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HAT STAY.

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Fig. 1.

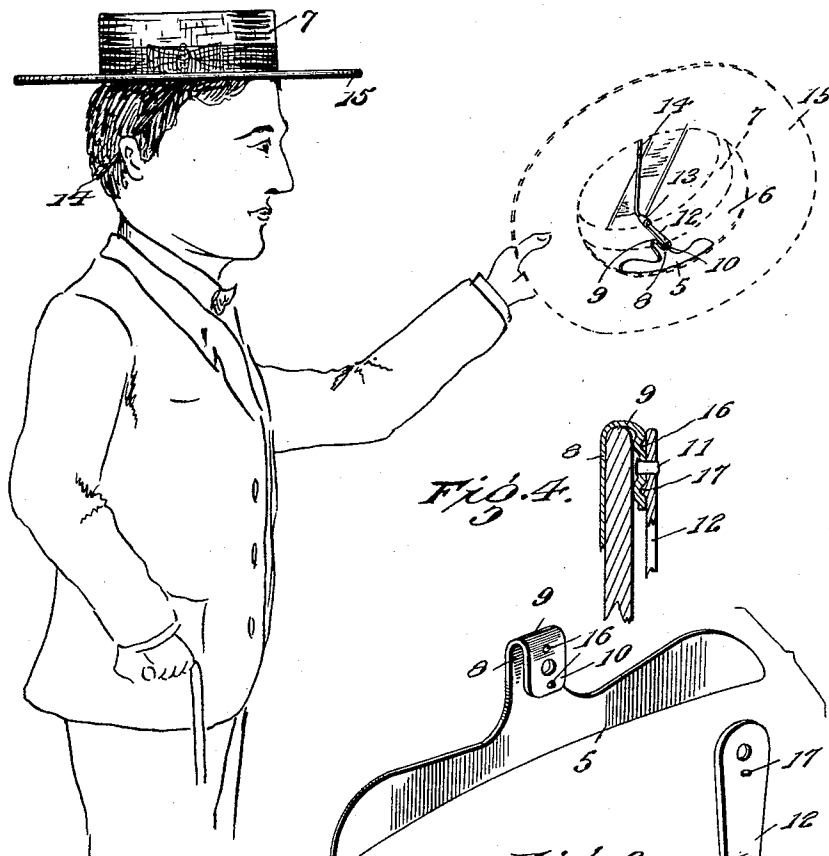


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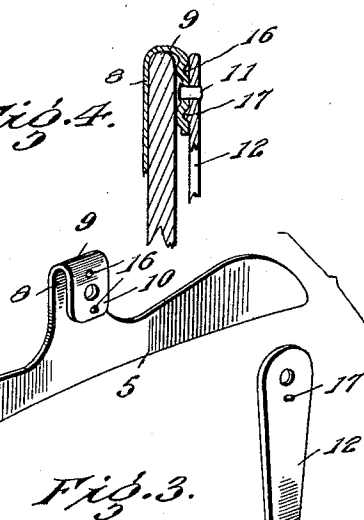


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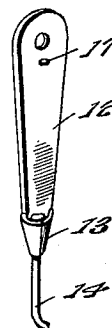
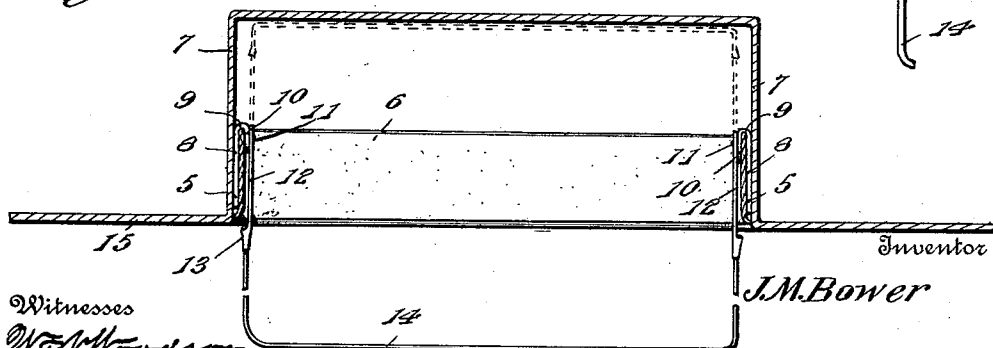


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB M. BOWER, citizen of the United States, residing at Lander, in the county of Fremont and State of Wyoming, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Stays, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hat stays or guards and has for its object the provision of a comparatively simple and thoroughly efficient device of this character, especially designed for attachment to the sweat band of a hat for the purpose of preventing the hat from being accidentally blown from the head of the wearer.

