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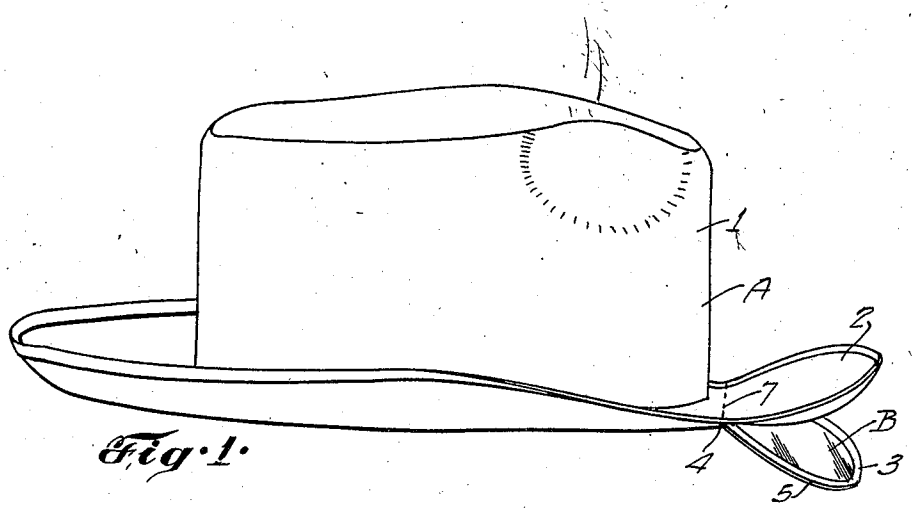


Fig. 1.

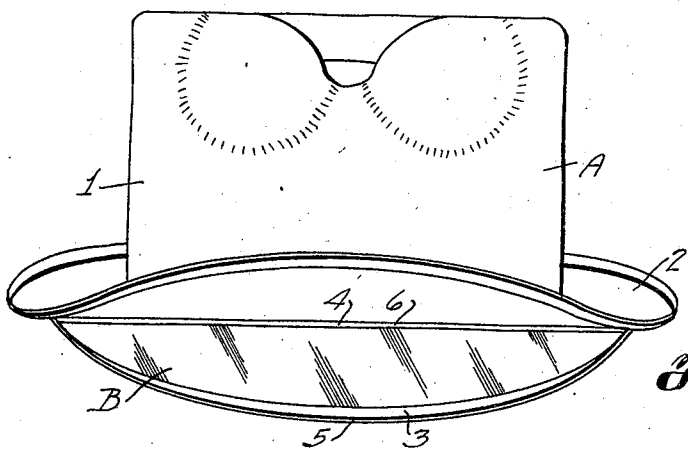


Fig. 2.

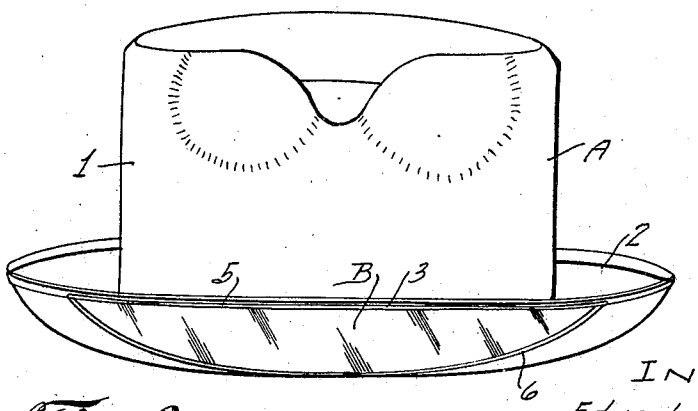


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates generally to headwear and, more particularly, to a certain new and useful improvement in hats having flexible brims.

My invention has among its objects the production of a hat of the type described with an attached or connected adjustable visor, which shall be simple in construction, economical of manufacture, and conveniently and easily adjusted to place the visor into or out of its sun-shading position, and which will be efficient and satisfactory for use wherever found applicable.

