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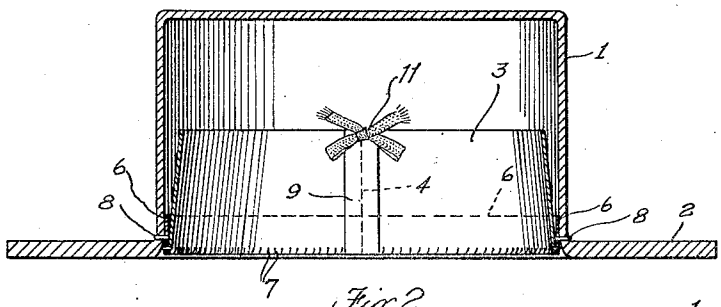


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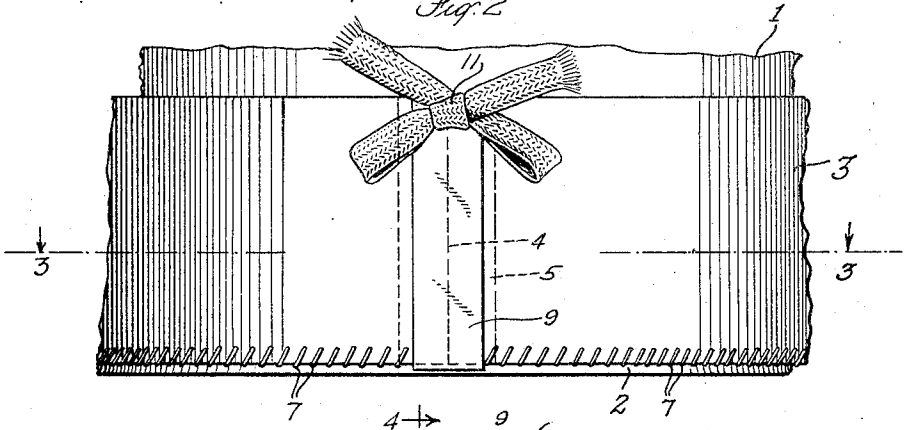


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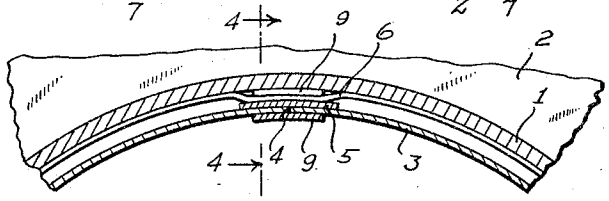
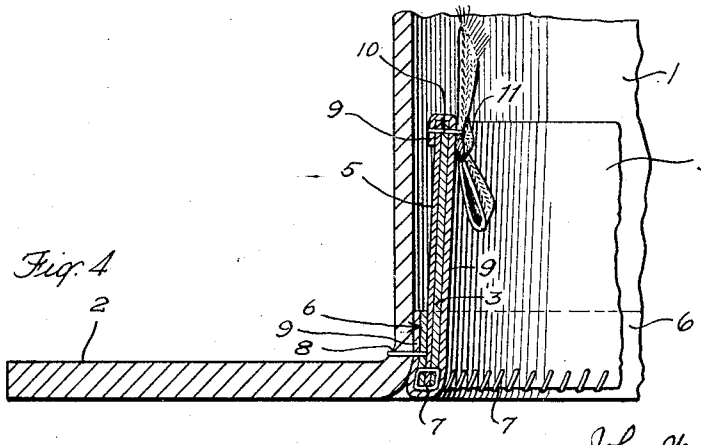


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to hat constructions and particularly to sweat bands therefor.

Among other objects, the invention is intended to provide a sweat band construction for hats which is durable in construction, neat and attractive in appearance, and which will provide lasting comfort and ease in wear. Other objects will be in part obvious and in part pointed out hereinafter.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangements of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the subjoined claims.

In the accompanying drawings, in which is shown one of the various possible embodiments of the invention:—

Figure 1 is a vertical section of a straw hat.

Figure 2 is an enlarged elevation of a portion of the sweat band and crown of the hat.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Similar reference characters refer to similar views throughout the several figures of the drawings.

