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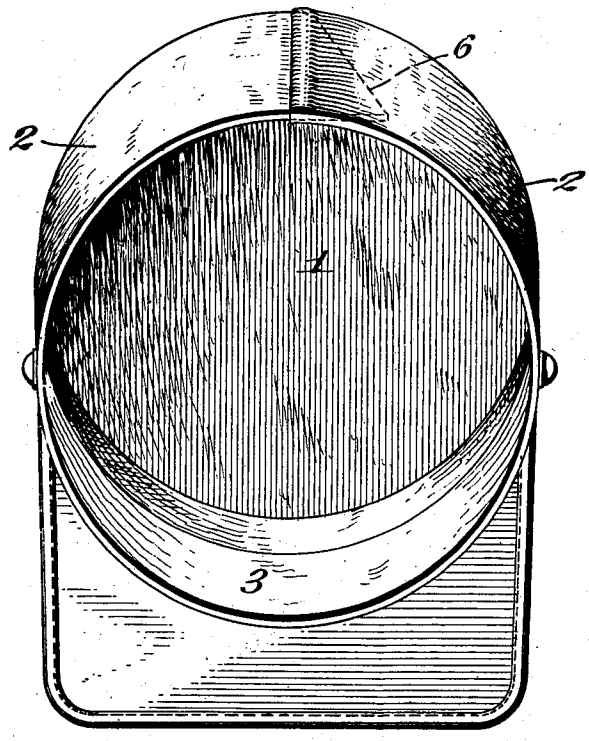
Fig. 1.



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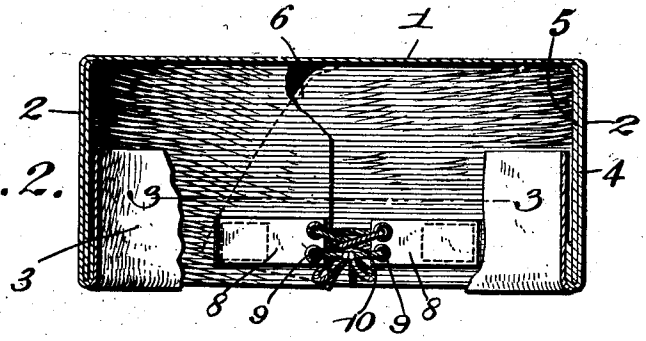

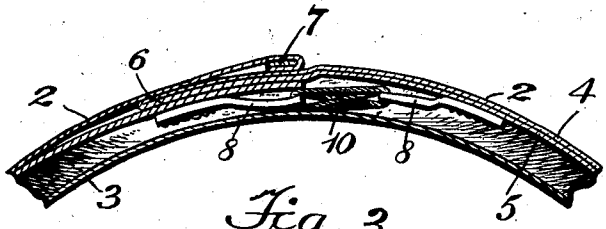

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. DRAKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pueblo, in the county of Pueblo and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Cap, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to caps, and more especially to caps having a stiff vertical side wall and a flat top secured to said side wall.

The object of the invention is to provide in a cap a simple and effective means for adjusting the size of the cap to fit heads of different sizes and at the same time to avoid injuring the appearance of the cap or increasing materially the cost thereof.

A further object of the invention is to provide in a cap means for adjusting the size thereof to fit heads of different sizes and so construct the adjusting means that it may be readily operated, may not be in the way of the wearer of the cap, and so that it may be certain and positive in action and durable in service.

With all of the objects above stated and others in view, which will appear as the invention is more fully disclosed, the same consists in the construction and combination of parts of a cap hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which corresponding parts are designated by the same characters of reference throughout, it being understood that changes in the form, proportions, and exact mode of assemblage of the elements therein exhibited may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a cap constructed in accord with this invention seen from behind and below. Fig. 2 is a view in vertical transverse section through the cap looking toward the rear. Fig. 3 is a view in horizontal section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings by reference characters, 1 designates the top, and 2 the side wall, of a cap.