Many other objects and advantages of the construction herein shown and described will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains, from the disclosures herein given.

And with such objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing,—

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a hat embodying my invention, the visor being shown in its operative eye-shading position;

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the same; and

Figure 3 is a front elevational view of the hat, showing the visor in its inoperative position.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, A designates the hat proper, which may be of any desired size and shape and of any suitable material, the particular hat depicted being constructed of straw or other light, flexible fiber especially suitable for wear in hot weather or out in the open, as when fishing, camping, harvesting, or the like.

The hat A includes a body or crown 1 and a flexible relatively wide brim, 2, the latter encircling and projecting outwardly from the crown and being somewhat curled, dished or rounded in contour, presenting a concave surface on its upper side and a convex surface on its under side.

In order that the hat may be most suitable for those conditions of wear for which it is designed, I have provided a visor B coperable therewith, this visor being imposed against the under surface of the brim 2 of the hat, as shown in Figure 3, when in its inoperative position, and being adapted to extend obliquely downwardly and forwardly of the brim, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, when in its operative position.

The visor B is preferably constructed of some flexible material which will permit the light to pass therethrough without glare, as for example colored sheet celluloid or similar material. The visor B has a continuous arcuate or rounded front and side edge 3, conforming somewhat to the curvature of the periphery of the brim 2 of the hat, so as to be substantially flush therewith when the attached visor is in its inoperative position, the rear edge 4 of the visor being preferably straight across and intersecting the arcuate edge 3. A strip of suitable binding material 5 may be sewed or otherwise secured to the visor to bind its edge 3, and a flexible binding-strip 6 is secured along a margin to the straight edge 4 of the visor. The strip 6 is of a width to project rearwardly a slight distance beyond the visor-edge 4.

And passed through the strip 6 and the hat-brim 2, is a line or row of stitching 7, which is disposed more or less adjacent the base of the crown 1, and which is approximately parallel with the visor rear-edge 4. The visor B is thereby permanently attached to the hat along one edge only, the visor being otherwise free, and the tape or binding 6 thus providing a hinge connection between the visor B and the hat-brim 2. As so hingedly attached to the hat A, the visor B, when in its inoperative or non-eye-shading position, will lie against the under surface of the brim 2 and assume a substantially dished or rounded surface contour. However, when it is desired to bring or dispose the visor B into its operative position, it is merely necessary to swing the visor downwardly about its line of attachment 8, the relatively stiff visor rear edge 4 straightening out the relatively softer or more flexible material of the brim along the line 7, the visor B being thereby automatically

held or retained in its adjusted obliquely downwardly and forwardly extending position, shown in Figures 1 and 2. As soon as the visor B is swung back to its inoperative position, the brim 2 will again assume its curved surface along the line of securement 7.

It is obvious that various modifications may be made in my new visored hat without departing from the spirit of my invention; hence I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts thereof as herein shown and described, or uses mentioned, except as limited by the claims.

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

1. The combination with a hat having a flexible dished brim, of a visor, and hinge-providing means permanently securing the visor along an approximate straight line to said brim, the visor being adapted, when in its inoperative position, to assume a dished form and lie against the under surface of the brim, and when in its operative position to project obliquely downwardly and forwardly from the brim.

2. The combination with a hat having a flexible dished brim, of a visor of flexible material having a substantially straight rear edge, and means hingedly securing said visor to the brim along said straight edge, the visor having a curved free edge conforming substantially to the curvature of the hat-brim periphery.

3. The combination with a hat having a flexible brim convex on its under surface, of a visor cooperable therewith and of a material relatively stiffer than that of the brim, said visor having an arcuate edge and a straight rear edge intersecting the same, and a strip of material secured to said brim on a straight line and attached to said visor along said straight rear edge, whereby said visor may be swung about its straight rear edge to either its operative or inoperative position and automatically held thereat.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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