As conducive to a clear understanding of certain features of the invention, it might at this point be noted that, particularly in stiff felt or straw hats, the sweat bands, usually of leather, are peculiarly shaped in order to provide a cushioning action; these bands being so shaped that, when set into the hat body, the band inclines upwardly and inwardly, being substantially frusto-conical in shape. As it is desirable to maintain this frusto-conical shape, and, as such shape is partially or entirely lost if the ends of the sweat band are not kept in abutting relationship, it is important to provide means for maintaining such relationship during the life of the hat.

The hat selected for illustration is a straw hat having a crown 1, a rim 2, and a sweat band 3. It will be understood that the invention may be embodied in other types of hats.

The sweat band 3 consists of a single strip of leather which encircles the inside of the crown 1, with the ends of the sweat band abutting, as at 4, and held in abutting relationship by a gum sticker 5 pasted to the inner or unfinished side of the sweat band to overlap the butt joint 4. The sweat band 3 is sewed to a flexible band 6 by stitches 7; these two bands are preferably sewed together before the parts are applied to the hat. The flexible band 6, which is preferably made of a suitable fabric, is sewed to crown 1 by stitches 8.

To cover and protect the butted ends of the sweat band 3, a flexible strip 9, preferably of oil and waterproof cloth, is applied to the outer or finished side of the sweat band to overlap the butt joint 4 of the ends of the sweat band. As best shown in Figure 4, the strip 9 is preferably long enough to extend over and lap the top of the sweat band 3 and the gum sticker 5, and to extend beneath and lap the bottom of the sweat band 3, the gum sticker 5 and the flexible band 6. The lower end of the strip 9 may be held in position by the stitches 8 which pass through the crown 1, the lower inner lapped portion of the strip 9, and the flexible band 6. The upper end of the strip 9 may be held in position by stitches 10 which pass through the upper lapped portion of the strip 9, the gum sticker 5, the sweat band 3 and the outer portion of the strip 9. A bow 11 may be provided near the top of the sweat band and overlying the strip 9. When such a bow is provided, it may be held in position by the stitches 10 which are caused to pass through the bow. As a bow 11 is usually applied in hat constructions, no additional sewing operations are required to apply the strip 9; the strip 9 being held in position at the top of the sweat band by the stitches 10 which hold the bow 11 in place, and the lower end of the strip 9 being held in position by the stitches 8, which secure the band 6 to the crown of the hat.

Among other advantages, the protecting strip 9, which is preferably oil and waterproof, covers the abutting ends of the sweat band 3, and prevents liquids such as oil or perspiration, from seeping through the abut-

ting ends of the sweat band and loosening or disintegrating the gum sticker 5, or the adhesive material by which it is applied. Thus, the ends of the sweat band are retained in abutting relationship, the frusto-conical shape of the sweat band is maintained and the ends of the sweat band are prevented from curling up, breaking the continuity of the band and assuming an unsightly appearance. The strip 9 may also be utilized to carry a trade-name, hat size, or other inscription.

It will be seen that there is provided a construction of an essentially practical nature in which the several objects of this invention are attained.

As many other embodiment may be made without departing from the scope of this invention, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawings is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:

1. In hat construction, in combination, a sweatband having a fabric material secured thereto along its lower edge, said fabric material being stitched to the body of a hat and said sweatband having abutting ends, means overlapping the abutting ends of said sweatband upon the inner side of the latter and secured thereto by an adhesive, and a relatively flexible strip extending crosswise of said band only over the marginal portions thereof adjacent said abutting ends, said strip being held in place by means including the stitches that hold said fabric material to said hat and by stitching at the upper edge of said band extending through the latter and through said first-mentioned means.

2. In hat construction, in combination, a sweatband having its ends arranged in abutting relationship, means for connecting said ends, a waterproof strip covering said ends and crossing the line of abutment on the inner side of said sweatband and extending over the top and bottom edges of said sweatband to overlap said means, and means securing said strip to said sweatband.

3. In hat construction, in combination, a sweatband having its ends arranged in abutting relationship, adhesive means on one side of said band for connecting said ends, a waterproof strip covering said abutting ends on the other side of said band and having its ends extending over the top and bottom edges of said band to overlap said adhesive means, and means securing said strip to said sweatband.

4. In hat construction, in combination, a sweatband having its ends arranged in abutting relationship, means for connecting said ends on the outer side of said sweatband, a waterproof strip covering said ends and crossing the line of abutment on the inner side of said sweatband, and means securing said strip to said sweatband.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this 28th day of June, 1929.

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