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Fig. 1.

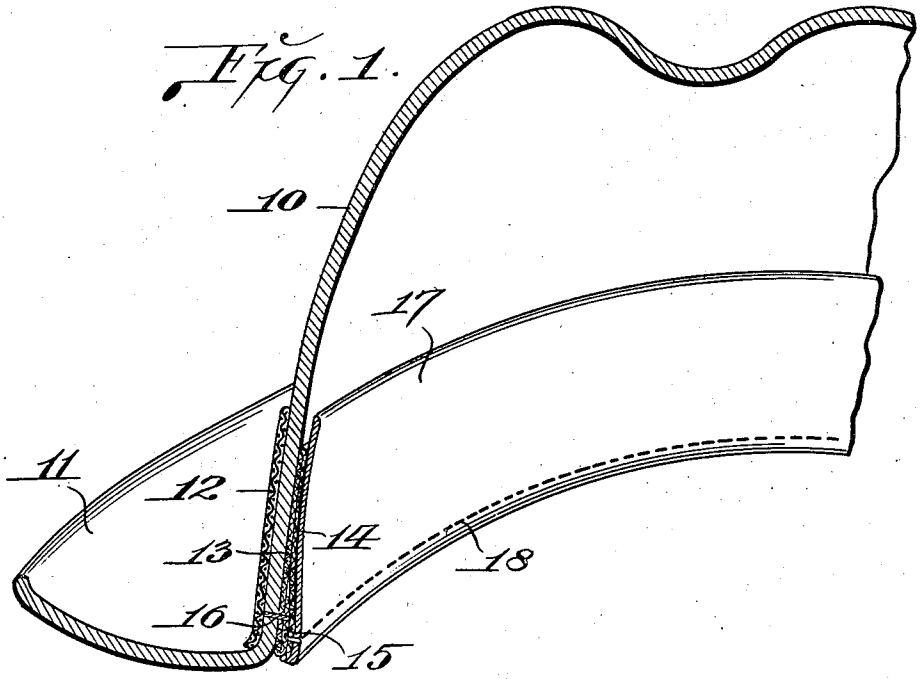
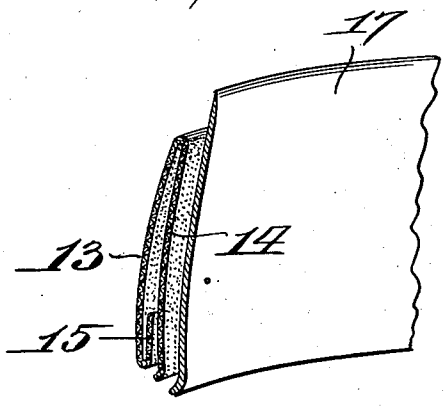


Fig. 2



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My invention relates to a sweat band for hats and has for its principal object, the provision of a relatively simple, practical and inexpensive sweat band that is constructed and applied to the hat so as to effectually prevent perspiration and oil from passing through the body of the hat and discoloring the external surface thereof and the outer hat band that is generally positioned directly opposite the sweat band.

Practically all sweat bands are secured to the hat by a row or rows of stitching and such stitching affords convenient paths for the moisture of perspiration and oil from the hair to pass by capillary attraction from the sweat band to the exterior of the body of the hat and it is the principal object of my invention to provide a sweat band that is constructed so as to wholly eliminate the possibility of perspiration and oil from reaching the stitches that secure the sweat band to the body of the hat.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts that will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a sectional perspective view of a hat and showing my improved sweat band applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the parts of the sweat band before the same are assembled for use.

Referring by numerals to the accompany drawings which illustrate a practical embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the crown portion of a hat, 11 the brim thereof and 12 the usual band that is applied to the outer surface of the crown of the hat immediately above the brim thereof.

