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Fig. 1

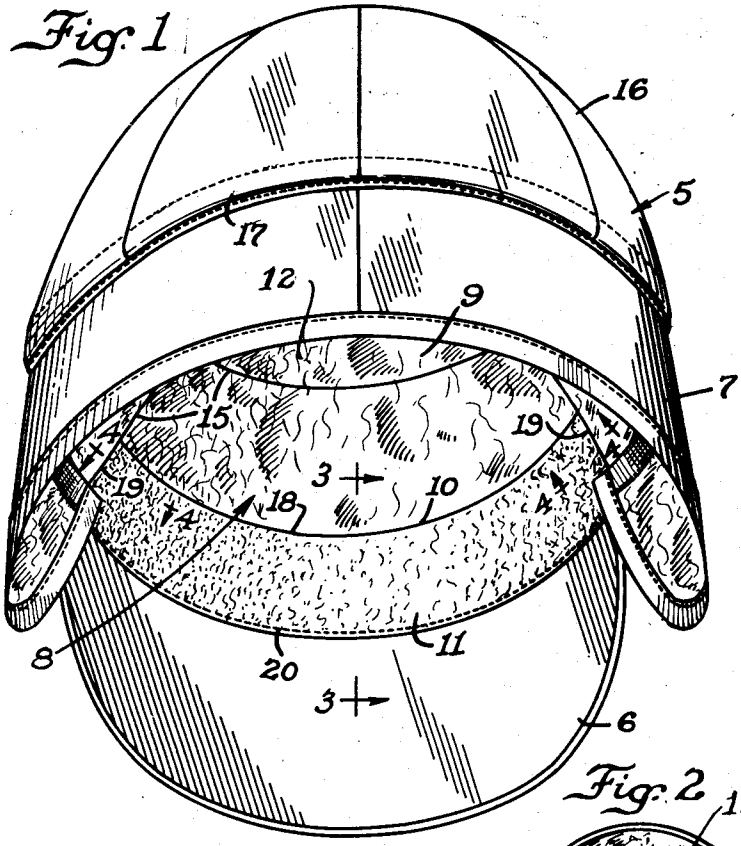


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

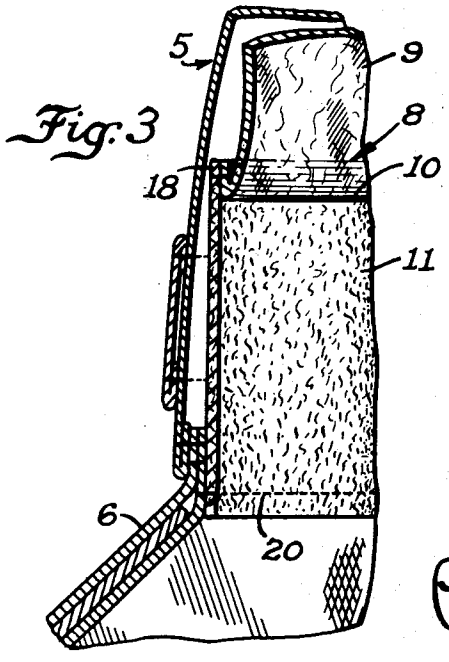
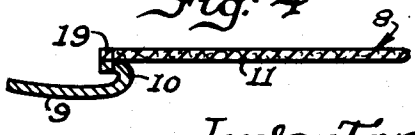


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to a new and improved lined cap construction.

It is well known that the lining in boys' and men's caps intended for cold weather wear has presented problems. There was usually nothing to keep the lining definitely in place, and usually nothing to prevent it from coming out when the cap is removed. As a result, the lining was usually in more or less disarray and made the cap more or less uncomfortable. It is, therefore, the principal object of our invention to provide a cap with an improved lining construction designed to avoid all of these objections present in the old constructions.

