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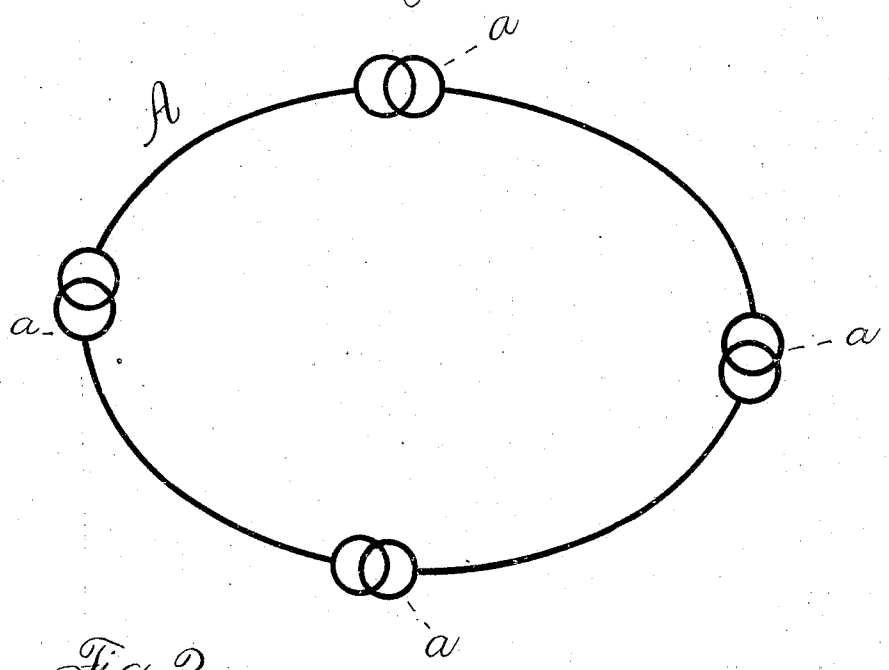


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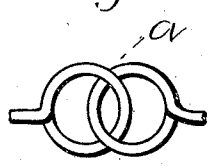
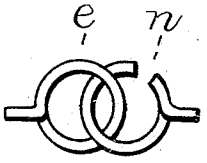


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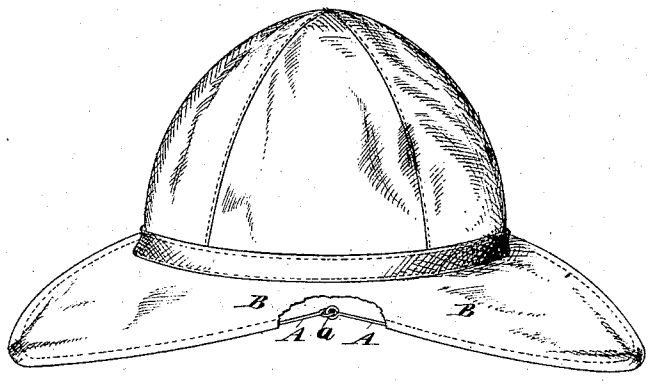
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Fig. 4.



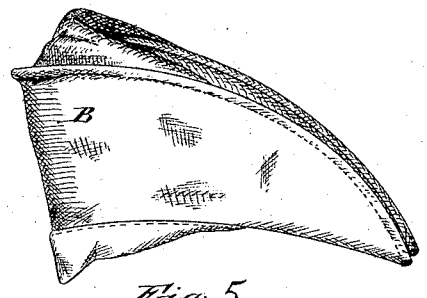


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY F. PRICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Hat-Brims; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan of my improved wire frame for hat-brims; Fig. 2, a detail view on large scale of *a a a a* on Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a modification of the method of uniting the sections as shown at *a*, Fig. 1, a portion of one of the loops being removed, so as to form what is commonly known as a "hook and eye." Fig. 4 shows the complete hat extended and ready for use, and Fig. 5 shows the same folded for stowing in the overcoat-pocket or in other small space.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures where they occur.

The present invention has relation to wire frames for the brims of hats. I construct the frames in sections hinged together to admit of the frames and the entire hat being folded.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the frame of the hat-brim, formed of wire in sections, each bent to form its proportion of the oval frame required to hold a hat-brim extended. They are united by interlacing loops *a*.

Fig. 3 is a modification, a portion of one of the loops being removed, as at *n*, forming what is commonly known as a "hook-and-eye" fastening or connection.

In all the forms the hat material B serves to cover and conceal the joints. I have in my experiments used muslin for the material B; but this may be varied. Many forms of mechanical construction may be used in uniting the sections; but I prefer the simple construction shown in Fig. 2. The object of the sectional frame is to admit of the brim, on which these frames are used, being folded into a convenient shape for the pocket or for transportation while still retaining the benefits arising from the use of a wire frame when the hat is worn. The joints *a* allow the several sections to be folded one upon another when required, and also allow the sections to hold the hat-brim extended when required.

I do not claim a hat-brim or analogous sunshade held extended by arms or ribs extended radially, as such cannot be connected together at each end and cannot fold upon each other, as do my sections.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The folding frame A, composed of curved sections of wire hinged together by metallic loops, in combination with a hat, and inclosed in the brim thereof, as herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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