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Fig. 1.

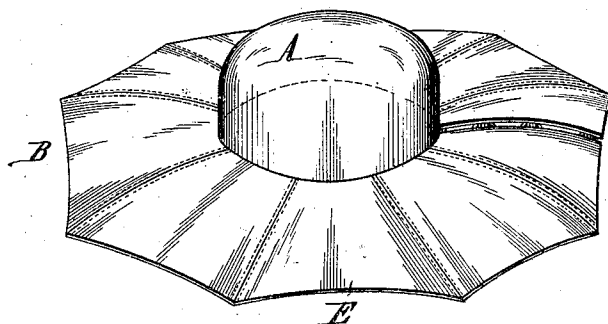


Fig. 2.

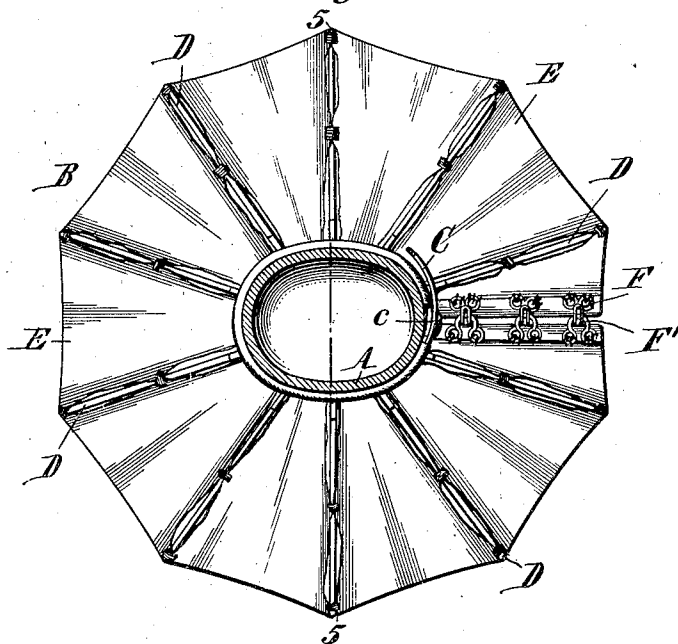


Fig. 3.



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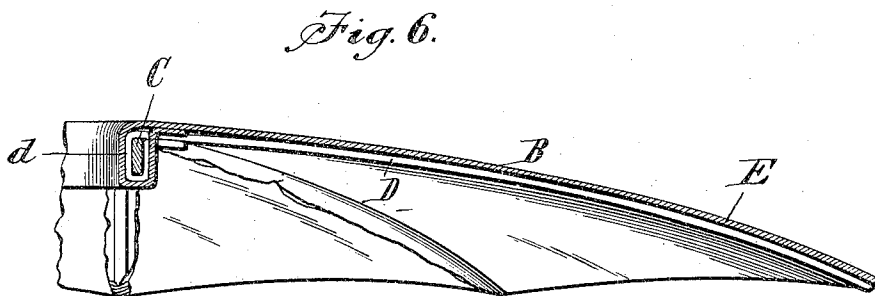
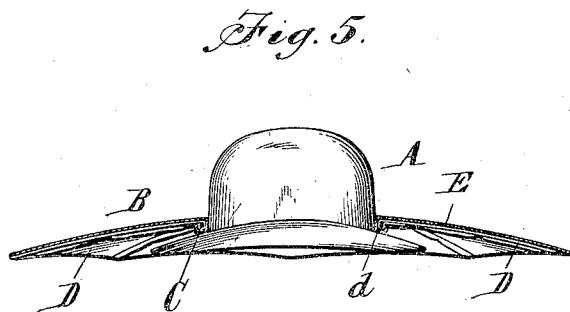
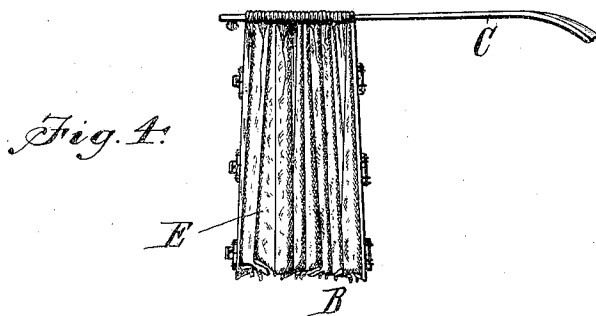
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. CLEVELAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sunshades for Hats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to sunshades for hats designed to be applied to the crown of a hat and extend out over the brim of the same.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a sunshade for hats which can be quickly applied to a hat and as readily removed therefrom and which when removed from the hat can be drawn together to form a small parcel which can be conveniently carried in a pocket.

