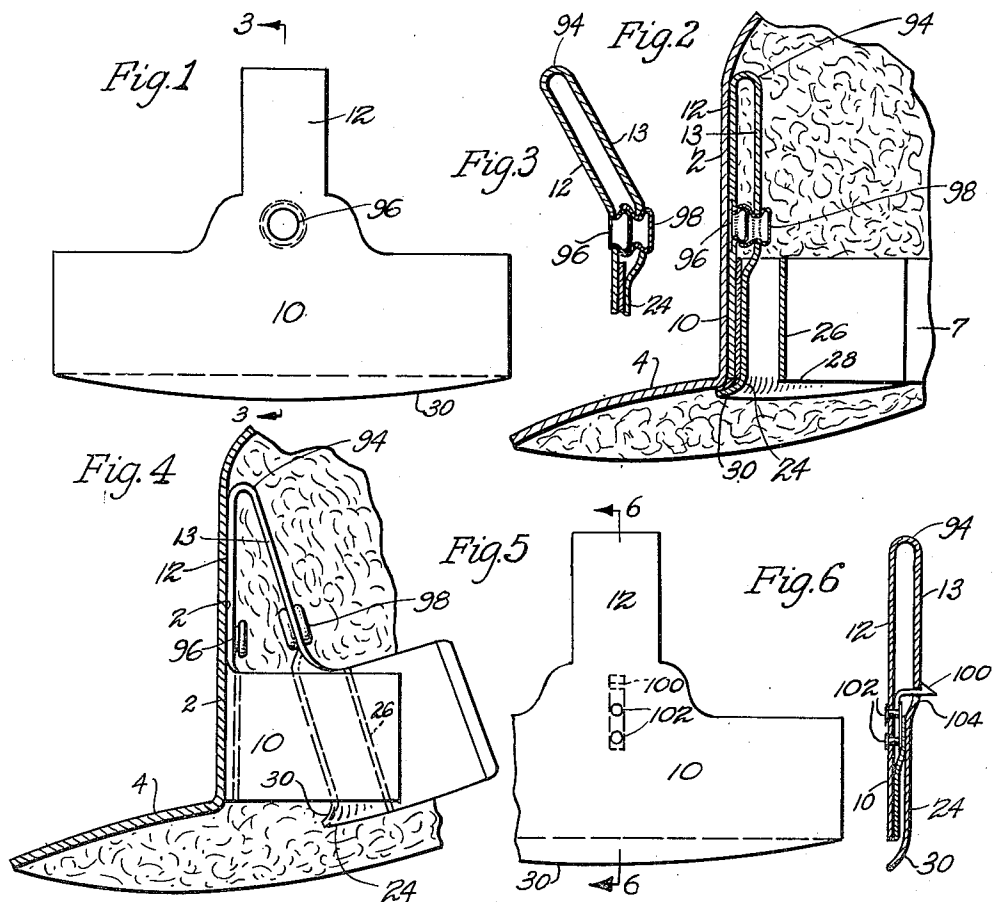


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My present invention relates to an improved hat and cap air conditioner, shaper and snubber, and more particularly to a device adapted to be inserted within the hat and secured to the usual sweat band so that the front portion of the hat will be spaced from the wearer's head to permit circulation of air to keep the hat interior cool, to stimulate hair growth and to shape the hat according to fashion and hold the hat tight to prevent it being blown off readily and by its close application against the forehead prevents formation of forehead wrinkles.

Customarily, men's hats are made of felt of various grades and character comprising a crown and a brim, and the contour of the brim is usually formed with a front depressed or dipped portion, the balance being curved upwardly both for utility and to meet the requirements of fashion or mode. However, the man with a small round head rather than oval, will experience difficulty in maintaining the brim in the desired contour, and it is to eliminate this deficiency that I have created the device of my invention.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention according to the best mode I have thus far devised, but it will be understood that various changes and alterations may be made in the exemplified structure within the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of the device embodying the invention showing a novel securing means.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through a hat showing the device in position.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view through the device on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2 with the spacer unsnapped.

Fig. 5 is a partial front elevational view of a shaper with a modified securing means.

Fig. 6 is a vertical sectional view thereof on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Referring now to the drawings wherein I have illustrated the present preferred embodiments of my invention which is used with a conventional hat having a crown 2 and brim 4 with a customary sweat band 7. With the device of my invention, Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive, a hat of slightly larger than normal size is employed and I provide a clamp comprising an arcuate shaped front plate member or base 10 which is curved to merge with the hat crown and inserted between the

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crown and sweat band. The front plate member or base 10 is provided with an upper U-shaped extension 12 of flexible material bent upon itself at 94. The lower end of the front portion of the extension 12 is formed integral with the front plate member 10 at the central point of the upper edge thereof. The extension 12 has a male snap fastener 96 to coact with the female snap fastener 98 on the rear portion 13 of the extension 12, to hold the two portions of the extension 12 together. Formed integral with the lower end of the rear portion 13 of the extension 12 is an arcuate shaped rear plate or clamp 24 and when the snap fasteners are connected the plate or clamp 24 will engage the rear surface of the sweatband 7 and the front plate 10 will engage the front surface of the sweatband 7 to hold the device in an upright position when the device is inserted over the sweatband 7 with the plate 12 between the crown 2 and sweatband 7, Fig. 2.

In Figs. 5 and 6 a modified form of securing means is employed which embodies the hook prong 100 which is secured to the rear surface of the front plate of the extension 12 by rivets 102, the prong 100 being inserted through a slot 104 in the rear plate 13, Fig. 6.

A spacer 26 consists in a curved member attached as at 28 to the clamp (the spacer and clamp may be integral) and of a longer radius curve, so that a crescent space is formed between the spacer and the clamp. The lower edge of the clamp 24 is provided with a forwardly extending curved flange 30 along its lower edge to eliminate any cutting into the forehead of the wearer, and for holding the clamp in place better.

With the device in position and formed of relatively flexible material to conform to the curve of the head, the hat will be lightly stretched longitudinally to effect the snapping down of the brim and the crescent space will permit circulation of air with the previously mentioned beneficial results.

According to my present plans, the device may be fashioned of any suitable material as plastic, light weight metal, or a combination, and the inner surface of the spacer may be covered with leather or other material for contact with the forehead.

The device of my invention will be inexpensive to manufacture and use, and will conform easily to low cost retail sales.

Having thus fully described my invention what

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I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. The combination with a hat and its sweat band of an arcuate shaped front plate member positioned between the crown of the hat and the sweat band at the front of said hat, a U-shaped extension of flexible material, the end of one portion of said extension being integral with the front plate member at the central point of the upper edge thereof, a rear plate member of similar configuration to said front plate member, said rear plate including a forwardly extending flange along its lower edge, the other portion of said extension being integral at its end with the upper edge of the rear plate member at the central point thereof, co-operating fastening means on said extension adjacent the plate members and coacting with each other to hold together the two portions of the extension so that the base of the front plate member is held in upright position between the sweat band and the crown of the hat and the rear plate member lies against the outer side

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of the sweat band and the forwardly extending curved flange extends under the lower edge of the sweat band when the two portions of the extension are held together by said fastening means.

2. The combination as in claim 1 wherein means is carried by said rear plate member to space said member from the forehead of the wearer of the hat.

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