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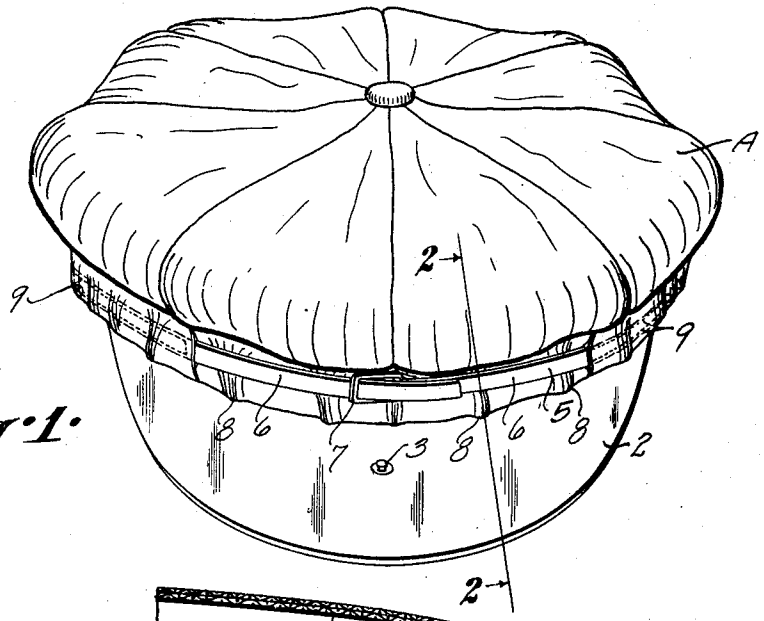


Fig. 1.

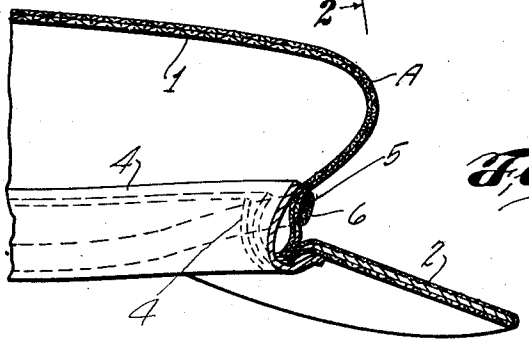


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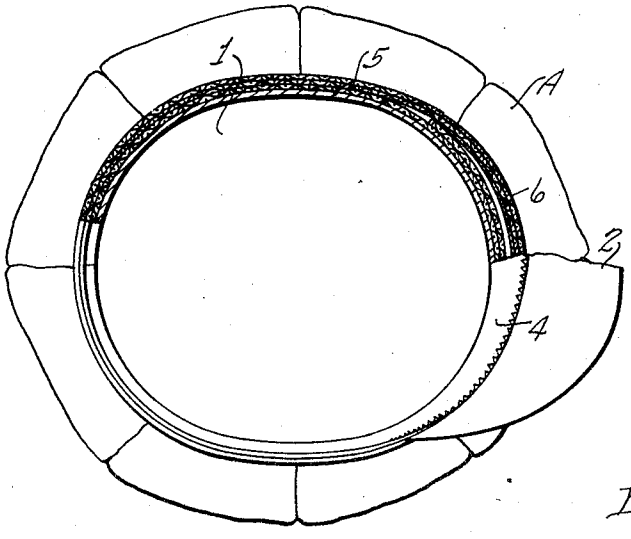


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One of the main objects of my invention is to provide a cap which may be easily and securely adjusted to vary the head-size between the full range of sizes, and which will have a continuous sweat band within the cap along the lower edge, to define the head opening.

Another object of my invention is to provide adjusting means for said cap, said adjusting means being in the form of a strap extending about the cap and forming the head-size defining opening, so that additional straps to define the head size are not required.

Many other objects and advantages of the construction herein shown and described will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains, from the disclosures herein given.

To this end, my invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of parts herein shown and described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, wherein I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention, like reference characters indicate like or corresponding parts throughout the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cap embodying my improvements, as seen from the front, and with the vizor down;

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the same, taken substantially along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the cap, partially in section, as viewed from the under side.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, A indicates the crown thereof, said crown being of substantially circular shape and made in one piece or in a number of segments as shown. The crown may be lined if desired, as at 1. The crown is cut and shaped in the usual manner, and in the form shown is bulged out circumferentially.

A vizor 2, of generally arcuate shape, or crescent-shaped, is secured to the front of the crown, the rear edge of the vizor being stitched or otherwise secured to the forward peripheral portion of the lower edge of the crown member, in the usual manner. Snap elements 3, one of which is secured to the upper surface of the vizor, and the other to the under part of the crown may be used to keep the vizor in lowered or raised position, as desired.

