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Fig 1.

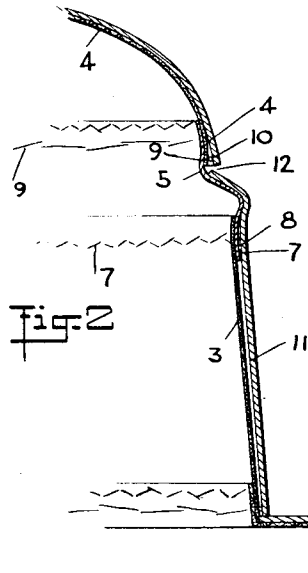
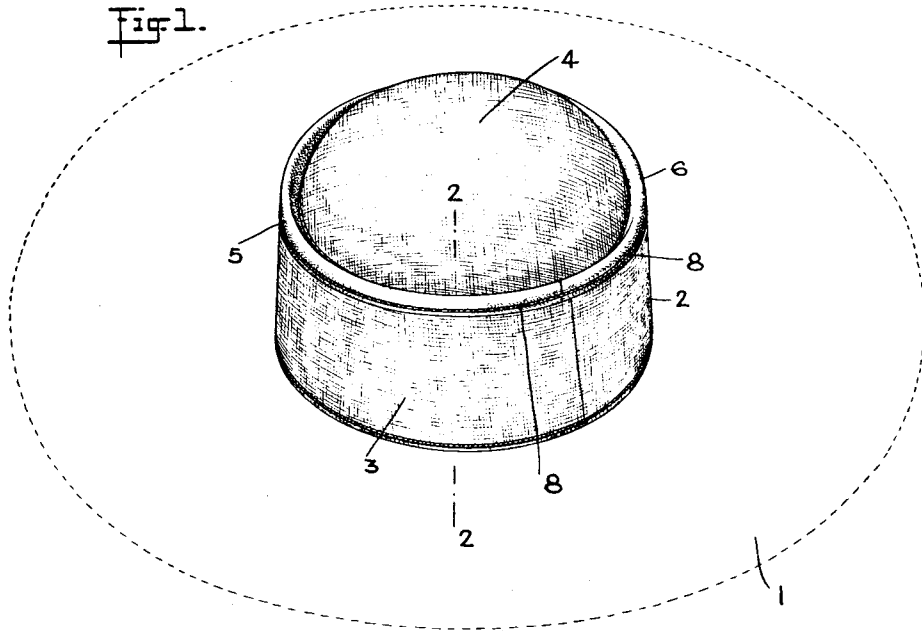


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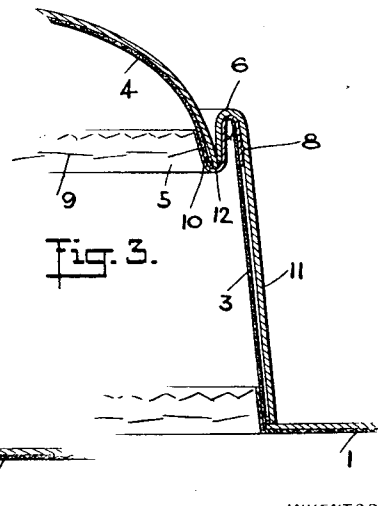


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Fig. 4.

