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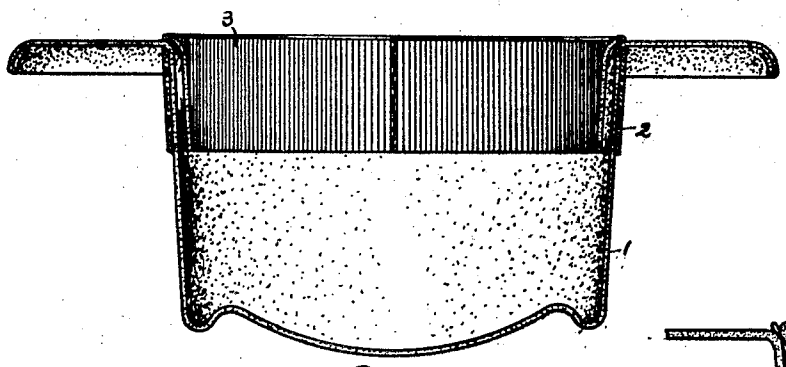


Fig. 1

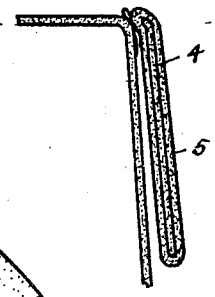


Fig. 3.

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS B. HEADY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Houston, in the county of Harris and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sweat-Bands, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in sweat bands.

The object of the invention is to provide a band of the character described designed to be secured within a hat to answer the purpose of the ordinary sweat band and which is elastic so that it may be made to bind or grip the head of the wearer and secure the hat firmly on the head.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention has particular relation to certain novel features of construction, arrangement of parts, and use, an example of which is given in this specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is an inverted sectional view of a hat with the band secured therein, Fig. 2 shows an inside view of the hat, and Fig. 3 shows a fragmentary sectional view of the band.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings wherein like numerals of reference designate similar parts in each of the figures the numeral 1 refers to a hat having the ordinary band 2. Within the crown of the hat at the usual place the sweat band 3 is secured in the customary manner. This sweat band is formed of an elastic band 4 surrounded by the flat tubular sheath 5. The band 4 is usually formed of rubber or some similar elastic material and the sheath 5 is formed of thin leather or some other tough flexible material and is arranged in transverse corrugations or folds as illustrated in Fig. 1 so that the sheath will lengthen and shorten, or in other words, vary in circumference as the elastic band stretches. The lower edge of the sweat band is secured to the hat and said band contracts inwardly so that its inner edge is spaced from the crown of the hat as shown in Fig. 3 to permit variations in the circumference of the band. The hat will usually be worn in the same manner as one having the ordinary sweat band, but in case it is desired to secure the hat more firmly on the head, as in case of a wind or the like, the hat may be pressed downwardly on the head causing the sweat band to stretch and grip the head and secure the hat against displacement. The front portion of the sheath which rests against the forehead is not corrugated but is made smooth so that it will not disfigure the face of the wearer.

While I have shown only one form of this device, it is obvious that the construction thereof may be varied without departing from the principle of the invention and I hereby reserve the right to make such structural changes as may be found desirable so long as I keep within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the character described including an elastic band, a tubular sheath secured around said band said sheath being formed of non-elastic material and having transverse folds to permit the lengthening and shortening of the elastic band.

2. A device of the character described including an elastic band, a flat tubular sheath formed of thin non-elastic flexible material surrounding and secured to said band said sheath having transverse folds throughout the entire circumference thereof so as to permit the sheath to vary in circumference as the band lengthens or shortens, the lower edge of the device being secured within the hat crown and the device contracting inwardly so that its inner and upper edge will be spaced from the crown of the hat.

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

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