This invention relates to a transparent identification window for hats and has for one of its objects the production of a simple and efficient means for retaining an identification card upon a sweat-band of a hat in a manner whereby the card will be securely held against loss or accidental displacement, and at the same time it may be easily viewed through the window for the purpose of identification.

A further object of this invention is the production of a simple and efficient transparent identification window secured to the inside of the sweat-band of a hat for receiving an identification card, the entrance opening of the window being close to the folded edge of the sweat-band of the hat, where the band is secured to the hat so that the card will be securely held in position when the sweat-band is folded inside the hat.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will appear throughout the following specification and claim.

Figure 1 is a perspective view looking at the inside of a hat, and showing the sweat-band folded inside the hat and carrying the identification window pocket in which the identification card is mounted;

Figure 2 is a similar perspective view with the sweat-band pulled outside of the hat;

Figure 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a plan view of the identification card removed from the window pocket.

By referring to the drawing, it will be seen that 10 designates a conventional felt or other hat having a conventional sweat-band 11 stitched to the hat 10 near the edge of the head opening, as at 12. The sweat-band 11 is provided with an aperture 13 of suitable shape, preferably of an oblong formation having rounded ends, as shown. An inner transparent flexible sheet 14 of cellophane or the like is secured to the inner face of the band 11 along both sides and at its end edges by stitching 15 or may be secured in any desired manner to fix this sheet 14 to the inner face of the band 11 and close the aperture 13 to provide a transparent window in the band 11.

An inner transparent flexible sheet 16 is secured by stitching or by any other means to the band 11, and to the sheet 14 adjacent the free edge of the band 11, and at the ends of the sheets 14 and 16. The inner edge 17 of the sheet 16 is spaced slightly inwardly of the adjacent edge of the sheet 14 and is preferably notched, as at 18, to facilitate the placing of the card 19 between the sheets 14 and 16. This structure forms a window pocket for the card 19.

The card 19 preferably is formed of cardboard or other material, and carries suitable identification information such as a hat number, which hat number may be registered with the retailer of the hat for identification and record purposes. Also the card 19 may carry the name of the purchaser, his address and telephone number, and it may contain any other identification of advertising information desired. The card 19 is slipped into the window pocket between the sheets 14 and 16 after the band 11 is pulled outwardly of the hat, the identification information facing outwardly of the band 11 when it is folded back inside of the hat 10 as shown in Figure 1. The card 19 may be slipped easily through the open edge of the window pocket between the sheets 14 and 16, and the finger of the operator may fit into the notch 18 for gripping and flexing the sheet 14 away from the sheet 16 to open the pocket.

When the band 11 is folded back within the crown of the hat 10, to a normal position, the card 19 will be firmly held within the window pocket against accidental displacement, since the open edge or side of the window pocket is adjacent the stitching 12, which joins the band 11 to the hat 10, thereby closing the pocket. The card 10, however, may be replaced or renewed when desired merely by pulling the band 11 outwardly to permit access to the card which is retained in the pocket.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that a simple and efficient means is provided to permit identification of the hat in restaurants, and other places of assembly, where hats are likely to be taken by mistake. The identification card will provide means to facilitate proper identification of the hat, and also will avoid the taking of the wrong hat through inadvertence or accident. It should be noted that the window pocket is formed of moisture resisting material such as cellophane and the like, to prevent soiling of the identification card and to prevent moisture from passing through the sweat-band.

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

As an article of manufacture, a hat having a conventional flexible sweat-band secured to the hat near the edge of the head opening, said sweat-band having an aperture extending longitudinally thereof, an inner transparent flexible sheet secured to the inner face of the band along both sides and at its end edges to seal the band...
around the edges of the aperture, a second transparent sheet secured to the band and first mentioned transparent sheet adjacent the free edge of the band and at the ends of the second sheet thereby defining a window pocket, said second sheet having an inner side edge spaced inwardly of the adjacent edge of the first sheet, and the band being adapted to be folded back within the hat to a normal position to abut the open side of the window pocket adjacent the hat and thereby hold the card against accidental displacement from the window pocket.

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