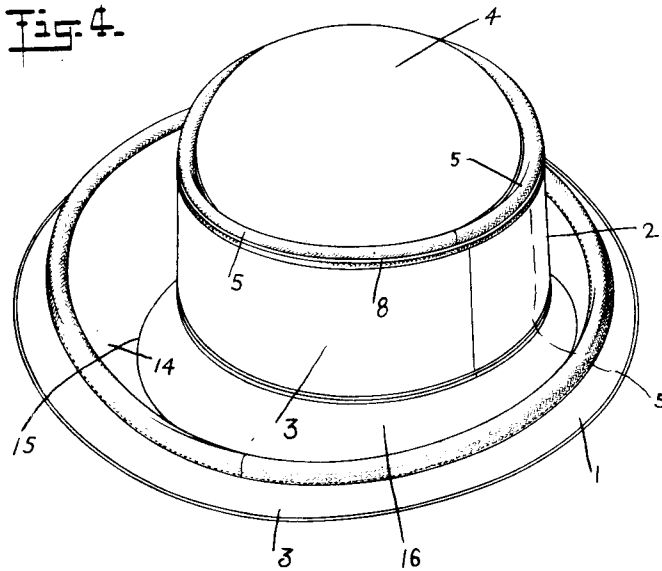
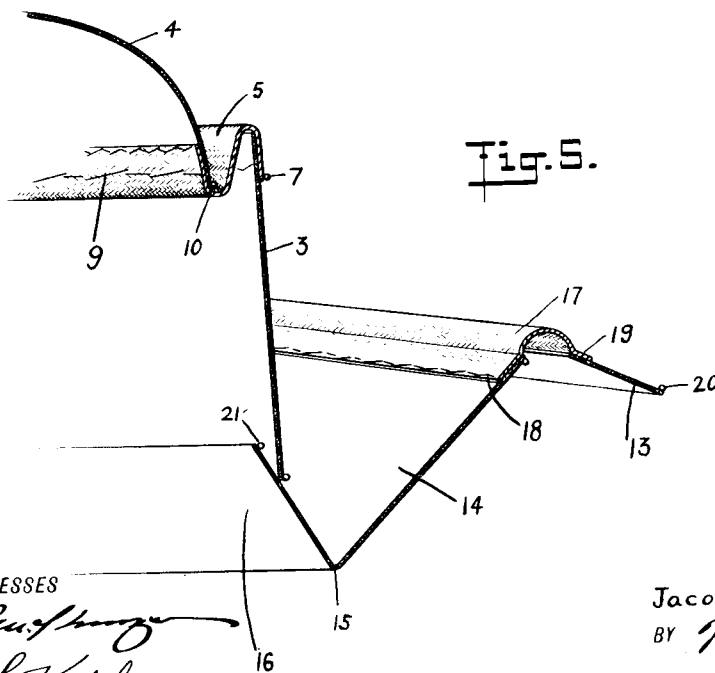


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB HUTTER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Hat, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in hats, and has for an object to provide an improved structure which may be readily creased or folded without injury, whereby a hat may be trimmed while in an extended position, and then collapsed to take the finished position or the position desired.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hat with a crown formed in a plurality of parts, the upper and lower parts being connected by a flexible and easily foldable material so that an even unbroken edge will be provided at the turned over portion of the hat when the hat or a crown is in its folded or finished condition.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a hat not only with a crown or body formed in parts connected by foldable or flexible members, but to also associate therewith a brim formed in parts or sections connected by a foldable or flexible member.

In carrying out the objects of the invention, an ordinary body or crown to a hat is provided with the side and top formed in two parts connected together by a flexible member which is designed to be folded over the upper edge of the side and under the lower edge of the top. In trimming the hat, it is expanded, or the top part is pushed up, and then the trimming is placed in position, after which the top is pressed down until the flexible member folds over the upper edge of the sides of the body or crown and then the hat is in condition for display. In forming the brim the same principle is utilized, namely the forming of the brim into sections connected by a flexible member which may be bent back and forth as desired during the trimming operation and permit the brim to take the final position desired when the trimming is completed.

A practical embodiment of the invention

is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention, part of the hat being shown in dotted lines; Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view approximately on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view similar to Fig. 2 except that the hat is shown folded and with the trimming in position; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a crown and brim embodying the invention shown assembled; and Fig. 5 is a section through Fig. 4 approximately on line 5—5, the same being shown on an enlarged scale.

In carrying out the objects of the invention, a hat may be provided with any kind of a brim 1, and may be formed of any material desired. A body or crown 2 is formed on the brim 1, and comprises a side member 3, a top 4, and an intermediate flexible connecting member 5. The invention is especially applicable to hats made from comparatively stiff material, as for instance buckram, which when turned over discloses a rough broken edge. This objection negatives any idea of forming hats with a turned over edge 6, unless a flexible material 5 is provided. The flexible material 5 is preferably straw, or some nice appearing strong material which is secured along the line 7 of the side 3 of the hat, a wire stiffening and bracing member 8 being also provided. The flexible member 5 is fitted over the upper edge and exteriorly of the side 3, while the upper edge of the member 5 is fitted under and interiorly of the top 4 and is held in place by a suitable line of stitching 9 and a wire bracing member 10, which is also held in place by the stitching 9. It will be noted that when folded the wires 8 and 10 act as suitable bracing or framing wires, for holding the hat near the fold 6 in proper position. After the side 3 and top 4 have been secured together by the flexible member 5, a suitable covering or trimming member 11 may be provided which may extend from the brim entirely over the crown, or may be divided

at the point 12, as preferred. In either event the trimming will have the appearance of being continuous so that the top or crown 4 will have the appearance of being part of the side 3. In order to vary the effect the upper parts of the crown could be trimmed in one color and the lower part in another without disclosing the usual more or less rough edge at the line of stitching.

