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 HAT MARKER.
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Fig. 1.

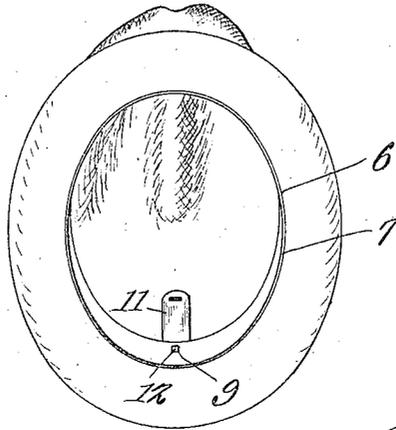


Fig. 2.

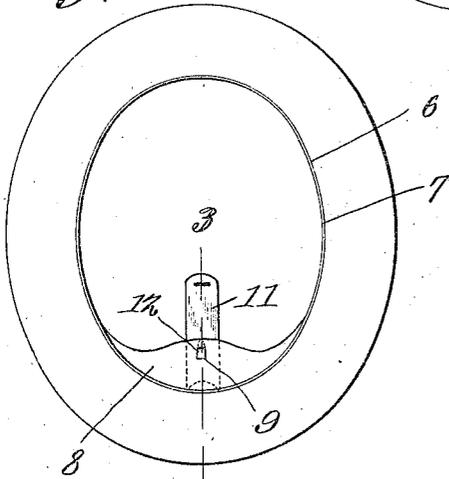


Fig. 5.

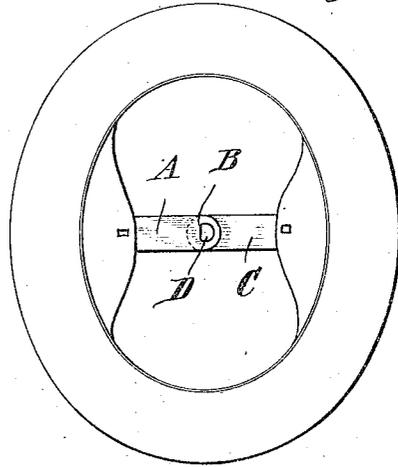


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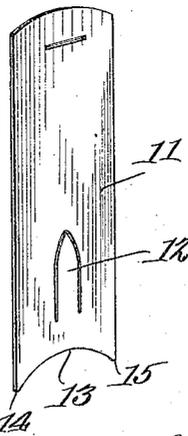
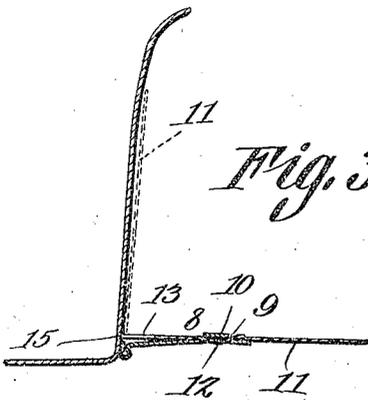


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS H. LAWRENCE, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Tulsa, in the county of Tulsa and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Markers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a hat marker and guard which has for its object the provision of novel means of identification, and furthermore, means for preventing the application of the hat to the head without first manipulating portions of the invention so that a clearance is created at the head opening of the hat.

A further object of this invention is to provide a comparatively inexpensive indicating device and guard, the same being capable of use as an advertisement and readily applied to hats so that they will remain in place and operate in accordance with the principles of the invention.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 illustrates a view in perspective of the interior of a hat showing the invention applied thereto;

Fig. 2 illustrates an underneath plan view of a hat showing the guard in position to prevent the use of the hat;

Fig. 3 illustrates a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 illustrates a perspective view of the attachment; and

Fig. 5 illustrates an underneath plan view of a hat showing the guard in place.

In these drawings 6 denotes a hat, 7 a sweatband, the said sweatband having slots 8 and 9 forming a bar 10.

The attachment comprises a body portion 11 preferably of some relatively stiff material, such as celluloid or the like, which may contain advertising matter on one or both sides, the said body portion having a tongue 12 adapted to pass through the slots 8 and 9 under the bar 10 whereby the body is secured to the sweatband of a hat. It is

preferable that the slots be formed in the sweatband in such relation to the anchor edge of the sweat band as to engage the inner surface of the hat as at 13 when the device is pulled outwardly to bend the sweatband when the guard or indicator is to be in use, it being understood from an inspection of Fig. 3 that the inner end of the body portion 11 is propped against the inner wall or surface of the hat, thus preventing the said sweatband from carrying the indicating device to the dotted line position shown in Fig. 3. The inner end of the body 11 is preferably provided with points 14 and 15 which will increase the frictional contact between the said member and the inner wall of the hat. When the device is used singly, as shown in Fig. 3, the engagement of the said body with the wall of the hat will cause the said device to stand approximately horizontally so that when any one takes the hat in hand, the indicator will be seen and if the said device contains some identifying indicia, it can be readily determined whether the hat is in the possession of the owner.

In Fig. 5, I have illustrated a modification in which two body portions are employed, one A being of the construction heretofore described and having a slot B near its outer end. The other portion C has a tongue D which is adapted to be inserted in the slot B after the two body portions have stretched across the head opening of the hat so that the two members A and C constitute a barrier to the application of the hat to a head, although by manipulating the said members, the tongue can be disengaged from the slot of the other member after which the sweatband will be returned to its normal position and the body portions will extend upwardly into the hat as shown in the drawing.

It is the intention of the inventor that these devices shall be made as advertising novelties, although they can be installed in the hats by manufacturers, that being a matter of use in the commercial development of the invention.

The members A and C shown in Fig. 5 have tongues similar to the tongue 12 in Fig. 4 and they are adapted to be attached to the sweatband on opposite sides of the hat as illustrated.

I claim:

1. An indicator for hats comprising relatively rigid bodies, each having a tongue

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cut therefrom for attachment to a sweat band, one of said bodies having a transversely disposed slot in its outer end, a tongue formed on the other body adapted to enter the slot of the companion body for connecting the opposite sides of the sweat band and forming a barrier to the application of the hat to the head, pointed corners on the inner ends of the bodies adapted to engage surfaces of the hat for aiding in

holding the indicators approximately horizontally.

2. In an indicator for hats, a body having means for attachment to a sweat band of a hat, the inner end of said body having pointed corners adapted to engage the surface of a hat for retaining the indicator approximately horizontally.

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