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FIG. 1.

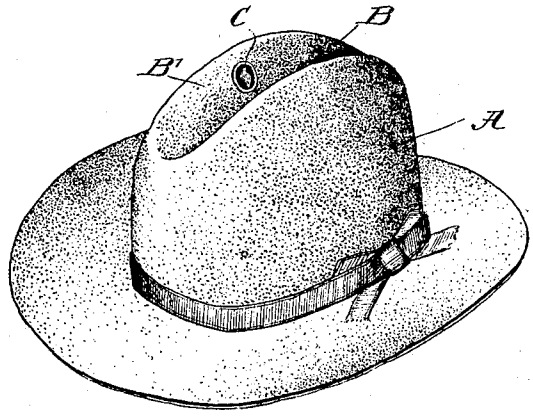
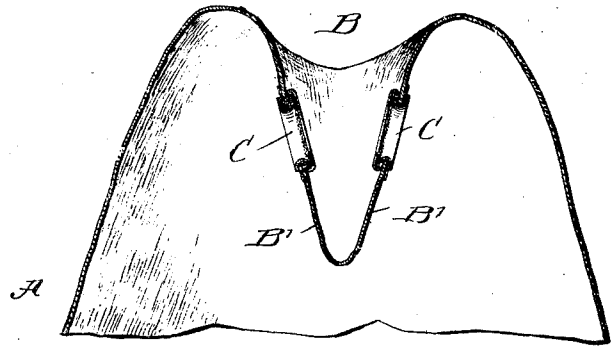


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS WOLBRECHT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Manila, in the Philippine Islands, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ventilated Hats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to campaign or slouch hats worn with a crease, such as the regular-army hats, the alpine, and like hats.

The object of the invention is to provide certain new and useful improvements in ventilated hats whereby the hats are not only properly ventilated, but the rays of the sun are prevented from penetrating the ventilators and striking the heads of the wearers.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claim.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional side elevation of the same.

The crown A of the campaign or slouch hat is formed with a crease B preferably extending from the front to the rear and having its side walls B′ provided with ventilators C, preferably two in number, located directly opposite each other and near the upper ends of the walls, as is plainly indicated in the drawings. Each ventilator C consists, preferably, of a piece of wire-gauze secured to an eyelet clenched or otherwise fastened to the wall of an aperture made in the corresponding wall B′ of the crease. (See Fig. 2.) By arranging the ventilators C in the manner described a proper ventilation of the hat is obtained, especially as the air within the hat, and particularly the hottest air, usually located in the uppermost portion of the hat, can readily escape through the ventilators, thus keeping the head of the wearer comparatively cool.

It is evident that as the ventilators are arranged on the side walls of the crease the rays of the sun in penetrating through the meshes of the ventilators cannot strike the wearer's head, but instead strike the sides of the crown of the hat, and consequently the wearer is not liable to suffer from the direct rays of the sun, as is so frequently the case when the ventilators are located either in the top of the crown or on the side thereof. Furthermore, it will be seen that the ventilators are hardly visible, and consequently the appearance of the hat is not impaired.

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

A hat having a soft crown and provided in the top of said crown on opposite sides of a median line drawn from front to rear with ventilators arranged approximately midway between the front and rear edges of the crown, whereby when the hat is creased from front to rear in alpine form the ventilators will be within the crease and in the opposite walls thereof approximately midway between the front and rear sides of the crown and will be obscured and in position to receive air coming from either side.

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

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