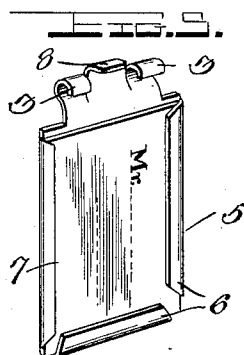
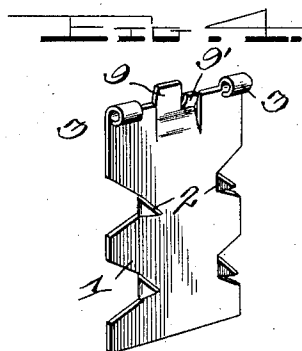
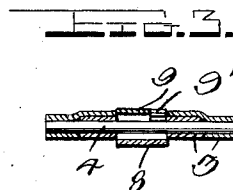
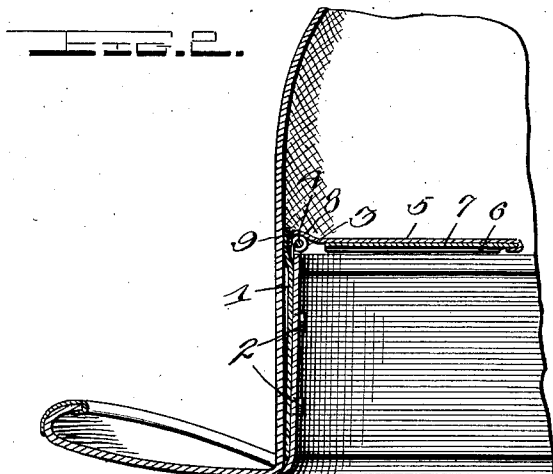
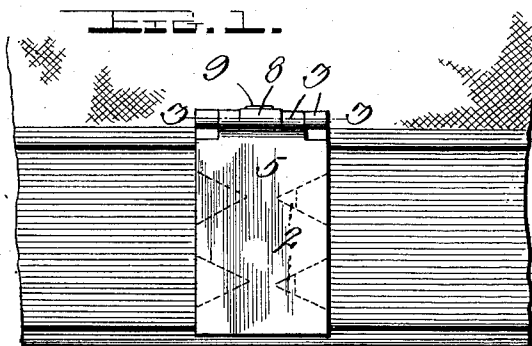


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. McCORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pierre, in the county of Hughes and State of South Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Markers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention comprehends certain new and useful improvements in indicating devices, and the invention has for its primary object a simple, durable and efficient construction of device, whereby the owner of a  
15 hat may readily identify it as his property, and whereby if one not the owner of the hat casually takes the same up and attempts to place it on his head, his head will come in contact with a portion of the marker and at  
20 once apprise him of the mistake that he has made.

A further object of the invention is a device of this character embodying hingedly connected plates, one of which is designed  
25 to receive and hold an identification card which will be protected when the device is in a relatively inoperative position, from becoming soiled, as, for instance, by the perspiration from the wearer's head.

30 A further object of the invention is an improved device of this character embodying hingedly connected plates which are arranged so that one may be conveniently attached to the sweat band of a hat and the  
35 other swung outwardly therefrom to the limit of a right angular position, whereby the identification card held thereby may be instantly seen as soon as the hat is picked up, while at the same time as above specified,  
40 should the hat be placed on the wearer's head with the identification card plate in its operative position, such plate will contact with the wearer's head and call his attention to the marker and the identification card carried thereby. And the invention also aims  
45 to generally improve devices of this class and to render them more useful and commercially desirable.