The sweat band contemplated by my invention, includes an inner member that is formed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material, for instance, oiled silk or thin rubberized fabric. This material is folded double to provide a band that extends around the inner face of the hat crown immediately above the brim and the folding of this piece of material provides an inner wall 13 that lies immediately against the inner surface of the crown of the hat and an outer wall 14 that lies immediately against the inner face of the inner wall 13.

The lower portion of the inner wall 13 is turned upwardly to form a relatively narrow reenforcing band 15 that lies between the lower portion of the inner wall of the lower portion of the outer wall 14.

The inner member of the sweat band comprising the walls 13 and 14 is secured to the body of the hat by a row of stitches such as 16 that pass through the reenforcing strip 15 through the lower portion of inner wall 13 and through the wall of the hat crown immediately above the brim 11. When this inner member is properly positioned within the crown of the hat, the lower portion of the wall 14 overlies the reenforcing strip 15 and the row of stitches therein, thus effectually covering said row of stitches and preventing oil and the moisture of perspiration from coming in contact with said stitches and passing by capillary attraction through the crown of the hat to the exterior thereof.

The inner member of my improved sweat band and which makes direct contact with the hat of the wearer, comprises a band 17, preferably of thin leather or leather composition and the width of this band is slightly greater than the width of the inner wall 14 of the inner member of the band. The upper portion of band 17 is turned downwardly so as to provide a finished edge and this downwardly turned portion occupies a position just above the upper end of the inner member comprising the walls 13 and 14. The lower edge of band 17 extends slightly below the lower edge of wall 14 of the inner member.

Band 17 is attached to the inner band by a row of stitching such as 18 which passes through the lower portions of said band 17 and the outer wall 14 of the inner member, or, if desired, this row of stitching may be dispensed with and band 17 may be secured to outer wall 14 by means of a suitable adhesive that is applied to the outer face of wall 14, such adhesive being indicated by stipple shading in Fig. 2.

In some instances it may be desirable to unite the band 17 with the outer wall 14 by both stitching and adhesive.

If desired the inner face of the inner wall 13 may be coated with a suitable adhesive, as illustrated by stipple shading in Fig. 2 and thus the outer wall 14 of the inner member is caused to adhere firmly to said inner wall 13 and consequently producing a compact flexible structure.

The moisture and oil proof inner member comprising the walls 13 and 14 is formed of extremely thin flexible material and if it is not supported by a more substantial member it will tend to collapse and fold together and thereby produce a bulky structure. For this reason I prefer to coat the outer faces of the walls 13 and 14 with an adhesive so that said walls will be bonded to each other and to the relatively stable band 17, thus providing a firm and substantial sweat band structure that is relatively thin and compact and at the same time having the desirable quality of preventing moisture and oil from passing from the inner portion of the band outwardly through the wall of the hat body.

As a result of my improved construction, the moisture of perspiration and oil from the hair, is effectually prevented from passing from the head engaging member of the band outwardly along the rows of stitching to the exterior of the hat body for the lower portion of the wall 14 overlies the row of stitching 16 and the inner wall 13 of the inner member overlies the row of stitching 18 and as the walls of the inner member are formed of oil and moisture proof material, it will be impossible for moisture and oil to pass by capillary attraction along the threads in the rows of stitching to the exterior of the hat body.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a sweat band for hats that is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture, capable of being readily applied for use and which sweat band is very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved sweat band may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A sweat band for hats comprising an inner member, composed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material, the material forming said inner member being folded double to provide an inner wall and an outer wall, the lower portion of the outer wall overlying and extending a short distance below the lower edge of the inner wall, the lower portion of the inner wall of said inner member being folded upwardly so as to lie between the lower portions of said inner and outer walls and an outer member of thin flexible material positioned against the outer face of the outer wall of the inner member and overlying said inner member.

