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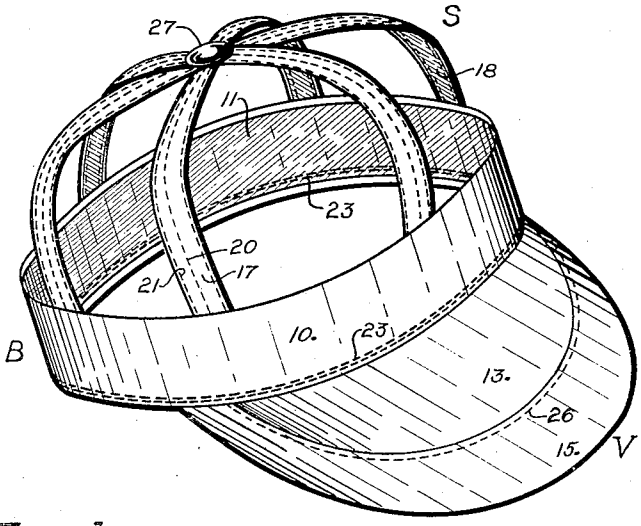


Fig. 1

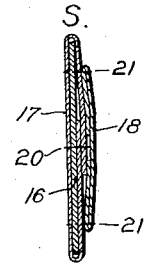


Fig. 3

Fig. 2

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My invention relates to headwear, and more particularly to caps for use in sports and athletics. It is the object of my invention to provide a comfortable, sightly, and inexpensive cap, suitable for wear by persons of all ages and sexes, and whereby the eyes may be protected from bright light, and the hair confined and kept in place, while freely exposed for the circulation of air to cool the head, and to admit sunlight to the scalp for securing the beneficial effects of such exposure.

In the accompanying drawings Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a cap embodying my invention, Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section thereof, and Fig. 3 is a detail transverse section of one of the crown-straps.

In carrying out my invention I provide a cap comprising essentially a head-band B properly sized and shaped to fit the head of the wearer, a visor V carried by the head-band and properly shaped and proportioned to protect the eyes of the wearer, and a crown formed by a plurality of straps S extending archingly from side to side of the head-band, to which the ends of the straps are attached. The crown strips S form a skeleton crown and provide open ventilating spaces defined by the crown strips and the head band.

In the preferred and illustrated structure, the head-band B comprises an outer portion or facing 10 of suitable material such as strong fabric, and an inner portion or lining 11 of softer material. The visor V shown in the drawing comprises a central sheet of stiff material 12, such as sized canvas, an outer facing 13 of material similar to the band-facing 10, an inner facing 14, preferably of material such as felt having a soft or dull finish so as to be non-reflecting, and an edge-facing or binding 15 which may be of the same material as the inner facing 14. The straps S, in the structure illustrated in Fig. 3, have a central strip 16 of relatively stiff material such as canvas, an outer facing 17 which may be of the same material as the band-facing 10, and a lining 18 which may be of the same material as the lining 11 of the head-band. A sweat-band 19, preferably of leather, is disposed within the head-band about the front portion thereof, or substantially coextensive circumferentially with the visor.

In the assembling of the above mentioned parts, the straps are formed by placing the facing-strip 17 about the stiffening member 16, overlapping the edges of the facing-strip at the inner side, and making a central seam 20 through said overlapping edges, the member 16, and the outer part of the facing. The edges of the lining 18 are turned under against the lapped edges of the strip 17, and seams 21 are formed through all thicknesses of the material, adjoining the folded edges of the lining, as represented in Fig. 3. The ends of the straps are inserted between the facing 10 and lining 11 of the head-band, being secured therein by the seams 22, which connect the inturned upper edges of said facing and lining but do not pass through the outer layers thereof. The lower edges of the facing 10 and lining 11 are also turned in and said edges are secured together by seams 23 which pass through all thicknesses of the material. The upper edge of the visor is inserted between the parts 10 and 11 before the formation of said seams 23, so that the visor is thereby secured to the head-band. The visor is further secured by the stitching 24 which is employed for securing the lower edge of the sweat-band 19. The adjoining edges of the inner facing 14 and the edge-facing or binding 15 of the visor are turned in and connected by a seam 25, and the upper or rearward edge of the binding 15 is turned in and secured to the parts 12 and 13 by a seam 26. The crown-straps S may be connected to each other at the central point where they cross each other, and a button 27 secured thereon, if desired, to produce a finished appearance of said juncture of the straps.

It will be understood that the details of construction set forth in the foregoing paragraph are merely by way of description of the illustrative embodiment of my invention shown in the drawing, and that the structural details may be varied within the scope of the appended claim.

It will be seen that in the practical use of my invention the employment of a properly sized and fitted head-band enables the cap to be worn with comfort, while efficiently supporting the visor, so that the latter is maintained in properly adjusted position to adequately shield the eyes. The crown-straps serve to properly position the head-band, by preventing the latter from slipping down too far over the head, and also serve the purpose of retaining the hair in place,

while allowing a free circulation of air through the hair and about the head, and admitting sunlight for the beneficial effects thereof upon the scalp. These desirable effects are attained in a construction which is sightly or pleasing in appearance, and which may be inexpensively produced, thereby providing an article which has met with great demand for sports and athletic wear.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A sport cap comprising a head band, a visor connected thereto, the upper part of said cap consisting solely of a plurality of crown straps having their ends attached to said head band and extending archingly diametrically across said head band to form a skeleton crown whereby open ventilating spaces are provided between the crown straps, the central portions of said crown straps being connected to each other, said straps being composed of a plurality of layers of fabric sufficiently stiff to assume a normal arch-like contour and having sufficient resiliency to retain said normal arch-like contour.

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