50 With these and other objects in view, as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

55 For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following de-

scription and accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a fragmentary inside face view of a portion of a hat having my improved  
60 marker attached thereto, the parts being shown in their inoperative position. Fig. 2 is a sectional view through a portion of a hat showing the marker in its operative position with the plate which holds the identification  
65 card, swung out into right angular relation to the attaching plate secured to the sweat band. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3, of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail  
70 perspective view of the attaching plate of the device, and, Fig. 5 is a similar view of the plate which carries the identification card.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and  
75 designated in the accompanying drawing by like reference characters.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates an attaching plate which is formed on its side edges with any desired  
80 number of spurs or tangs 2 designed to penetrate the sweat band of a hat from the inner side thereof and to be clenched upon the outer side of the band so as to securely hold the plate 1 in position.

85 Hingedly connected to the attaching plate 1 by interengaged knuckles 3 and pin-  
dle rod 4, is a card holding plate 5 which, in the present embodiment of the invention, is formed on its side edges and at one end  
90 with retaining flanges 6, whereby an identification card 7, with the owner's name and address on it, may be slipped into the plate 5 and be securely held in position. One of  
95 said plates is formed with an extended lip 8 at its hinged end between its knuckles 3, said lip being designed for engagement by a spring tongue 9 and a lug 9', preferably  
100 split from the metal where the tongue 9 is formed, said tongue and lug being formed on the other plate at the hinged end thereof  
between the knuckles 3. By this arrangement of parts, the lip 8 will underlie the  
105 spring tongue 9 and frictionally engage the same and a portion of the lip will overlie the lug 9', whereby there will be a frictional action in the opening movement of the card holding plate, and it will be securely held  
110 as long as desired in open position in right angular relation to the other plate. When the card holding plate is moved to a position at right angles to the attaching plate 1,

the lip 8 will engage upon the lug 9' and limit the opening movement to the position illustrated in Fig. 2 of the accompanying drawing. It is to be understood  
 5 that the lip 8 may be formed on either plate and the spring tongue 9 and lug 9' on the other plate. In the present embodiment of the invention, the card holding plate 5 is provided with the lip 8 and the  
 10 attaching plate 1 with the spring tongue 9 and lug 9'. When the card holding plate 5 is swung to an open position, it will be maintained automatically in such position as long as required, so that the identification  
 15 card will face the user when he attempts to put the hat on, and said plate 5 will further serve as an obstruction, so that should anyone casually pick up the hat and attempt to put it on, the plate 5 will contact  
 20 with his head and instantly acquaint him with the fact that the plate 5 is open and will call his attention to the identification card, so that he may at once see whether or not he has made a mistake.

25 From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawing, the operation of my improved hat marker will be apparent. In the practical use of the device, the plate 1 is secured to the  
 30 sweat band of a hat lying against one side thereof and the plate 5, when not required for use, is swung inwardly against the other side of the sweat band, whereby the identification card 7 will be protected from  
 35 becoming soiled and the tangs or spurs 2 will be covered up by the plate 5 and not be liable to injure the head of the wearer. In order to view the identification card 7, it is only necessary to swing the plate 5  
 40 outwardly from the plate 1, as is evident.

As the two plates in the inoperative position of the device, that is, when it is not desired to view the identification card, embrace the sweat band of the hat and do not project any appreciable distance above the  
 45 upper edge of the sweat band, it is manifest that the device may be conveniently used with hats having very low crowns.

While the accompanying drawing illustrates what I believe to be the preferred  
 50 embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited thereto, but that various changes may be made in the construction, arrangement and proportions of the parts without departing  
 55 from the scope of the invention, as defined in the appended claim.

What I claim is:—

As a new article of manufacture, the herein described hat marker, including an  
 60 attaching plate formed with means whereby it may be attached to the sweat band of a hat and a card holding plate hingedly connected at one end to one end of the attaching plate, said card holding plate being  
 65 formed on that face which is adapted to fold toward the attaching plate, with card retaining means, one of said plates being formed with a lip extended past the pivot point and the other being formed with a  
 70 spring tongue adapted to overlie said lip and engage the latter and with a lug designed to underlie the lip, whereby to limit the opening movement of the card holding plate.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my  
 75 signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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