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CAP SHAPER.

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Fig. 1

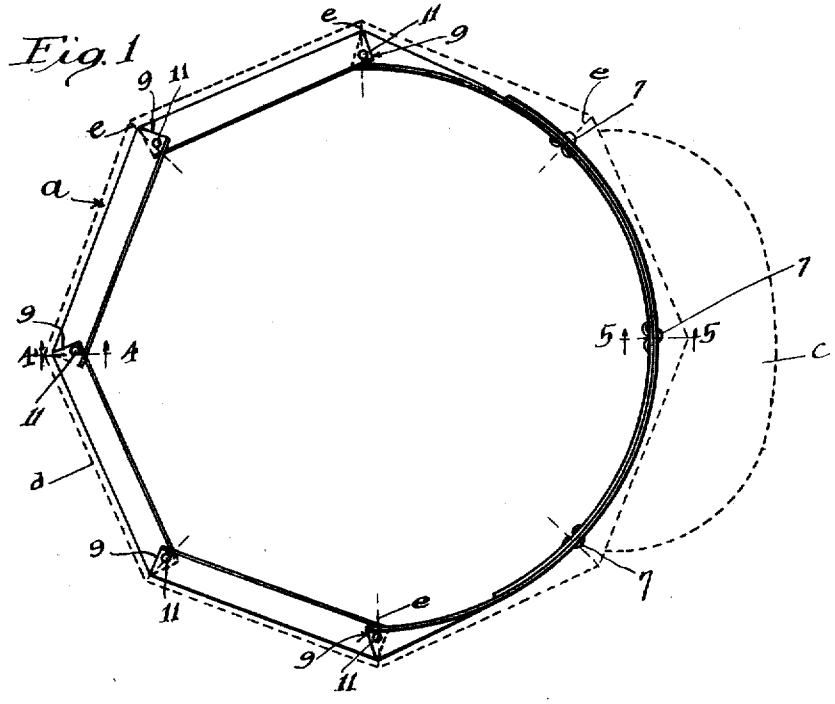


Fig. 2

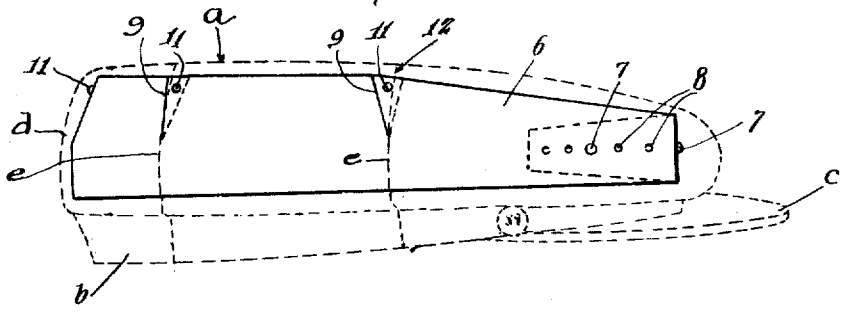


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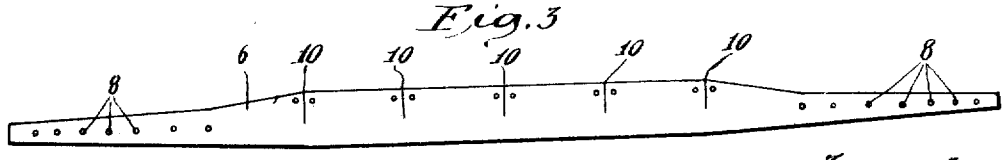
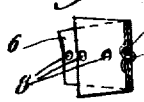


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSWALD C. LEGER, a citizen of Canada, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Cap Shaper, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for holding a cap in shape, and an object of the invention is to provide a sanitary device of this character adapted to be placed in the crown of a cap to hold the crown distended from the head of the wearer so that the cap will be comfortably cool and have a good appearance.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a cap shaper constructed in accordance with the provisions of this invention, a cap, in which the shaper is arranged, being indicated in broken lines.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a reduced developed view of the shaper.

Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation on line indicated by 4—4, Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a sectional elevation on line indicated by 5—5, Fig. 1.

A cap in which the shaper may be placed is indicated in broken lines *a* in Figs. 1 and 2 and comprises the usual sweat band *b*, visor *c* and crown *d*. Removably mounted in the crown of the cap is a band 6 which, in this instance, is constructed from a straight strip of material bent into a circle and having its ends lapped and adjustably connected by fasteners 7, there being provided a number of holes 8 in the band for selectively receiving the fasteners 7. Thus the band may be made of different diameters to suit different sizes of caps. The band is of considerably greater diameter than the sweat band *b* and fits snugly in the crown *d*.

The crown of the cap indicated in the drawings has a series of darts *e*, and corresponding in position with said darts are a series of darts 9 which may be formed by making slits 10 in the band and lapping the material at the slits and securing the lapped portions by rivets 11. These darts 9 extend from the upper edge of the band substantially half-way to the lower edge thereof so as to make the upper margin of the band of somewhat less diameter than the lower margin. This causes greater distension of the lower portion of the crown of the cap than the upper portion. The band 6 is also narrower at the front than in the rear, tapering gradually from points 12 midway of the sides of the band toward the front.

The band may be made of any suitable material and is preferably flexible and resilient. Being resilient, it yieldingly holds the crown of the cap distended so that the crown can be crushed but will immediately return to its original shape. The material of which the band is constructed may be of a nature to make it opaque, but it is preferable to employ a transparent material such, for example, as celluloid or a similar substance. The advantage of making the band of transparent material is that it makes the band less conspicuous, since the color of the lining of the cap will show through the transparent materials, thus deceiving the eye.

To place the band in a cap the front portion will be bent toward the rear portion so as to reduce the size of the band. It will then be inserted through the sweat band into the crown of the cap and unbent so that it again assumes the circular position shown in Fig. 1. When the cap is provided with the darts *e*, care will be exercised to register the darts 9 therewith so that the points formed by the lower ends of the darts will coincide in position with the seams of said darts.

The shaper is used in lieu of the roll of paper generally placed in the crown of a cap before the cap is sold. When the cap is worn with the roll of paper therein, it is evident that it aids in retaining the heat from the head, thus making the cap quite warm to wear. Also the roll of paper is evidently unsanitary, as it collects dirt and perspiration. These two objections are overcome by the invention as it is both sanitary and provides for distension of the crown of the cap so as to hold it away from the wearer's head.

I claim:

1. In a cap shaper, a band constructed from a straight strip of resilient material bent into a circle and having its ends secured to each other, one margin of the strip being provided with slits, and the material being lapped at the slits and the lapped portions being fastened together.

2. The combination with a cap having a series of darts in its crown, of a band constructed from a straight strip of resilient

material bent into a circle and having its ends secured to each other, one margin of the strip being provided with slits, corresponding in position to some of the darts in the crown, and the material being lapped at the slits and the lapped portions being fastened together.

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