A sweat band 4, generally of leather, is secured to the inside of the cap at the lower edge thereof, said band being in one piece of material and extending continuously about the lower or open portion of the cap, said band being secured to the rear edge of the vizor and thence extending rearwardly and secured to that portion of the lower edge of the crown member that is rearwardly of the vizor.

The upper or innermost edge of the sweat band may be left free of securement therealong, or if desired, the same may be stitched therealong to the cap lining 1.

A narrow strip or strap 5, preferably of strong canvas or the like, extends circumferentially about the periphery of the cap, adjacent the head opening, said strip extending along the rear, sides and over a portion of the front of the lower edge of said crown member, and is preferably stitched or otherwise secured therealong, as at 9, said strip having its ends free of securement to provide the pair of overlapping free ends or flaps 6—6.

Any suitable fastening means such as a buckle 7 may be arranged between these cooperating free ends of the strap so that said ends may be adjustably secured together. The strap 5 is preferably covered with the same material as that of the crown, at its exposed or tab ends. The tab ends are preferably positioned exteriorly of the crown in order to more easily manipulate them, but the remainder of the strap may be concealed beneath the outer surface of the crown, as shown.

As the tabs are tightened together in the adjusting process, pleats or folds 8 are formed in the front portion of the crown member, to thereby decrease the effective head-size opening of the cap. As this tightening occurs, the sweat band will "roll" as indicated in the dotted line positions in Fig. 2, to thereby make the effective head-size opening defined

by said sweat band selectively smaller than just prior to said rolling action. As the ends of the strap 5 are let out or loosened, the reverse "rolling" action takes place, with a consequent increasing of the effective head-size opening. Thus it is seen that the full range of head sizes may be had without detracting from or materially altering the style or shape of the cap.

The strip 5 is secured to the lower or peripheral edge of the crown member, as close as possible to said peripheral edge for the major portion thereof, as shown in the drawings, so as to form a reinforcement for the cap therealong and define the cap size opening when the free ends of the strip are secured together, and no additional strip is needed for this purpose.

Having thus described my invention, it is obvious that various immaterial changes may be made in the same without departing from the spirit of my invention; hence I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact form, arrangement, construction and combination of parts herein shown and described, except as limited by the claims.

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

1. A cap comprising a crown piece; a vizor secured about the lower edge of a portion of the same; a continuous one-piece sweat band secured to said lower edge of the crown and also secured to said vizor along a line between the inner and outer edges of the vizor so as to overlie and conceal that portion of the edge of the crown secured to said vizor; and a head-size defining strap stitched to said crown within said cap along the sides and being free of securement to the cap substantially along said vizor except at above the ends of the latter; and means for adjustably interconnecting the free ends of said strap, whereby when the latter is adjusted, the sweat band will roll about the rear edge of said vizor an amount proportionate to said adjustment.

2. A cap comprising a crown member; a vizor secured to the lower edge of the crown member; a sweat band secured along the rear edge of said vizor and to the lower edge of the crown rearwardly of the vizor; a head-size defining reinforcing strap stitched along the rear and sides of the lower edge of the crown member to points substantially above the ends of said vizor and substantially free of securement to the crown above the remaining portion of the vizor, the free ends of said strap exteriorly overlying the crown at said vizor; and means for adjustably securing the free ends of said strap together to thereby vary the head-size of the cap, whereby substantially all of the adjustment of the crown will be above said vizor, so as to be substantially concealed when the crown and vizor are brought together.

3. A cap comprising a crown member, a vizor secured to the lower edge of the crown member, a sweat band secured along the rear edge of said vizor and to the lower edge of the crown rearwardly of the vizor, a head size defining reenforcement strap stitched along the rear and sides of the lower edge of the crown member to points substantially above the ends of said vizor and substantially free of securement to the crown above the remaining portion of the vizor, the free ends of said strap extending about the crown at said vizor, and means for adjustably securing the free ends of said strap together to thereby vary the head size of the cap, whereby substantially all of the adjustment of the crown will be above said vizor, so as to be substantially concealed when the crown and vizor are brought together.

4. A cap comprising a crown member, a vizor secured to the lower edge of the crown member, a sweat band secured along the rear edge of said vizor and to the lower edge of the crown rearwardly of the vizor, a head size defining reinforcement strap extending about the crown and stitched at the sides of the lower edge of the crown member to points substantially above the ends of said vizor and substantially free of securement to the crown above the remaining portion of the vizor, the free ends of said strap extending about the crown at said vizor, and means for adjustably securing the free ends of said strap together to thereby vary the head size of the cap, whereby substantially all of the adjustment of the crown will be above said vizor, so as to be substantially concealed when the crown and vizor are brought together, and when said adjustment is being made the sweat band will roll about the rear edge of said vizor an amount proportionate to said adjustment.

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