3 is the sweat-band, attached to the inner surface of the side wall, at the bottom thereof, in the usual manner. The side wall 2 is composed of an outer ply 4 and an inner ply 5, the latter being preferably of some tolerably stiff material to prevent the collapse of the side wall and preserve the smoothness thereof at all times. The outer ply may be made of any suitable material, as cloth of proper texture, and will ordinarily be of the same material as the outer portion of the top of the cap. The outer and inner plies of the side wall are secured together at the upper and lower margins of the side wall in the usual manner, and at the back of the cap, where the ends of the side wall meet, one end thereof is cut off on a line at right angles to the lower margin, and the inner and outer plies are separated at that end, as shown in Fig. 3. At the other end the side wall is provided with a triangular prolongation 6, which comprises both the inner and outer plies of the side wall, and the said plies are united along the margins of the prolongation. The prolongation 6 is adapted to enter the space between the plies of the side wall at the other end thereof, as already described, and in order to cause the outer ply of the side wall to fit smoothly over the triangular prolongation 6 I preferably provide in the hem formed in the fabric thereof a strip of reinforcing material 7—such, for example, as a piece of thin metal, whalebone, haircloth, or cardboard. In order to secure the two ends of the side wall in proper relation, I attach to the inner surface of the side wall, near each end thereof, a tab 8, provided with lacing-apertures 9, adapted to receive an ordinary lacing-cord 10. The tabs are attached near the lower margin of the side wall and are inclosed when the cap is in use between the sweat-band 3 and the inner ply of the side wall, so that they do not come into contact with the head of the wearer of the cap.

It will be readily seen that when the lacing-cord 10 is united the ends of the side wall may be drawn apart to the desired extent, and when the proper adjustment has been secured the lacing-cord may be drawn just tight enough to maintain the desired adjustment and then tied. The triangular prolongation 6 at one end of the side wall lying between the inner and outer plies of the side wall at the other end forms a connection between the two ends

of the side wall that effectively closes the gap that would be formed but for said triangular prolongation and also prevents any relative movement of the two ends of the side wall.

By providing the reinforce in the outer ply of the side wall at the end which receives the prolongation 6 the fabric or other material forming the outer ply of the side wall is caused at all times to lie perfectly smooth upon the prolongation and any sagging of the margin of the outer ply is effectively prevented.

Having thus described the construction and use of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination in a cap, of a top portion, a side wall secured to the top and having its ends permanently secured together at the upper margin, said side wall having at one end thereof a prolongation and at the other end thereof an opening between the plies of which the side wall is composed to receive said prolongation, and means for securing the ends of said side wall in adjusted position.

2. The combination in the cap of a top, a side wall secured to the top and having its ends permanently secured together at the upper margin, said side wall having at one end a triangular prolongation and at the other end an opening between the plies of material of which the side wall is composed to receive said prolongation, and means for fastening the ends of the side wall together.

3. The combination in a cap, of a top, a side wall attached thereto, a prolongation at one end of said side wall, an opening between the plies of material of which the side wall is formed at the other end thereof to receive said prolongation, tabs having lacing-apertures secured to the inner surface of said side wall near the ends, and a lacing engaging said apertures to hold the ends of the side wall together.

4. The combination in a cap, of a top, a side wall attached thereto and having at one end a prolongation and at the other end an opening between the plies of the material of which the side wall is composed to receive said prolongation, a sweat-band attached to the lower margin of the side wall, lacing-tabs secured to the inner surface of the side wall behind the sweat-band, and a lacing-cord engaging said tabs to hold the ends of the side wall together.

5. The combination in a cap, of a top, a side wall having a stiff inner ply and a soft outer ply, a prolongation at one end of said side wall comprising both plies, an opening at the other end of the side wall between the plies thereof to receive said prolongation, and means for fastening the ends of the side wall together.

6. The combination in a cap, of a top, a side wall attached thereto, said side wall comprising a stiff inner ply and a soft outer ply and having at one end thereof a prolongation of triangular form comprising both plies and at the other end an opening between the plies for the reception of said prolongation, means for fastening the ends of the side wall together, and a strip of reinforcing material associated with the free margin of the outer ply of the side wall at the end thereof having an opening between the plies.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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