Other objects are to construct a sunshade which will have a substantial bearing against the lower portion of the crown of a hat and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and durable device of this character which will have a neat appearance and owing to the downwardly-directed loops at the inner ends of the supporting-ribs will be applicable to all styles of hats.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved sunshade, showing the same applied to a hat. Fig. 2 is a bottom view of the shade, showing the same applied to a hat the crown of which is shown in section. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a view of the shade, showing the cover and attached supporting-ribs drawn together on the securing-strap. Fig. 5 is a section taken on line 5 5, Fig. 2, the hat being shown in elevation. Fig. 6 is an enlarged section taken through one side of the shade when open.

Referring to the drawings in detail, corresponding letters of reference refer to corresponding parts in the several figures.

The letter A designates a hat around the crown of which my improved sunshade is applied.

B designates the sunshade considered as a whole.

C is a flexible securing-band, preferably a leather strap, and the ends thereof are provided with cooperating fasteners *c*, whereby

it may be secured to the crown of a hat. Radial supporting-ribs D are provided, and the inner end of each is bent downward, outward, and thence upward to form depending or downwardly-directed elongated loops *d*, through which the securing-band C is passed. By providing the downwardly-directed loops *d* the band C is secured to the lowermost portion of the crown, and the cover appears as though projecting directly from the hat, no band or securing means being visible. Furthermore, owing to the lower portion of the crown being the stiffest and its being additionally stiffened by the head of the wearer, the securing-band is provided with a firm support, which prevents shaking of the shade on the hat.

E designates the flexible cover, which is secured to the supporting-ribs D and the inner marginal portion of which is passed around the loops *d* and the band passing through the same to entirely inclose these parts. This construction provides a neat-appearing shade which can be quickly opened or closed. One end of the cover is affixed to the strap, while at all other points it is free to move on the same. This permits the cover and its attached ribs to be drawn together and toward the secured end of the cover, when the band may be conveniently wound around the same to retain the parts within a small compass. The ends of the cover are preferably stiffened and provided with fastening means, herein shown as cooperating hooks and eyes F F', respectively. When the band C of the shade is secured to the crown of a hat, the ends of the cover are slightly separated and the supporting-ribs D project outwardly in a straight line; but when the ends of the cover are brought together and fastened the said ribs are slightly curved downwardly to form a neat-appearing shade.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A sunshade adapted to be secured to a hat, comprising a flexible band, radial ribs having each a downwardly-directed loop at its inner end through which said flexible band is passed, a flexible cover having ends and being secured to said ribs, means for connecting the

ends of said cover, and means for securing the shade to a hat.

2. A sunshade adapted to be secured to a hat, comprising a flexible band, radial ribs having each a downwardly-directed loop at its inner end through which said flexible band is passed, a flexible cover having ends and being secured to said ribs, said cover having its inner marginal portion secured to said band to permit of drawing the ribs and the cover along the same to fold within a small compass, and means for securing the ends of the cover together.

3. A sunshade adapted to be secured to a hat, comprising a flexible band, supporting-ribs held slidably on said band, a flexible cover having ends and being secured to said ribs, said cover having its inner marginal portion secured to said band to permit of drawing the ribs and the cover along the band to fold or open the shade, and means for securing the ends of the cover together when open.

4. A sunshade adapted to be secured to a hat, comprising a flexible band, radial ribs having each a downwardly-directed elongated loop at its inner end through which said flexible

band is passed, a flexible cover having ends and its inner marginal portion passed around said band and the elongated loops of the radial ribs to inclose the same and to permit of sliding the cover and ribs along the band, and means for securing the ends of the cover together.

5. A sunshade adapted to be secured to a hat, comprising a flexible band, radial ribs having each a downwardly-directed loop at its inner end through which said flexible band is passed, a flexible cover having ends and its inner marginal portion passed around said band and the loops of said ribs to inclose the same and being secured at one end to said flexible band to permit the ribs and the cover to be drawn together toward said secured end, and means whereby the ends of the cover are secured together.

In witness whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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