10 If desired the trimming of the crown or top 4 may extend down to line 12, while the trimming or covering 11 on the side 3 may fall short of the upper edge of the flexible member 5 when the same is in a folded condition, whereby the upper edge thereof will be disclosed and add to the trimming effect of the hat.

In trimming a hat formed with the flexible strip 5, the same is placed in position while the hat is in an expanded condition as shown in Fig. 2, and after all the trimming or covering has been added, the top 4 is pushed down or collapsed to the position shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

25 In forming the brim the same may embody the same principle as disclosed in respect to the crown or body by dividing the brim 1 into parts 13 and 14, the part 14 being preferably bent at 15 for forming a turned up portion 16 over which the body portion of the crown is fitted, as clearly shown in Fig. 5. The portions 13 and 14 are connected by a flexible member 17 held in place preferably by lines of stitching 18 and 19. If desired stiffening wires may be provided on each edge of the flexible member 17 without departing from the spirit of the invention. In order to properly hold the brim in shape, stiffening wires 20 and 21 are usually provided, which of course are covered by the trimming and will not therefore be visible. In forming the body in accordance with this invention the same may be trimmed in two different parts, namely the crown or body portion may be trimmed and the brim may be trimmed separately, after which the crown or body is connected with the brim or the crown and brim may be all trimmed at the same time. The flexible members arranged in the brim and the crown are designed to permit the proper movement of the sections of the crown and brim for allowing the brim to be properly laid and stitched in place.

55 Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. In a hat of the class described, a crown formed in two parts of stiff material defining a side member and a top, and a flexible connecting band or strip connecting said side and top.

2. In a hat of the class described, a crown of comparatively stiff material formed with

an upstanding side member, a top, and a 65 foldable connecting member of flexible material connecting the upper edge of said side member and the lower edge of said top together.

3. In a frame for a hat, a crown formed 70 with an upstanding side member of comparatively stiff material, a flexible member connected to the exterior of the upper edge thereof and projecting therefrom, and a top of comparatively stiff material overlapping the upper edge of said flexible member, whereby when said top is forced downward a short distance said flexible member will be folded over the upper edge of said upstanding side member and under the 80 lower edge of said top.

4. In a hat frame of the class described, a crown formed with a stiff upstanding side portion, a stiff top member, and a flexible connecting member, said flexible connecting 85 member being connected to the exterior of the upper edge of said side member and to the interior of the lower edge of the top member whereby the same may be folded over the upper edge of said side member 90 and under the lower edge of said top whereby a finished crease or bend is provided intermediate the upper and lower edges of said crown.

5. In a hat frame of the class described, 95 a crown formed with an upstanding stiff side member, a stiff top, a flexible strip connected at the opposite edges of the upper edge of said side member and the lower edge of said top, and a binding and stiffening 100 member extending around said crown near the edges of said flexible member.

6. In a hat of the class described, a crown formed in two parts, a flexible member connecting said parts, a brim of stiff material 105 formed into a plurality of concentrically arranged parts, and a flexible member connecting said parts.

7. In a hat of the class described, a crown, a brim formed into a plurality of concentrically arranged parts, and an annular flexible member connecting said parts. 110

8. In a hat of the class described, a crown of comparatively stiff material formed into two parts, each of said parts having circular edges, a flexible connecting strip for connecting said edges together, a brim connected with said crown, said brim being formed of a pair of rings of stiff material set at an angle to each other, and a flexible 120 member connected to the adjacent edges of said rings.

9. In a hat of the class described, a crown, a brim of stiff material formed in two parts arranged at an angle to each other, and a 125 foldable flexible member connecting said parts and normally spacing said parts.

10. In a hat of the class described, a

5 crown formed in a plurality of parts of stiff material, a foldable flexible member connecting said parts whereby the crown may be variously adjusted, a brim formed in parts of stiff material, and foldable flexible means connecting said parts whereby the same may be variously adjusted.

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

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