To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM TAYLOR, a citizen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and resident of 15 and 16 Dering street, Oxford Street, London, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in and Relating to Caps, Hats, and other Head-Covers, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to caps, hats and the like and while applicable for several purposes is especially designed for use by motorists.

In the following description I will refer to the invention as applied to a cap and it will be understood that it is with or without small modification applicable to other head coverings.

The invention refers to that type of cap in which ear coverings are used, and according to the present invention the said covers are adapted to be folded inside the cap when out of use so that the cap will present an ordinary appearance. The covers may have small openings in them and shields may be provided at the side of the openings standing outwardly from the covers, the said openings being for the purpose of enabling the person wearing the cap to hear properly and the shields for the purpose of protecting the ears by preventing a draft passing through the opening.

It is well known that motorists and others using caps have a practice of reversing them on their heads when traveling and my improved cap is preferably constructed to be worn in this reversed manner and is furnished with a depending strip of material (also capable of being folded inside the cap) along the front edge of the same, that is to say under the peak of the cap. When in use with the covers over the ears the cap is worn front to back and the said strip of material comes well down over the back of the head, but when the cap is to be used for ordinary purposes, for example when a motorist is walking about the streets of a town in which he has arrived, the covers with the shields and the strip of material are pushed up into the cap which is worn front foremost and presents an ordinary appearance.

The covers may be held by any suitable means such as a tape passed under the wearer's chin.

I will now describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an inside or reversed plan view of one of my improved caps showing the covers folded inside the cap which is thus ready for wear in an ordinary way. Fig. 2 shows the cap in use with the ear covers out and the cap reversed on the head of the wearer.

The cap a is of the ordinary cloth furnished with a peak b and has the ear covers c attached to it by stitching. Each of the ear covers has an opening d protected by a shield e while a chin strap f serves to hold the ear covers in place on the head of the user. In the particular example shown the covers c have a silk, leather or other suitable edge piece g which when the cap is in use peak foremost, fits against the forehead of the wearer.

It must be understood that the shape of the ear covers may vary and as above indicated they may be applied to various forms of head covers. The openings d with shields e are optional, particularly if the covers are made of openwork texture.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

In combination, a head covering such as a cap or hat having ear covers adapted to be folded inside the head covering and furnished with an opening which will coincide with the ear of the wearer, the said opening having a guard.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

Witnesses:

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