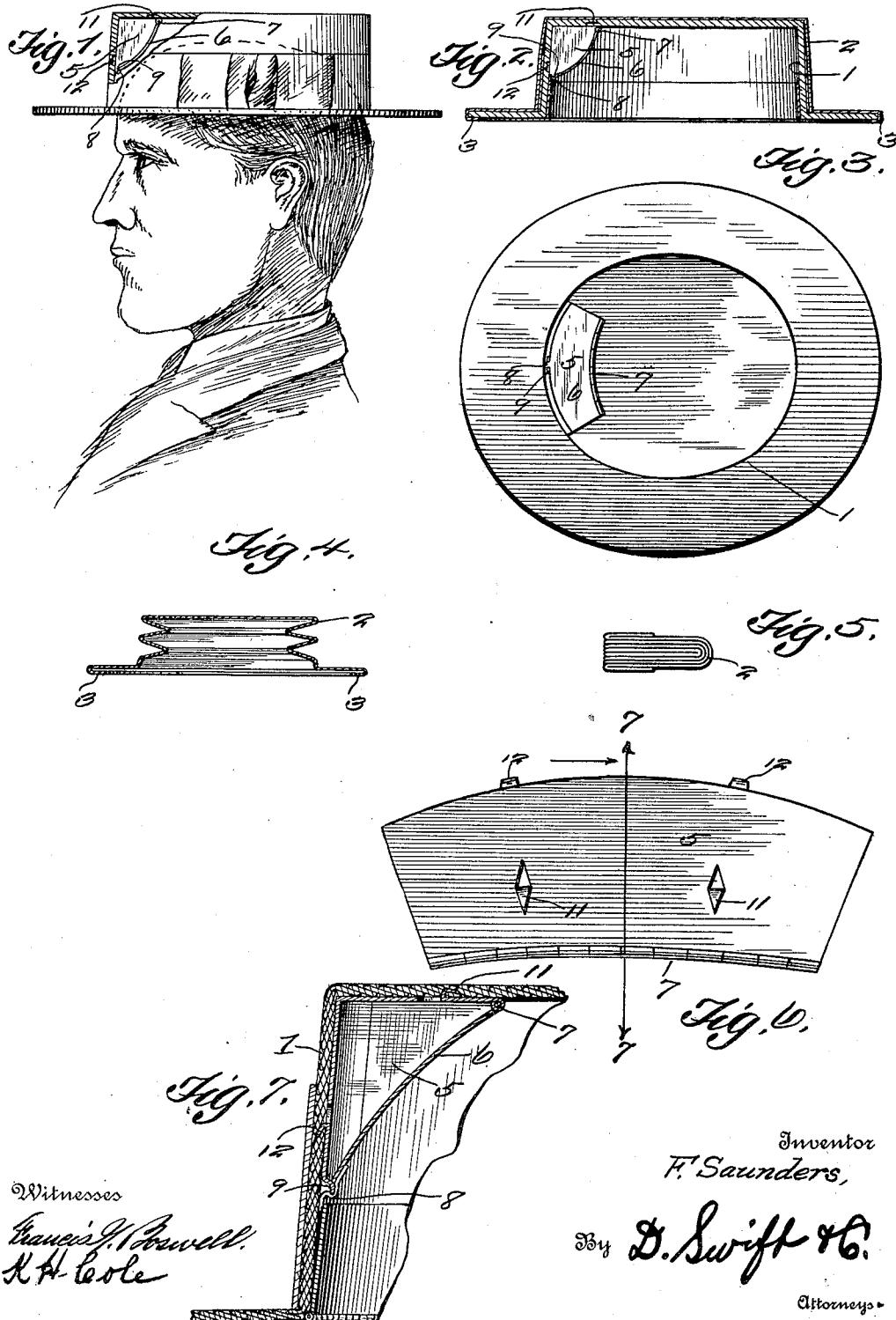


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK SAUNDERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norfolk, in the county of Norfolk and State 5 of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Combined Hat and Receptacle; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art 10 to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention is classified in the art of hats, and it particularly pertains to a new and useful combined hat and receptacle.

15 The invention in its broadest scope aims as its principal object to provide a receptacle adapted to be detachably secured by any suitable means within and adjacent the forward portion of the crown of a hat.

