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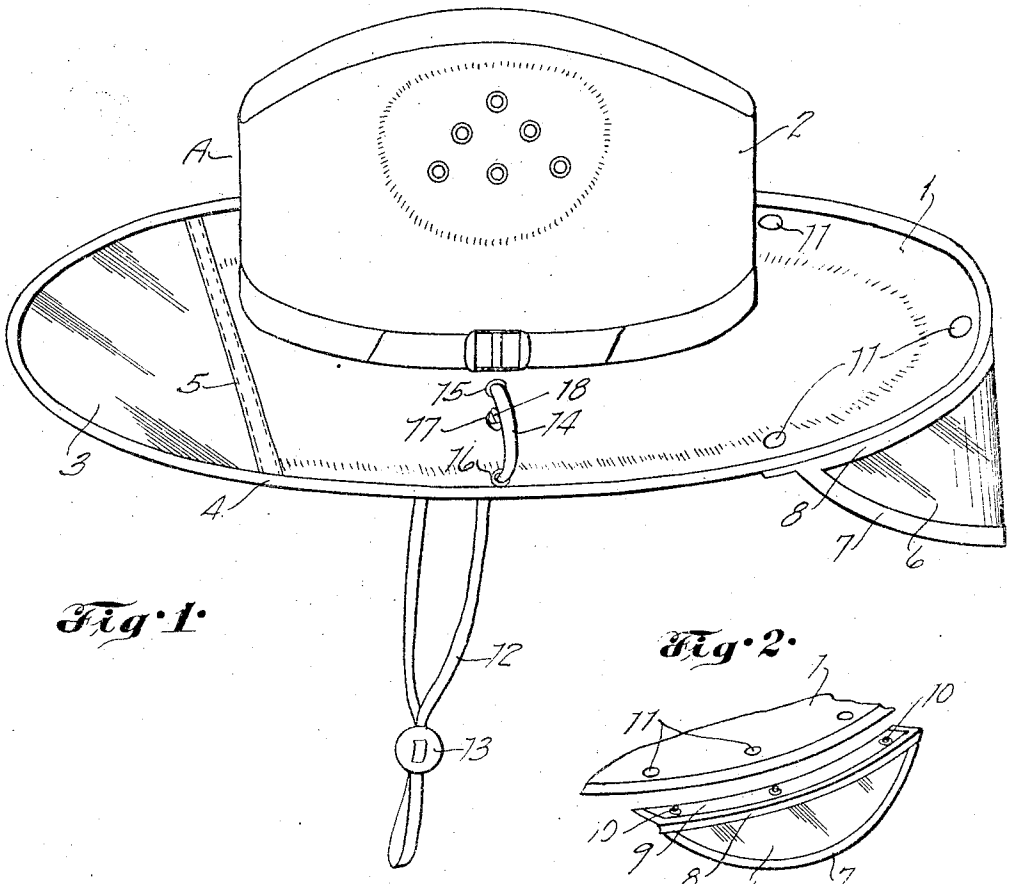
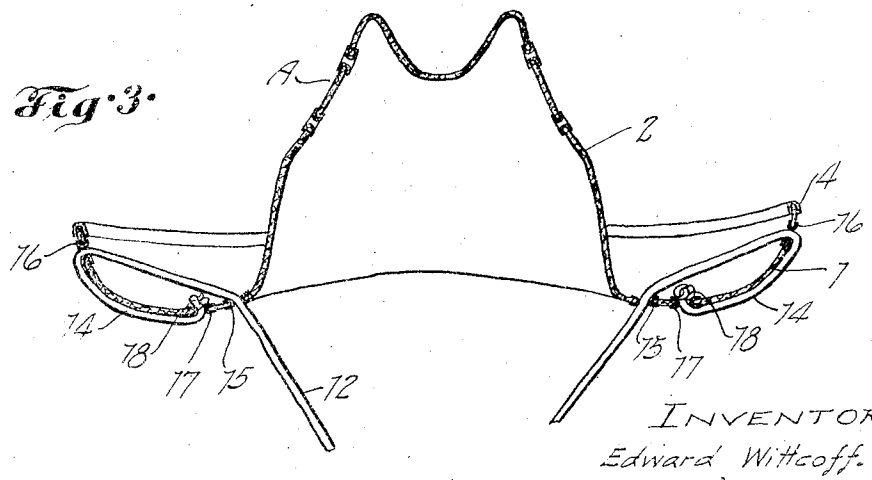


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This invention relates generally to hats and, more particularly, to a certain new and useful improvement in hats commonly known as harvest hats or sun-protectors.

My invention has among its objects the provision of a hat of the type stated having an ample, wide brim capable of efficiently shading the wearer without, however, obstructing the vision.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form and construction of the hat and in the arrangement and combination of the parts thereof, all as hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat constructed in accordance with and embodying my invention;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary view of a portion of the hat brim with its detachable eye-shield or visor in engageable relation; and

Figure 3 is a cross sectional view through the middle of the hat, showing the co-operative relation between the brim and its curling chin-strap.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, A designates the hat as a whole, which is preferably constructed for the most part and except as may later appear, of straw or other woven fibrous material as is customary in the production of harvest or summer outing hats.

