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CUSHION FOR HATS.

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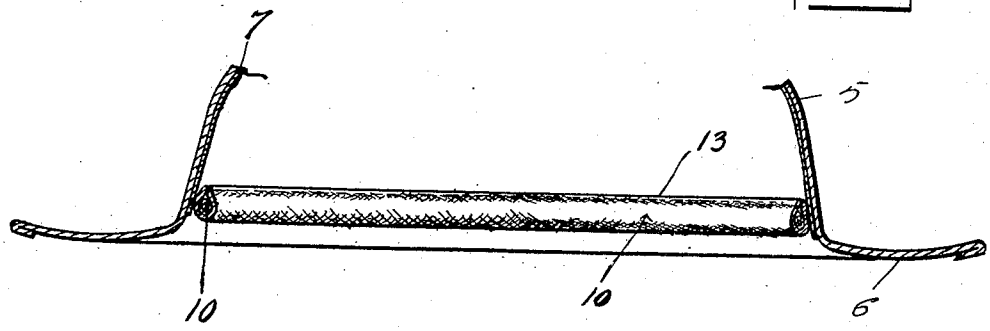


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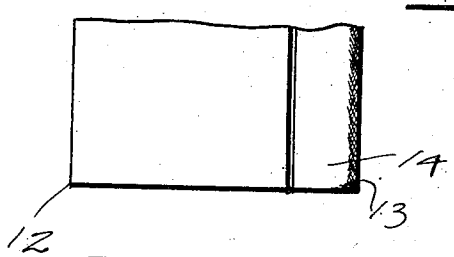


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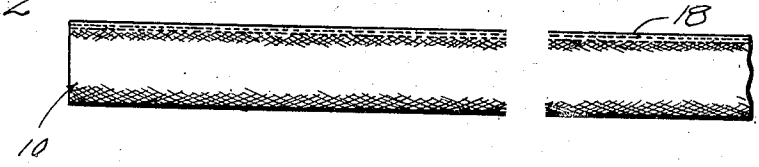


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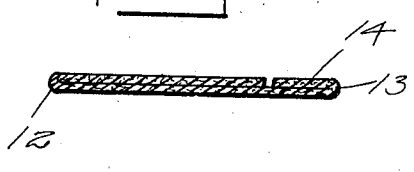


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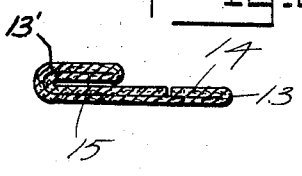
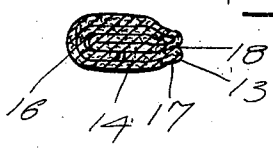


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. WESTROPE, a citizen of the United States, residing at David City, in the county of Butler and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cushions for Hats; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to improvements in cushions for hats.

The object of this invention is to provide means whereby a soft and resilient cushion may be so located in the hat that it shall be constantly presented for direct contact with the head of the wearer of the hat.

A further object of this invention is to provide a cushion for hats of this character, which will be simple, practical and comparatively inexpensive in construction.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and set forth in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view taken through a fragmentary portion of a hat illustrating the application of my cushion thereto.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view of the band prior to being completely folded.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the cushion.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the initial fold of the felt to provide the band or cushion.

Fig. 5 is a second fold of the cushion.

Fig. 6 is a view of the cushion folded and ready to be secured between the sweat band and lining of the hat.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawing.

My improved cushion is adapted to be positioned in the hat adjacent the lower end of the crown, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The cushion is designated in its entirety by the numeral 10 and is constructed of flexible material, such as felt or the like. The felt is first folded intermediate its ends on the line 12 to provide a double thickness. The free longitudinal edge of the felt or other material is then folded back upon itself on the line 13 to provide the layer 14. The double thickness defined by the folding of the material at 12 is then folded on the line 13′ to provide the filler 15. The double thickness is then folded on the line 16 back upon itself and against the layer 14, thus positioning the filler 15 between the layer 14 and the double thickness of material 12, and thus the cushion is formed. The open edge of the filler 15 and double thickness 12 are compressed as at 17 and stitched to provide an attaching portion 18 which facilitates the securing of the same to the lining and between the lining and sweat band, as illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

It will be apparent that, by providing a band of this character, it is only necessary to take a single length of felt or other suitable material and fold the same in the manner illustrated in Figs. 4, 5 and 6. By compressing the edges of the cushion the same is formed with an attaching portion which facilitates the securing of the cushion to the lining of the hat and positioning a relatively large portion of the cushion adjacent the lower open end of the body to permit the hat to readily conform to the peculiarities and configuration of the individual's head upon which it is worn.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

As an article of manufacture, a cushion for a hat formed from a single length of flexible material having its free longitudinal edges folded inwardly upon the main portion thereof and toward one another, providing a double thickness, said double thickness being bent transversely upon itself from one edge inwardly to provide a relatively thick filler, the double thickness being bent transversely upon itself from the opposite edge inwardly over the filler to completely inclose the latter, and the closing edges of the cushion being compressed toward one another to provide an attaching edge for the cushion and prevent accidental opening of the cushion and displacement of the filler.

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

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