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Fig. 1

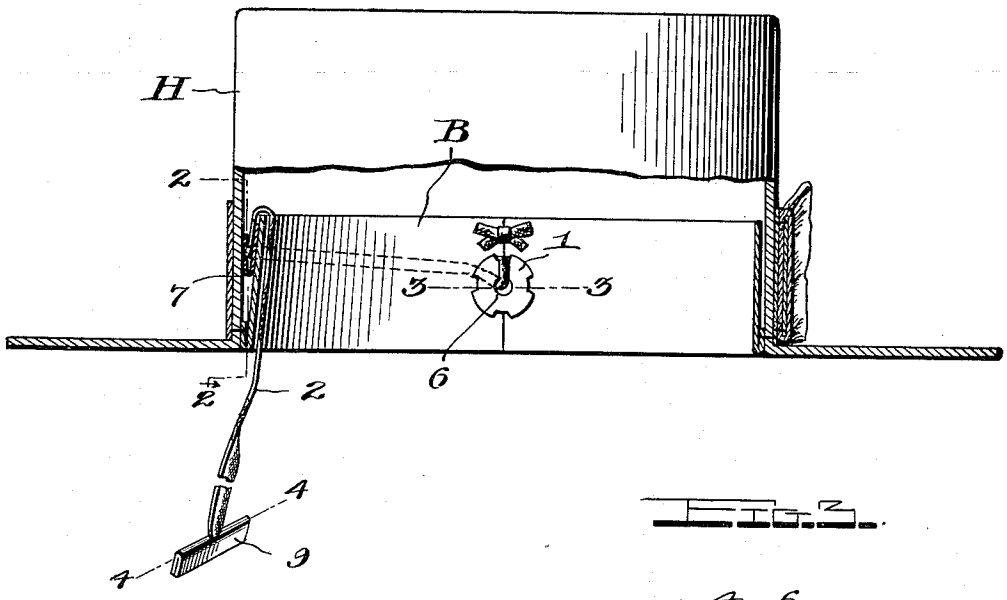


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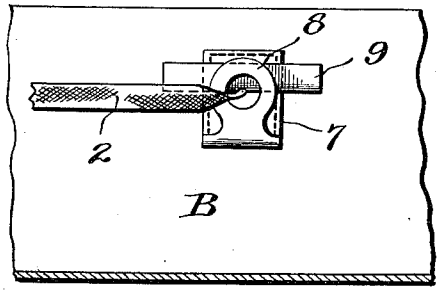


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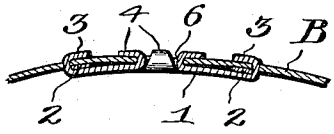


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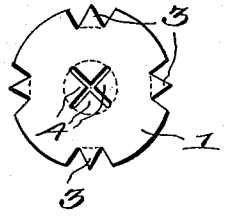
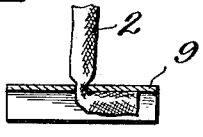


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH COSTELLO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlantic City, in the county of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Guards; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in hat guards and has for its object to provide an extremely simple device which may be absolutely hidden from view when not in use.

A further object is to so construct and arrange the parts as to allow a cord employed to be concealed between the head band and the side of the hat.

With the above and minor objects in view, the invention resides in certain novel features of construction and combination herein described and claimed and shown in the drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a vertical section through a portion of a hat showing the application of my invention thereto; Fig. 2 is a detail vertical section as seen on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a detail horizontal section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a vertical section as seen on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 5 is a plan view of a member employed for anchoring the cord.

In the accompanying drawings, I have shown the hat H which is provided with the usual head band B. The ends of which are shown as united in the usual manner in the rear of the hat, as well as by an attaching member 1 which is provided for the attachment of a cord 2 or other flexible element. The member 1 may be constructed in any suitable manner but it is preferably in the form of a flat metal disk (see Fig. 5) having prongs or tangs 3 struck laterally from its edge, said tangs passing through the meeting ends of the band B and being clenched as clearly seen in Fig. 3. As likewise seen in Fig. 3, other tangs 4 are struck from the center of the disk, these tangs being extended through an opening 6 formed by notching the meeting ends of the band B.

Secured to the head band B and located between the same and the inside of the hat, is a guide 7 which is here shown as formed of a single plate bent upon itself upon its transverse center and having one of its ends secured, by stitching or other means, to said band, while its opposite end is provided with a guide opening 8. It will be noted that the two ends of the plate are spaced one from the other and that the guide 7 is spaced a considerable distance from the attaching member 1. Having one of its end portions located between the band B and the side of the hat, is the flexible cord or tape 2, one end of said tape passing through the opening 6 and being anchored beneath the attaching member 1 as most clearly seen in Fig. 3. The intermediate portion of the cord or tape 2 passes through the guide opening 8 in the guide 7, projects above the edge of the band B and then depends therefrom as seen in Fig. 1, said depending portion being provided with a stop bar 9 which is U-shaped in cross section and is provided with an opening in its arch through which the free end of the cord 2 passes, said end being rigidly clamped between the side plates of the bar 9 as seen in Figs. 1 and 4.

When the device is in use the parts stand substantially as seen in Fig. 1 in which position, the bar 9 is designed to be inserted through a button hole in the coat of the wearer. When the device is inactive, however, the cord is pulled inwardly to position the bar 9 as seen in Fig. 2 and said cord is then positioned between the band B and the hat, in which position, it is effectually concealed.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be seen that an extremely simple construction has been employed for carrying out the objects of the invention and yet that the device will be efficient in operation and will readily perform the function for which it is designed.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

1. The combination with a hat including a head band spaced inwardly from its inner side, of a cord guide carried by the hat and interposed between the crown thereof and the hat band, a cord passing through said guide and having one of its ends anchored to the hat at a point remote from said guide, and a combined stop and attaching member on the free end of the cord, said mem-

ber being adapted to facilitate the attachment of the cord with a garment and to prevent the same from being withdrawn from the guide.

2. The combination with a hat having a head band spaced from its inner side, of a guide located between the head band and the hat, said guide being formed of a single sheet of material bent upon itself and having one end provided with a guide opening, its other end being secured to the hat band, a flexible cord anchored to a portion of the hat remote from the guide and sliding through the guide opening in the latter, said cord being adapted to be positioned between the head band and the side of the hat when inactive, and a combined stop and attaching member on the free end of said cord adapted to facilitate the attachment thereof to a garment and to prevent said end from being drawn through the aforesaid guide opening.

3. The combination with a hat and a cord depending therefrom, of a cross bar U-shaped in cross section and having an opening in its arch, the free end of said cord passed through said opening and being clamped between the sides of said U-shaped bar.

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

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