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HAT BAND

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Fig. 1.

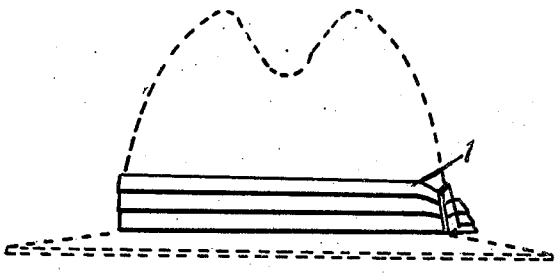


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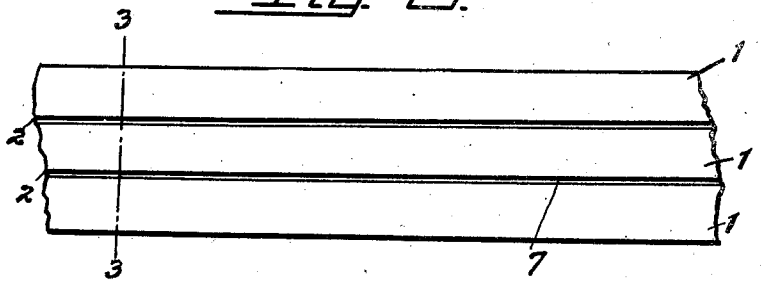
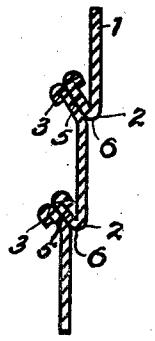


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This invention is directed to a method of making and an improvement in decorative hat bands, and particularly to a hat band in which the materials are arranged to present a pleated effect and primarily where such pleated sections are of different colors to present an ornamental or association of colors presenting a particular significance.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a hat band made up of one piece or separate pieces of the same or different colors, the pieces being each of the full length of the hat band and extending longitudinally thereof, the pieces presenting pleat folds at their meeting edges, with such folds secured by stitches.

The hat band is arranged with the pleat folds on the outer or exposed surface of the band, and the stitching forms an important feature in securing the pleats against deformation or flattening and insuring that the band will retain its original pleated form and arrangement for the full life of the band.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a view of a hat with the improved band applied.

Figure 2 is an enlarged broken face view of the improved band when the pieces extend from end to end of the band.

Figure 3 is an enlarged section on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

The improved band is made of strips 1 of appropriate preferred material, usually of relatively narrow width and preferably of the full length of the hat band. These strips which may be of the same or contrasting colors as preferred are united along their meeting edges to present a pleated formation, as at 2, and one of the essential features of the present invention is to secure the pleated relation in a manner to insure permanency of such pleated formation during the full life of the band.

To secure this result each strip is hemmed along its longitudinal edge as at 3, and the meeting edges stitched together at 5 to present a margin of slight width at 6 beyond the stitching 5. This margin then flattened down on the exterior surface of the band to present a pleat 7.

The method of assembling the strips presents several material advantages. The use of independent strips permits the assemblage of strips of different colors, and of course, any association of colors, to permit the band to be made up for a particular significance, as college colors or colors of any particular convention or meeting.

The essential advantage from a mechanical standpoint is the capability of utilizing and peculiarly associating any desired colors, and of more importance the insuring of the fixed and inseparable formation and maintenance of the uniformity of the pleated formation. Without this securing the pleats and on ordinary pleating formation will, under continued use of the hat, tend to flatten out in whole or in part and present an unsightly appearance of the band. Under the present formation the pleatings are permanent under all conditions, and at the same time permit the use and particular association of different colors to meet requirements of any particular occasion.

Of course the width of the strips, the material employed and the colors associated are optional with the manufacturer, and any and all possible variations of these particulars or any of them are contemplated as within the spirit of the present invention.

It is to be understood that in the event the strips 1 are made of conventional ribbon, or other form having selvage edges, the seams 3 may be of course omitted, but of course the stitching is arranged to present the appropriate margin 6 to simulate or form the pleat when the strips are arranged in band form.

The band may be supplied with any appropriate fastenings for the ends, which may overlap or be formed into a conventional bow or other form.

What is claimed as new, is:

1. A hat band constructed to inherently present exterior parallel pleats, comprising associated strips to be arranged in superimposed coplanar relation, the edges of each strip being longitudinally hemmed, the adjacent edges of neighboring strips being secured in surface contact relation, the uppermost of a pair of strips being formed in a return bend beyond the line of connection with the neighboring strip and projected upwardly beyond the return bend to form one of the exposed strips of the hat band, the secured end of the neighboring strip being formed with a single bend adjacent the return bend of the neighboring strip and projected away from the return bend as a single thickness, whereby the double thickness of the return bend simulates a pleat formation on the line of juncture between the strips.

2. A hat band comprising a plurality of strips associated edge to edge in longitudinal relation, the longitudinal edges of adjacent strips being secured together, one of such edges a distance

from the line of connection being formed with a return bend with the strip extended beyond such bend to form one of the strips of the hat band, the other connected strip being turned down in substantial line with the return bend, those portions of both strips between their connected line and their formed length being arranged in rear of the return bend portion of the one edge, whereby the return bend simulates a pleat and the underlying thickness of material slightly raises such pleat to enhance its appearance as such.

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