In the cap, having a lining made in accordance with our invention, a sweatband, never heretofore, so far as we are aware, associated with anything but single-ply caps, intended only for summer wear, is incorporated as a built-in section or insert in the front half of the lining, partly for protection of the rest of the lining against perspiration (such a band being easily cleaned by wiping with a damp cloth when that becomes necessary), and partly for the purpose of retaining the flannel material of the main body portion of the lining in place, the sweatband insert being sewed along its ends and along the upper edge to the lining in a cut out front portion thereof, so that the whole lining is of single-ply construction throughout for better comfort, all of the seams being concealed also for neater appearance.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a cap embodying our invention, looking into the cap from the rear toward the sweatband at the front, the cap being shown nearly full size;

Fig. 2 is an inside view of the complete lining by itself, taken on a smaller scale, and

Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional details taken on the correspondingly numbered lines of Fig. 1 and showing the parts enlarged at least twice size to better illustrate the construction.

The same reference numerals are applied to corresponding parts in these four views.

The cap illustrated at **5** is of a well-known style popular at the present time, having a wide peak portion **6** at the front and a suitably lined earlap portion **7** extending from the sides around the back and adapted to be folded in when not in use. However, our invention is concerned primarily with an improved lining construction and is applicable to this or any other style of lined cap for cold weather wear.

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The lining, indicated generally by the reference numeral **8** comprises a head-conforming main body portion **9** made of conventional warmth-giving lining material, such as flannel, or other suitable fabric and having a rectangular cut-out **10** in the front of the sweatband portion thereof in which is sewed a leather or leatherette sweatband insert **11**, so that the sweatband insert forms an integral built-in portion of the lining, instead of merely overlapping an edge portion thereof. Thus, a lining of single-ply construction throughout is provided, making for maximum comfort and best appearance. The flannel main body portion **9** of the lining is made in three pieces, namely, a center substantially circular but slightly elliptical piece **12**, an elongated annular piece **13**, and a front piece **14**, all sewed together defining seams **15** which are concealed when the lining is inserted into the cap and sewed into the crown portion **16** in the hemmed lower edge portion **17**. The seams **18** and **19**, where the sweatband insert is sewed along the top and along the ends in the cut-out front portion **10** of the lining, are also concealed in the same way. Only where the lower edge of the sweatband insert **11** is sewed onto the inner end portion of the peak **6**, as at **20**, is the seam exposed, but, of course, that is not objectionable, because there is nothing to ravel at that location, the sweatband being of leather or leatherette.

A cap having the lining made as just described avoids the objections noted in regard to earlier constructions. It is more comfortable, and due to the sweatband insert **11** absorbing perspiration, the cap stays cleaner and the band can be cleaned by merely wiping it off with a damp cloth. The lining stays in place because the relatively stiffer sweatband insert holds it back in place and prevents its coming out when the cap is removed from the head. Also the sweatband insert, being of more durable material than the rest of the lining, is better adapted to take the brunt of the wear which comes on that portion of the cap as this portion slides up and down on the forehead in putting the cap on and taking it off. The child also finds that the leather sweatband insert, by virtue of its greater absorption as compared with flannel and other materials, makes for a nicer feel and less likelihood of irritation and chafing on the forehead, especially if the cap fits a little tighter than it should.

It is believed the foregoing description conveys a good understanding of the objects and advantages of our invention. The appended claims

have been drawn to cover all legitimate modifications and adaptations.

We claim:

1. A lining for a cap, comprising a head-conforming main body portion made of a flexible fabric material and including a circumferentially extending sweatband portion, the improvement which consists in the provision of a circumferentially elongated, generally rectangular cut-out portion in the lower forehead region of the sweatband portion, and a sweatband insert of stiffer absorbent material fitting in said cut-out and secured at its top and end edges to said main body portion so as to form an integral portion thereof.

2. In a cap, the combination of an elongated generally rectangular sweatband member for engagement with the wearer's forehead and formed of an absorbent material and secured along its lower edge to the inner lower front portion of the cap, and a lining in said cap stitched by its lower circumferential edge portion to the lower edge portion of said cap and having an elongated generally rectangular cut-out provided in the front portion in which said sweatband member is stitched along its top and end edges to form an integral portion of the lining.

3. In a cap, the combination of an elongated generally rectangular sweatband member for engagement with the wearer's forehead and formed of an absorbent material and secured along its lower edge to the inner lower front portion of the cap, and a lining in said cap stitched by its lower circumferential edge portion to the lower edge portion of said cap and having an elongated generally rectangular cut-out provided in the front portion in which said sweatband member is stitched along its top and end edges forming concealed seams and making the sweatband member an integral portion of the lining.

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