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CAP.

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Fig. 1.

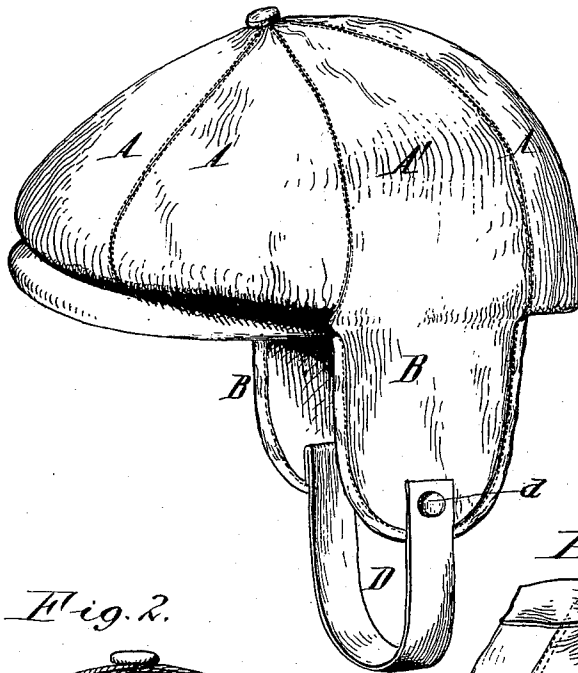


Fig. 2.

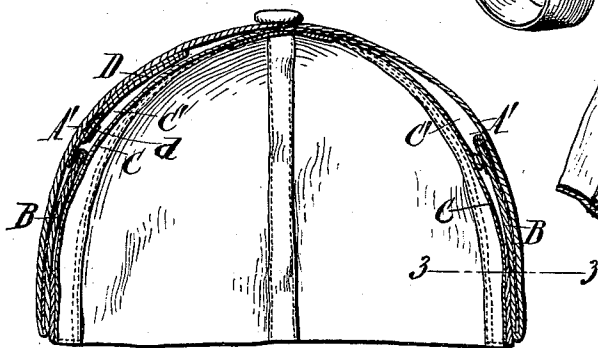


Fig. 3.

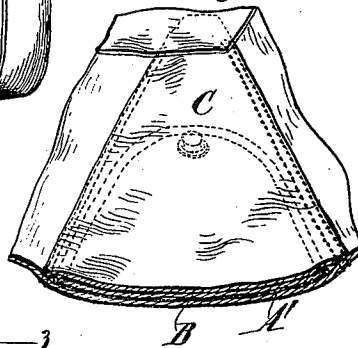
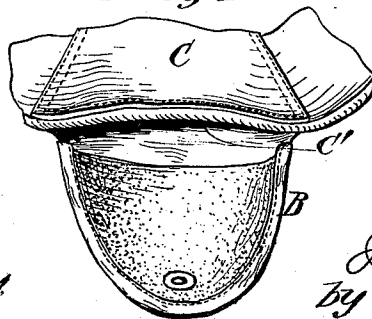


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Caps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to caps provided with ear laps. Its object is the production of a neat and inexpensive cap of this kind in which the ear laps are permanently combined with the cap and capable of being folded out of sight when not in use, so that the cap presents the appearance of an ordinary cap without ear laps, thus adapting it for use in the spring and fall months as well as in winter.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cap with the ear laps unfolded. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section thereof with the ear laps folded and concealed. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary horizontal section of the cap on line 3—3, Fig. 2, looking upward. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary inside view of the cap looking toward one of the unfolded ear laps.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

The drawings illustrate a cloth cap composed of the usual sections A, A¹.

B indicates the ear laps which are preferably cut integral with the two side sections A¹ of the cap-body, so as to form downward continuations thereof when the laps are unfolded, as seen in Figs. 1 and 4. The sections carrying the ear laps are provided on their inner sides with linings C which together with the sections form pockets C¹ adapted to receive the ear laps, which latter are folded inwardly and upwardly on a line with the lower edge of the cap and smoothly tucked into said pockets, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. For this purpose, the lower end of each pocket is open, as best shown in Fig. 4.

A chin strap D may be permanently attached to one of the ear laps and provided at its other free end with a suitable fastener *d* adapted to detachably engage the other ear lap, as shown in Fig. 1.

When the cap is to be used without ear laps, the free end of the chin strap is detached from the adjacent ear lap and doubled against the inner side of the other lap, and the two laps are then folded and tucked into the pockets C¹ as before described, producing a cap which is as neat in appearance as an ordinary one without ear laps.

The cap illustrated in the drawings has no lining other than the segmental linings C forming the pockets for the ear laps, but if desired, the cap may obviously be provided with a complete lining extending over all of the sections A, A¹ as in ordinary caps.

While I prefer to make the ear laps integral with the side sections A¹ of the cap, they might consist of separate pieces, sewed or otherwise fastened to the lower edges of said sections.

I claim as my invention:

A cap having its outer material composed of sections, linings applied to the inner sides of the side sections of the cap and forming pockets, said pockets extending downwardly to the lower edge of the cap-body and opening at said edge, and foldable ear laps extending downwardly from the lower extremities of said side sections adapted to be folded inwardly on a line with the lower edge of the cap and tucked into said pockets.

Witness my hand this 28th day of April, 1910.

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