A further object is to provide a hat stay or guard including spaced attaching members adapted to fit between the crown and sweat band of a hat and provided with pivoted arms carrying a flexible securing element, the free ends of said arms being movable to operative position beneath the rim of the hat and to inoperative position within the crown of the latter.

A further object is to provide means for locking the free ends of the pivoted arms in both raised and lowered positions.

A still further object of the invention is generally to improve this class of devices, so as to increase their utility, durability and efficiency, as well as to reduce the cost of manufacture.

Further objects and advantages will appear in the following description, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stay or guard constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the same in position on a hat; Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view, showing in full lines, the flexible securing element in operative position, and in dotted lines, the securing element in inoperative position; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the elements comprising one of the attaching members separated; Fig. 4 is a detail ver-

tical sectional view, showing the manner of locking the pivoted arms in raised and lowered position.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The improved hat stay or guard forming the subject matter of the present invention comprises spaced attaching plates 5, preferably formed of metal and curved longitudinally to conform to the shape of the head, said attaching plates being adapted to be inserted between the sweat band 6 and crown 7 of a hat, as shown. Each attaching member or plate 5 is provided with a reduced extension 8, the upper end of which is bent upon itself at 9 and extended downwardly in contact with the outer face of the sweat band to form a depending ear 10.

Pivotally mounted at 11 on the depending ear of each attaching plate, is an arm 12 also preferably formed of metal and having its free end bent or rolled upon itself to form a substantially conical shaped socket 13 adapted to receive and support a flexible securing element 14. The securing element 14 is preferably in the form of an elastic strip having its opposite ends provided with terminal knots which bear against the inclined walls of the sockets 13 and serve to prevent accidental displacement of said securing element. The sockets 13 of the arms 12 are normally housed within the crown of the hat and are movable downwardly to operative position below the rim 15 of the hat so as to permit the securing element to be passed around the back of the head of the wearer, thus to prevent said hat from being accidentally blown from the head. As a means for locking the pivoted arms 12 in both operative and inoperative positions, the ears 10 of the attaching plates are provided with spaced depressions 16 disposed above and below the pivots 11 for engagement with a correspondingly shaped lug 17 preferably punched or stamped from the metal forming the adjacent arm 12, as shown. Thus it will be seen that by removing the hat from the head and swinging the arms 12 downwardly until the conical sockets 13 thereof are in

the position shown in Fig. 2 of the drawing, the elastic securing element 14 may be passed around the back of the head so as to hold the hat in position thereon, the arms 12 being held in inoperative position by engagement of the lugs 17 with the adjacent depressions 16. When the stay or guard is not in use, the arms 12 are swung upwardly to inoperative position within the crown of the hat and in which position they are retained by engagement of the lugs 17 with the mating depressions 16. It will here be noted that the depending ears 10 of the attaching plates or members, by frictional engagement with the outer face of the sweat band, serve to hold said attaching members in proper position on the hat, when the arms 12 are in both operative and inoperative positions. It will also be noted that a downward pull exerted on the arms 12 by the elastic securing element 14 will tend to force the bent portions 9 of the ears 10 in engagement with the upper edge of the sweat band and thus effectually prevent the attaching members from being withdrawn from the hat when the stay or guard is in use.

While it is preferred to use a pair of the attaching plates, it will of course be understood that a single attaching plate may be used, in which event one end of the elastic element 14 will be fastened to the socket of the pivoted arm, while the other end will be secured to the button-hole of a coat or other garment, in the usual manner.

The hat guards or stays may be made in different sizes and shapes and formed of metal, celluloid or other suitable material,

without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. The combination with a hat, of attaching members engaging the inner face of the sweat band of the hat and each provided with an overhanging ear bearing against the outer face of the sweat band, attaching arms pivotally mounted on said ears, a flexible securing element connecting the arms, said attaching arms being movable to operative position below the rim of the hat and to inoperative position within the crown of said hat, and means in addition to and separate from the pivotal axes of the arms for holding said arms rigidly in either operative or inoperative position.

2. A hat stay comprising longitudinally curved attaching members, each having its upper portion reduced and bent upon itself to produce an overhanging ear, arms pivotally mounted on the ears and having their free ends bent to produce sockets, a securing element engaging said sockets, there being depressions formed in the outer face of the ears above and below the pivotal axes of the arms, and lugs formed on said arms and adapted to enter the adjacent depressions in the ears for holding said arms in different positions of adjustment.

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

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