Forming part of hat A, is a relatively transversely wide or extended and flexible brim, the major portion 1 of which is non-transparent or opaque and preferably constructed of the same material as the crown 2 of the hat. At the normal front end of the hat, however, the main brim-portion 1 terminates on a line extending transversely of the hat and adjacent the base of the crown 2. 3 designates a section of celluloid or other analogous preferably transparent material, which is approximately of segmental form or contour for brim-completing co-operation with the main brim-portion 1, as shown, the section 3, by preferably a lap joint and stitching, being attached at and along its base or inner margin to and along the transverse terminal edge of the main brim-portion 1. As so connected, the section 3 conforms and is continuous at its outer margin with the outer margin of the brim-portion 1, the brim-portion 1 at its said terminal portion providing a hinge-connection for permitting the curling or folding of the complemental transparent brim-section 3 relatively to the crown 2. This segment 3, which is preferably tinted in a shade of green or other proper color to counteract the glare or actinic rays of the sun, thus completes the continuity and shape of the brim, and the entire completed brim is preferably marginally bound or braided, as at 4, the jointure between the brim-portions 1 and 3 being preferably reinforced or taped on both the top and under sides of the brim by strips of fabric or braid 5.

As so constructed, the celluloid or other preferably transparent brim-portion 3 affords ample shading and weather protection for the face without interfering with the vision of the wearer.

At the normal rear of the hat, the brim is marginally upon its under face provided with means for the attachment thereto of a detachable transparent visor 6 composed preferably of material similar to that constituting the segmental brim-portion 3. As shown, the visor 6 is segmental or sector-like in form and is preferably marginally bound or braided, as at 7, while its chordal or straight margin has attached thereto, as by a strip of braid or other fabric 8, an arcuate attaching flange 9 whose curvature corresponds to that of the brim of the hat. On the flange 9, as best seen in Figure 2, is provided a series of stud members 10 of snap fastener structure, which are adapted for detachable engagement with the socket members 11 of the fasteners co-operatively located on the hat brim. By such provisions, the visor 6 may be readily and at will attached to and detached from the hat brim and serves a dual function, in that the visor 6 affords a protection for the back of the neck owing to the way it depends from the brim, and by reversing the hat normal rear end foremost on the head of the wearer, the visor 6 may be brought and disposed in front of the face, where it is of special advantage and comfort in shielding the eyes particularly when the sun is at a relatively low angle.

My new hat is further provided with an adjustable holding or chin strap 12, whose middle portion is looped and passed through

a slide-buckle or the like 13, whereby the strap 12 may be adjustably loosened and tightened at will. The end portions 14 of strap 12 are looped and passed slidably through eyelets 15 and 16 provided therefor in the brim upon opposite sides of the hat, the ends of the strap 12 being brought under the brim and passed upwardly through eyelets 17 provided therefor in the brim and knotted, as at 18, for securement, as seen in Figure 3. It will be evident that by adjustably manipulating the chin strap 12, the side portions of the brim 2 may be rolled upwardly and inwardly and thereby given a desired attractive curl.

Obviously, the general structure of the hat and the particular details of the manner of attaching the visor 6 and chin strap 12 may be modified and changed without in the least departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A hat having a crown and a brim, the brim comprising a transparent section and an opaque section, said sections being secured together on a transverse line extending from one margin of the brim to the other margin of the brim.

2. A hat including a crown and a brim, the brim comprising a main portion of substantially opaque material and a complemental brim-completing portion of transparent material, said complemental transparent brim-portion being fixed at one edge to said main brim-portion and being continuous at its outer free margin with the outer margin of the main brim-portion.

3. A hat including a crown and a brim, the brim comprising a main portion of substantially opaque material and a complemental brim-completing portion of transparent material, the main brim-portion terminating at an end of the hat on a line disposed transversely of the hat, and said complemental transparent brim-portion being fixed at and along its inner margin to and along the said terminal edge of the main brim-portion, said complemental brim-portion being continuous at its outer free margin with the outer margin of said main brim-portion.

4. A hat including a crown and a brim, the brim comprising a main portion of substantially flexible opaque material and a complemental brim-completing portion of transparent material, the main brim-portion terminating at one end of the hat on a line disposed transversely of the hat and spaced from the base of the crown, and said complemental transparent brim-portion being fixed at and along its inner margin to and along the said crown-spaced terminal edge of the main brim-portion, said complemental brim-portion being continuous at its outer free margin with the outer margin of said main brim-portion.

5. A hat including a crown and a brim, the brim comprising a main portion of substantially flexible opaque material and a complemental brim-completing portion of transparent material, the main brim-portion terminating at an end of the hat on a line disposed transversely of the hat and spaced from the base of the crown, and said complemental transparent brim-portion being fixed at and along its inner margin to and along the said crown-spaced terminal edge of the main brim-portion, said complemental brim-portion being continuous at its outer margin with the outer margin of said main brim-portion, and a binding extending around the continuous outer margins of said main and complemental brim-portions.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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