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OIL SILK COVERING FOR MEN’S HATS

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a hat protector.

More specifically, the invention provides for a means for releasably holding a hat protector constructed of waterproof material in position upon a hat.

Still further the invention proposes the use of tab elements attached to the crown of the hat protector and which may be gripped for pulling the hat protector off the hat.

Another object of the invention is to provide an elastic strip along the inside top portion of the crown of the protector to contract the hat protector so that it will more easily conform with the shape of the particular hat to which it has been applied.

Another object of the invention is to provide means for adjustably securing the said elastic strip to the hat protector so that it may be adjusted thereto to control the degree to which it will force the protector against the hat.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a man's straw hat having a protector according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 3--3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4--4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a man's felt hat equipped with a protector according to this invention.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 5--8 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged detailed view of a portion of the hat protector.

Fig. 8 is a plan view of a portion of a hat protector showing a modification of the invention.

Fig. 9 is a sectional view taken on the line 9--9 of Fig. 8.

The hat protector, according to this invention, consists of a hat casing 10 constructed of waterproof material for engaging over the crown and brim of a hat 11, and is formed with a means for releasably holding the casing in position upon the hat 11. Tab elements 12 extend from the crown portion of the casing 10 for forming a grip by which the casing 10 may be pulled from the hat 11.

The hat casing 10 consists of a top portion 10a which is adapted to extend across the top of the hat 11 and which continues into a depending side portion 10b which is adapted to engage the sides of the crown of the hat 11.

The side portion 10b continues into the brim portion 10c which is adapted to extend across the top of the brim of the hat 11. The top brim portion 10d continues into a bottom brim portion 10d which is adapted to extend over the bottom of the brim of the hat 11.

The bottom brim portion 10d is provided with a rolled edge portion 10e into which a resilient member 13 is engaged for fixedly holding the hat casing in position upon the hat 11. The resilient means 13 consists of a piece of elastic band or similar stretchable material and the edge portion of the bottom brim portion 10d has a circumference, when the resilient means 13 is extended, which is slightly greater than the edge portion of the brim of the hat 11 so that it may be passed therethrough when desired. The hat is of conventional construction and is provided with the customary hat band 14.

An elastic strip 15 is attached to the bottom face of the top portion 10a of the hat casing 10 and has its ends extending through openings 16 formed in the top portion 10a, and these ends comprise and form the tabs 12 which form the grips for removing the hat casing 10. The strip 15 is secured in position by means of stitches 17 which engage through the base of the tabs 12 and the material on either side of the opening 15 for holding this opening closed to prevent water from passing therethrough and at the same time holding the strip 15 in position. This strip 15 is adapted to contract the casing 10 to make it fit the hat to which it is applied.

In Figs. 5, 6, and 7 a hat casing 10 has been shown applied to a man's felt hat 11, and the side portion 10b is provided with an elastic member 25 which engages around the crown of the hat 11. In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous form and similar parts may be identified by corresponding reference numerals.

The operation of the device is as follows:—

The hat casing 10 is positioned upon the hat 11 by expanding the resilient element 13 so that the edge portion of the bottom brim portion 10d will pass over the edge of the brim of the hat 11. After this resilient element 13 has been passed...
over the edge of the brim it will tend to contract the edge of the lower brim portion 10', holding the hat casing 10 in position upon the hat 11. Also, the elastic strip 15 which is fixedly attached to the bottom side of the crown portion 10' of the hat casing 10 will contract the crown portion of the hat casing shaping the crown to the particular hat to which it is applied.

When it is desired to remove the hat casing 10 from the hat 11 it is merely necessary to grip the tabs 12 in one hand while the other hand is inserted into the underside of the hat 11 and pull on the grips 12 to force the elastic element 13 to pass over the outer edge of the brim of the hat 11.

According to the modification shown in Figs. 8 and 9, the hat casing 10' is provided with a seam 20 extending along the width of the casing 10' in the vicinity of the tabs 12. This seam is held in position by means of stitches 21 and the material of the seam in the vicinity of the tab 12 is extended into a tubular portion 22 through which the tab 12 extends. Basting stitches 23 are engaged through the material of the portion 22 and the bottom portion of the tab 12 for releasably holding the tab. When it is desired to adjust the strip 15, stitches 23 may be removed and the position of the strip 15 and tab 12 may be adjusted so that the strip 15 will contract the hat casing 10' more or less, as desired. In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous form and similar parts may be identified by the corresponding reference numerals.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. In a hat protector, a hat casing of waterproof material for engaging over the crown and brim of a hat, an elastic strip extending along the inner face of said casing and having end portions extending through openings in said casing to the exterior, and means for adjustably securing said end portions to said casing.

2. In a hat protector, a hat casing of waterproof material for engaging over the crown and brim of a hat, an elastic strip extending along the inner face of said casing and having end portions extending through openings in said casing to the exterior, and means for adjustably securing said end portions to said casing, comprising basting stitches extending through said elastic strip and the material of said casing in the vicinity of the openings through which said end portions extend and which may be easily removed for adjusting the position of said elastic strip.