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Fig. 1.

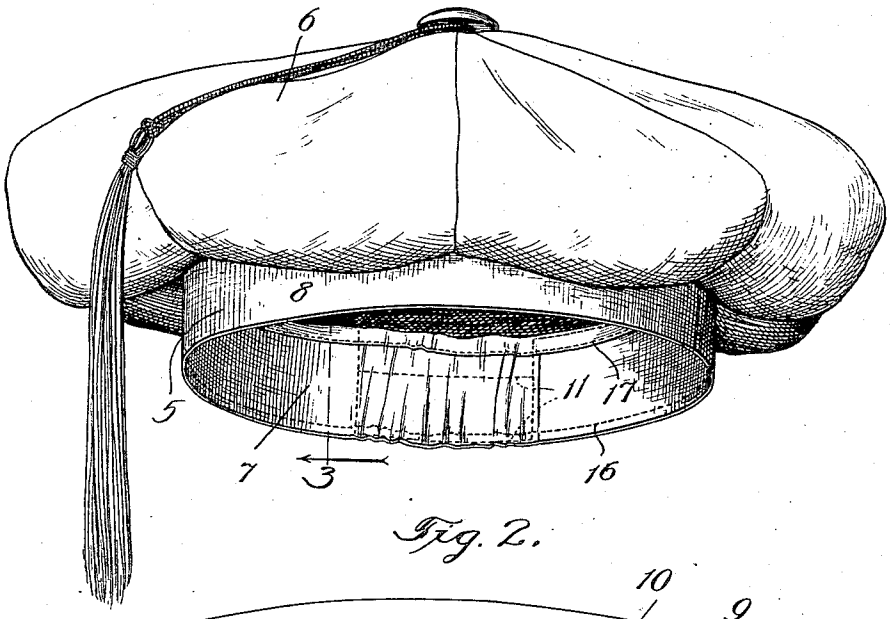


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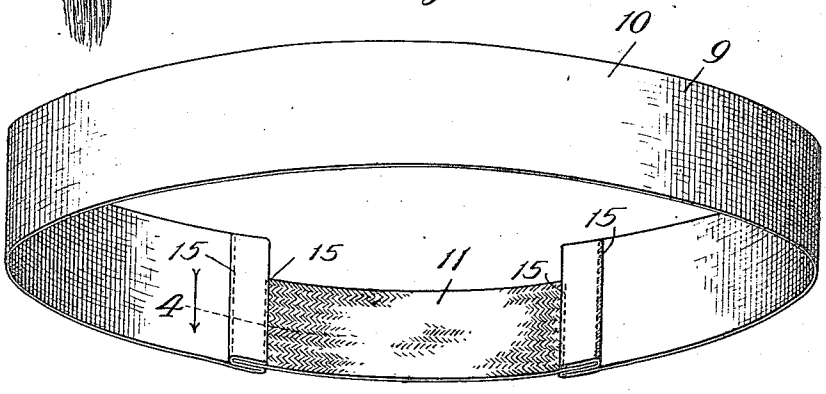


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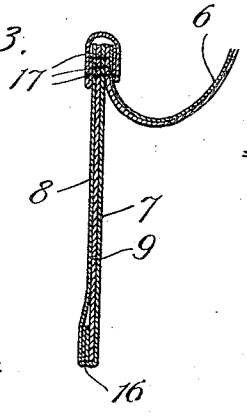
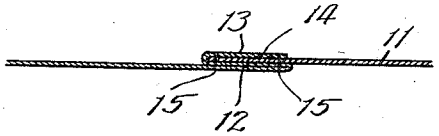


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL KUNSTADTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hats or Caps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates more particularly to hats or caps of the type involving a relatively stiff band at which the hat or cap fits on the head of the wearer, formed with an inner band of relatively stiff material, and also to that type of hats or caps which involves the formation of a band, with a section of elastic material whereby the band may be expanded to fit different sized heads.

My object is to provide a certain novel and simple improvement in bands of caps or hats, of the type wherein the band is relatively stiff and is formed with an elastic section.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tam-o'-shanter hat, the band of which is constructed in accordance with my invention, this view being taken from a point slightly below the plane of the lower edge of the band. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the inner stiff band of the hat. Fig. 3 is an enlarged section taken at the line 3 on Fig. 1 and viewed in the direction of the arrow; and Fig. 4 a similar view taken at the line 4 on Fig. 2 and viewed in the direction of the arrow.

I have devised my improvement for use more particularly in tam-o'-shanter hats and have, therefore, chosen to illustrate it in this connection, though without any intention of limiting the invention thereby, as the same may be used in hats of other kinds.

The band portion of the hat is represented at 5 and the top portion at 6. The band 5 is preferably formed of an inner and outer band section 7 and 8, and an intermediate lining 9 (the outer section 8 being of any suitable material, as for example, that of which the upper portion of the hat is formed, and the inner section 7 of any suitable material, such as ordinarily used in hat linings. The intermediate or stiffening band 9 is formed of two sections, 10 and 11, the section 10 being of any suitable relatively stiff material, such as canvas or buckram, and the section 11 of elastic secured to the ends of the band 9. The ends of the section 10 are constructed as illustrated in Fig. 4. In other words, the material at each end of the section 10 is bent backwardly and upon itself to afford the section 12, and then forwardly to form the section 13, thus providing a pocket or space 14 at each end of the section of stiffening material into which the ends of the elastic 11 are introduced, the ends of the elastic being permanently secured to the ends of the section 10 and the folded portions of the latter secured in position, by stitching, diagrammatically represented at 15.

The band 9 is by preference not secured to the inner or outer sections 7 and 8 of the band, and normally at a point adjacent to the elastic section 11 the inner and outer band sections 7 and 8, which are of pliable material, are gathered, so that the band may expand when placed upon the head of the user.

The inner and outer band sections 7 and 8 are preferably each of a single length of material and are secured together at their lower ends by stitching, as indicated at 16, and secured to the top portion 6 of the hat by stitching represented at 17.

It will be noted that in constructing a hat in accordance with my invention the intermediate lining section 9 is formed separately from the other portion of the hat and introduced into the hat as an entity. The feature of connecting the elastic to the ends of the band section 10 is desirable not only because it holds the elastic 11 firmly and securely to the section 10, but prevents roughing up or fraying out of the ends of the elastic and the ends of the section 9, both in the handling of the section 9 as an object separate from the hat and in the use of the band section 9 when built into the hat, as explained.

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

In a band for hats or caps, the combination of an inner and an outer band section of comparatively pliable material, an intermediate band section confined between said inner and outer sections and formed of a

section of relatively stiff material, and a section of elastic, the ends of the section of relatively stiff material being bent back upon themselves reversely to provide spaces or pockets into which the ends of the said elastic section extend, and stitching securing the ends of said elastic section to the ends of said section of relatively stiff material, in the position stated, and securing the said folded portions in position.

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