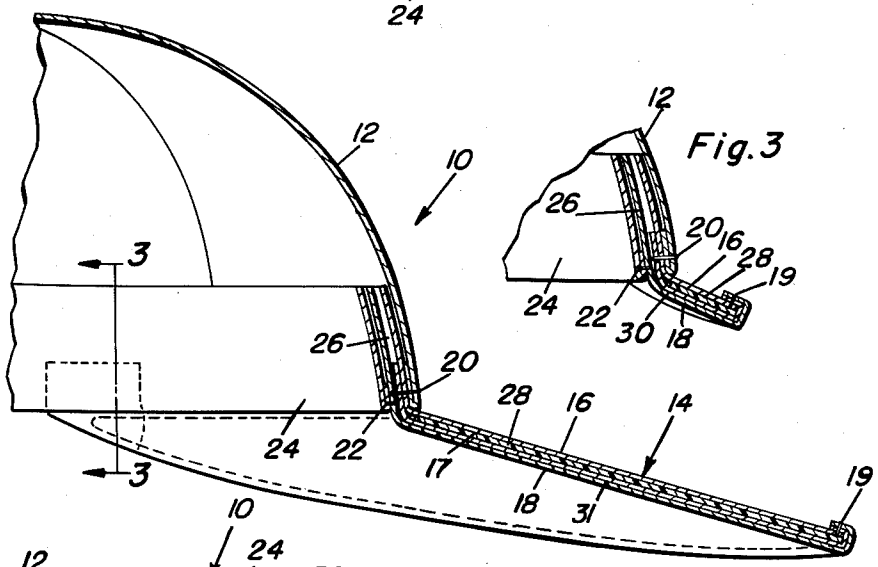
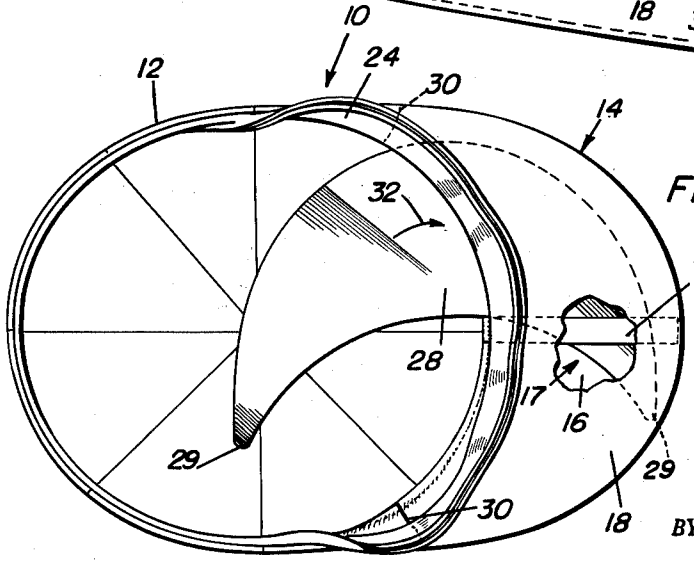


Fig. 3

Fig. 4



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in caps, particularly caps having a visor provided with a stiffening insert, and the principal object of the invention is to provide a cap of this character wherein the stiffening insert may be quickly and easily removed from the visor when the cap is to be laundered or cleaned.

An important feature of the invention resides in the provision of novel means for sustaining the removable stiffening insert in position, these means being entirely devoid of any metal fasteners, or the like, which usually become rusted after the cap is subjected to laundering.

Some of the advantages of the invention reside in its simplicity of construction and in its adaptability to economical manufacture.

With the above more important objects and features in view and such other objects and features as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially of the arrangement and construction of parts as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is an underside perspective view of a cap constructed in accordance with the invention, the same being partially broken away;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view of the cap;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional detail, taken substantially in the plane of the line 3—3 in Figure 2, and

Figure 4 is an underside plan view of the cap, illustrating the manner in which the stiffening insert is installed or removed.

Like characters of reference are employed to designate like parts in the specification and throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the cap is designated generally by the reference character **10** and embodies in its construction the customary crown **12** with a peripheral edge and the customary visor **14**.

The visor **14** includes upper and lower curved panels **16, 18** having converging edges which are secured together at outer marginal edges thereof as indicated at **19** and afford a pocket **17** therebetween. The upper panel **16** is also stitched as indicated at **20** to the crown **12**, while the lower panel **18** is stitched as indicated at **22** to the customary sweatband **24**. At this point the panels **16, 18** are separated so as to afford an entrance opening **26** for the pocket **17**, through which opening a stiffening insert **28** may be inserted in or removed from the pocket.

The insert **28** conforms substantially to the segment-shaped configuration with tapering ends of the pocket and means are provided for removably sustaining the insert in position. These means consist of a pair of corner tabs **30** which are secured by the stitching **19, 20** in the end portions of the pocket **17**, so as to provide

what may be referred to as sockets in the pocket, for the reception of the corresponding end portions **29** of the insert **28**.

Moreover, a keeper strap **31** is secured centrally in the pocket **17** by the stitching **19, 20** and affords an elongated loop having the insert **28** extending therethrough.

When it is desired to place the insert **28** in the pocket **17**, the front portion of the sweatband **24** is turned downwardly so as to expose the entrance opening **26**, whereupon, with the insert **28** in the position shown in Figure 4, one end portion of the insert is passed between the keeper strap **31** and the top panel **16**, so that the insert may be swung or fed inwardly as indicated by the arrow **32** in Figure 4, until the inner end portion **29** of the insert is received in one of the sockets afforded by the tabs **30**. The other end portion of the insert may then be deposited in the other socket so that the two sockets together with the strap **31** sustain the insert in position. Needless to say, the insert may be readily removed by simply reversing the procedure above outlined.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention, it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

A cap including a crown having a peripheral edge and a visor attached thereto, said visor comprising upper and lower panels disposed in spaced parallel relation and having curved inner and outer marginal edges converging at each end, said panels having a central portion and remote tapering end portions defined by said converging edges, the outer marginal edges of said panels being secured together, thereby affording a pocket between the panels, the inner marginal edge of the upper panel being secured to the peripheral edge of the crown, the inner marginal edge of the lower panel underlying and being separated from the inner marginal edge of the upper panel thereby forming an entrance opening for the pocket between the panels, a stiffening insert removably positioned in said pocket and generally conforming thereto in shape and size, and means for sustaining the insert in the pocket, said means including a pair of corner tabs having an edge secured to the lower panel adjacent said end portions and having another edge secured to the crown, each of said tabs having a free edge facing toward the central portion of the panels thereby providing sockets at said end portions of the pocket and providing a closure at the ends of the entrance opening, the end portions of said insert being positioned in said sockets, said sustaining means also including an elongated keeper strap disposed adjacent the central portion of the visor between said panels and having one end secured to the outer marginal edges of the panels and the other end secured to the peripheral edge of the crown in underlying relation to the upper panel, thereby forming a loop for receiving the central portion of the insert.

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