2. A sweat band for hats comprising an inner member, composed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material, the material forming said inner member being folded double to provide an inner wall and an outer wall, the lower portion of the outer wall overlying and extending a short distance below the lower edge of the inner wall, the lower portion of the inner wall of said inner member being folded upwardly so as to lie between the lower portions of said inner and outer walls, an outer member of thin flexible material positioned against the outer face of the outer wall of the inner member and overlying said inner member and means for securing said overlying outer member to the outer wall of the inner member.

3. A sweat band for hats comprising an inner member, composed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material, the material forming said inner member being folded double to provide an inner wall and an outer wall, the lower portion of the outer wall overlying and extending a short distance below the lower edge of the inner wall, an outer member of thin flexible material positioned against the outer face of the outer wall of the inner member and overlying said inner member and the lower portion of the inner wall of the inner member being folded upwardly so as to form a reenforcing strip that is positioned between the lower portions of the inner and outer walls of the inner member.

4. A sweat band for hats comprising an inner member, composed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material, the material forming said inner member being folded double to provide an inner wall and an outer wall, the lower portion of the outer wall overlying and extending a short distance below the lower edge of the inner wall, an outer member of thin flexible material positioned against the outer face of the outer wall of the inner member and overlying said inner member, means for securing said overlying outer member to the outer wall of the inner member and the lower portion of the inner wall of the inner member being folded upwardly so as to form a reenforcing strip that is positioned between the lower portions of the inner and outer walls of the inner member.

5. A sweat band for hats comprising an inner member, composed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material, the material forming said inner member being folded double to provide an inner wall and an outer wall, the lower portion of the outer wall overlying and extending a short distance

below the lower edge of the inner wall, an outer member of thin flexible material positioned against the outer face of the outer wall of the inner member and overlying said inner member and the outer faces of the inner and outer walls of said inner member being coated with an adhesive.

6. The combination with a hat, of a sweat band composed of inner and outer members, the inner member being formed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material bent double so as to form inner and outer walls connected at their upper edges, the lower portion of the inner wall of said inner member being folded upwardly so as to lie between the lower portions of said inner and outer walls, a row of stitching connecting the lower portion of the inner wall and the upturned lower portion thereof to the body of the hat, the lower portion of the outer wall of said inner member overlying said row of stitching and extending slightly below the lower edge of the inner wall and said outer member comprising a band of thin flexible material that wholly overlies said inner member and extends above and below the upper and lower edges thereof.

7. The combination with a hat, of a sweat band composed of inner and outer members, the inner member being formed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material bent double so as to form inner and outer walls connected at their upper edges the lower portion of the inner wall of said inner member being folded upwardly so as to lie between the lower portions of said inner and outer walls, a row of stitching connecting the lower portion of the inner wall and the upturned lower portion thereof to the body of the hat, the lower portion of the outer wall of said inner member overlying said row of stitching and extending slightly below the lower edge of the inner wall, said outer member comprising a band of thin flexible material that wholly overlies said inner member and extends above and below the upper and lower edges thereof and means for securing said outer member to the outer wall of the inner member.

8. The combination with a hat, of a sweat band comprising inner and outer members, the inner member being composed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material, which material is bent double to form a band comprising inner and outer walls the lower portion of the inner wall of which inner member is folded upwardly and positioned between the inner and outer walls to form a reinforcing strip, a row of stitching passing through the inner wall of said inner member and said reinforcing strip for securing the same to the body of the hat and the outer member of which band overlies said inner member and extends above and below the upper and lower edges thereof.

9. The combination with a hat, of a sweat band comprising inner and outer members, the inner member being composed of thin flexible moisture and oil proof material, which material is bent double to form a band comprising inner and outer walls the lower portion of the inner wall of which inner member is folded upwardly and positioned between the inner and outer walls to form a reinforcing strip, a row of stitching passing through the inner wall of said inner member and said reinforcing strip for securing the same to the body of the hat, the outer member of which band overlies said inner member and extends above and below the upper and lower edges thereof and means for securing the outer band member to the outer wall of the inner band member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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