20 There is always a certain space between the forward portion of the crown of the hat and the wearer's head, and in this space the receptacle (which may conform to the shape of the crown and the head) is detachably secured. The object in providing this receptacle is to provide a suitable compartment 25 for receiving various articles, such as a transparent hat covering (which is adapted for protecting the perishable material of 30 the hat).

The principal object of the invention is to provide means for removing the receptacle, when such is desired.

Further objects and combinations of parts 35 will be hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings, a specific form of device is shown, but the applicant is not to be restricted to this particular form. The applicant reserves the right to make alterations 40 in the details of construction, if the same becomes necessary in a reduction to practice, provided that such alterations fall within the scope of the appended claim.

45 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a hat, showing a portion cut away, in order to show the receptacle for the cover applied in position. Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the hat, and the covering therefor. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view of 50 the hat, showing the position of the receptacle. Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view of the cover for the hat partly collapsed. Fig. 5 is an elevation of the cover completely collapsed. Fig. 6 is an enlarged plan view of 55 the receptacle. Fig. 7 is a sectional view on

line 7—7 of Fig. 6, showing the receptacle secured to a portion of the hat.

Relative to the several views of the drawings, 1 represents a hat, preferably a straw 60 hat.

2 denotes a transparent rubber covering, which is designed to be applied to the hat in damp or wet weather, in order to protect the hat from dampness. This covering is practically of the same contour as that of the hat, only proportionately smaller, in order to be properly stretched, in order to neatly and properly fit the hat when applied, whereby a very neat appearance may be attained, the transparency of the covering allowing observers to discern the material and the effect of the hat proper. The covering about the periphery designated by the character 3 is so shaped as to lap under the rim 75 of the hat, in the position shown in Fig. 2, in order to hold the covering in place.

When the covering is not in use, the same may be collapsed, as shown in Fig. 5, and then placed within a suitable receptacle 5. 80 Said receptacle is of a contour or shape to fit within the crown adjacent the forward portion thereof, and in cross section the receptacle is shown as being triangular in shape. The receptacle is provided with a 85 closure 6, which is hinged at 7 to the receptacle, and the lower forward portion of the closure is provided with a clasp 8, designed to spring over or in engagement with a projection 9 of the lower portion of the 90 receptacle.

Some persons' heads fit or extend a considerable distance within the crown of their hats, and when such is the case, their heads may contact with the closure of the receptacle, especially, if the closure is made in the shape shown in Figs. 1 and 2. To avoid this feature, the closure may be curved or shaped in such wise, or just the opposite to that shown in Figs. 1 and 2, in order to 100 conform to the curvature of the wearer's forehead, as shown clearly in Fig. 7.

The receptacle, upon its upper portion, is provided with V-shaped spurs or projections 11, which extend toward the rear of the hat. 105 When applying the receptacle to the hat, these spurs 11 are inserted between adjacent layers of the straw or other material of the hat, in order to obscure the same from view.

The receptacle, at its lower portion and upon the side adjacent the vertical rise of the forward portion of the crown, is pro- 110

vided with spurs 12, of a shape similar to those previously named. These spurs may be inserted between the folds or layers of the material of the hat, and as the folds or 5 layers of material overlap one another going down the rise of the crown, it is very easy to insert the spurs in position. In case it is not desired, for any reason whatsoever, to insert the spurs in this manner, they may 10 penetrate directly through the material, and then be bent over, and their location may then be hidden by the band of the hat. If the upper portion of the crown of the hat is not formed by folds or layers of material, 15 in order to receive the spurs or projections 11 between them, the spurs or projections 11 may be inserted in the material, but not sufficiently to be noticed from the outside appearance of the crown.

20 The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as new and useful is:—

The combination of a hat, and a receptacle secured within the crown thereof adjacent the forward portion of the hat, the receptacle being of a shape to fit the horizontal 25 curvature of the crown; a hinged closure

for the receptacle, the closure being of a contour to fit the transverse and vertical curvatures of the wearer's forehead; the receptacle being made of metal and having its 30 upper and forward walls provided with spurs, which are cut out of the metal; the spurs of the upper wall being extended upwardly then bent at an angle and extended rearwardly and downwardly of the crown in 35 order to engage between the layers of straw forming the hat, while the spurs of the forward wall are extended forwardly and bent at an angle and then directed downwardly and forwardly to engage between the layers 40 of straw, the spurs constituting anchoring means to hold the receptacle in the forward corner of the crown; and means for securing the hinged closure in a closed position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 45 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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