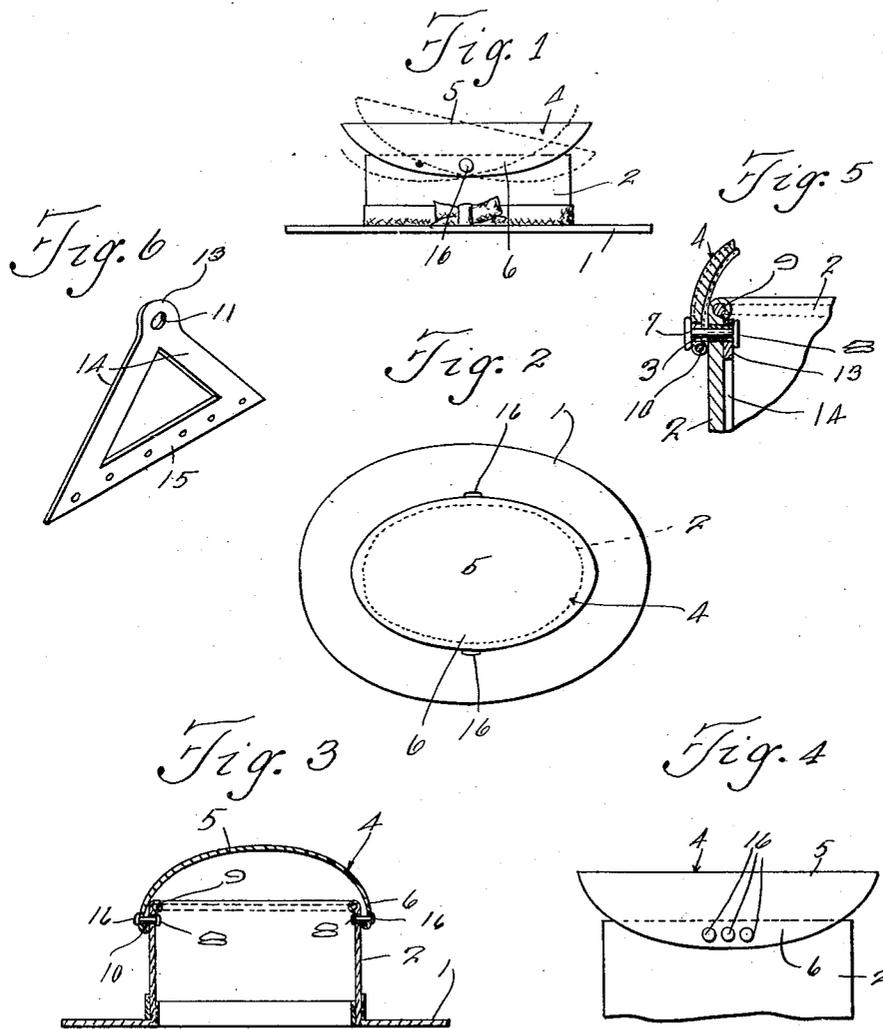


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH G. BELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gregory Landing, in the county of Clark and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hats; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in hats and the principal object of the device is to provide a ventilated hat to avoid danger of sun stroke.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hat having a pivoted crown which is adapted to rock under the influence of various air currents.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a hat which is adapted to be made of straw, felt or any other suitable material.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts which will be fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view in elevation of a hat constructed in accordance with this invention, the dotted line positions illustrating the various positions of the crown with relation to the body of the hat. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view through Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary side view of a hat illustrating the crown supported in a stationary position. Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view on an enlarged scale of a portion of a hat showing the method of bracing a felt hat, and Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the brace.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates the frame of the hat while the numeral 2 designates the crown body provided at its upper edge with a pair of diametrically disposed openings 3, through which the attaching rivets of the rockable crown extend. The rockable crown above referred to is designated by the numeral 4

and comprises a single sheet of material 5, which is bent downwardly at its sides as at 6 and provided with apertures 7 for the reception of the attaching rivets 8.

When the device is used in connection with felt hats the crown body is provided at its upper edge with the reinforcing wire 9 and the crown 4 is provided at its edge with a reinforcing wire 10, while the rivets extend through an opening 11 formed in the ear 13 at the upper end of the converging standard 14, the lower ends of which are connected together by a bar 15, provided with suitable apertures through which the attaching threads may pass.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that in use the crown is attached to the hat in the manner illustrated and when so desired may be secured by the rivets 16 illustrated in Fig. 4 and will thus be held against rocking action. Under normal circumstances, however, when the structure illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, is used, it will be apparent that the crown may rock with the various air currents and thus permit a free circulation of air over the top of the head of the wearer. In this way it will be apparent that danger of sun stroke and being overcome by the heat is eliminated, and still the wearer is protected against the sun.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention, it is to be understood that such changes may be made in the combination and arrangement of parts as will fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A hat comprising a brim, a crown body, and a rockable crown secured to the crown body to permit the free passage of air over the head of the wearer.

2. A hat comprising a brim, a crown body, a crown pivoted to the upper end of the crown body, said crown being spaced upwardly from the crown body to permit the free passage of air over the head of the wearer and bracing means for the crown body.

3. A hat comprising a brim, a crown body provided with diametrically opposite apertures, rivets extending through the apertures in the crown body and the crown to pivotally hold the crown on the crown body, reinforcing means extending around the upper edge of the crown body and around the crown at its edge and triangular braces se-

cured within the crown body and supporting the rivets.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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