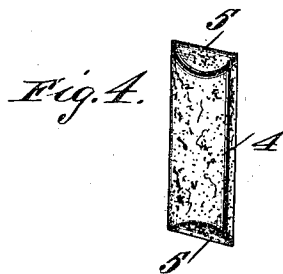
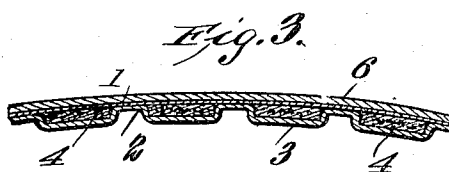
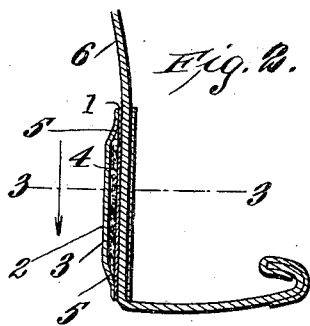
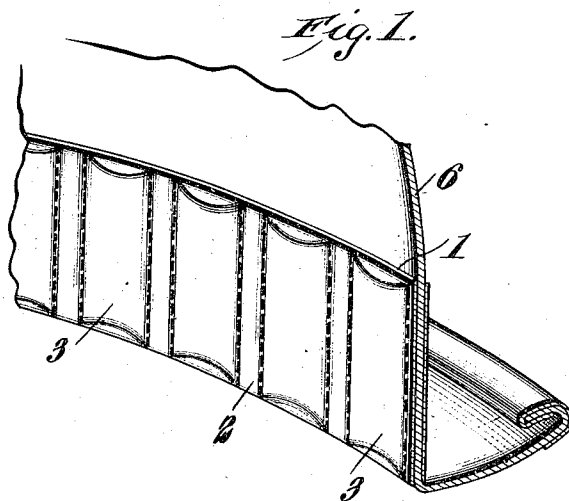


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BIRT Z. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mountain Home, in the county of Elmore and State of Idaho, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Sweat-Bands for Hats, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in sweat bands, and consists in certain novel constructions, and combinations of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a band, especially adapted for men's hats of any type, which will permit the top of the head to be ventilated, and will not shut off the flow of blood to the scalp, the band engaging the head at a number of separated points, instead of in a continuous band.

Referring to the drawings forming a part hereof: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of the improvement, Fig. 2 is a transverse section, Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a filler.

The embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 4 consists of a strip 1 of leather, or other suitable material, upon one side of which is arranged a thinner strip 2 of cloth or other suitable material, the cloth strip being stitched to the leather strip.

The leather strip is formed into a plurality of pockets 3, and in each of the pockets is inserted a filler of elastic material 4 preferably of cork, on account of its lightness and cheapness.

The fillers as shown in Fig. 4 are of a

length equal approximately to the width of the band, and the ends thereof are beveled on one face as at 5.

The pockets are arranged transversely of the band, and in parallel relation, and spaced apart from each other as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and that face of the strip on which the ends are beveled is inward as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

It will be evident from the description, that the hat is spaced apart from the head, engaging it at a number of separate points, thus preventing any obstruction to the circulation of the blood to the scalp.

I claim:

A sweat band comprising a strip of leather or like material adapted to be secured by one edge to the hat, a second strip superposed on the inner face of the first-named strip, transverse bars of cork or like material arranged between the strips, each of said bars having the face adjacent to the first-named strip flat and the opposite face rounded from side to side, the ends of the rounded face being beveled, said bars being arranged with their adjacent edges parallel and spaced apart, and rows of stitching connecting the strips on each side of the bars, a row of stitching being arranged adjacent to each side edge of each bar, the side edges of the strips being in contact with each other, whereby to conceal the bars.

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