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Fig. 1.

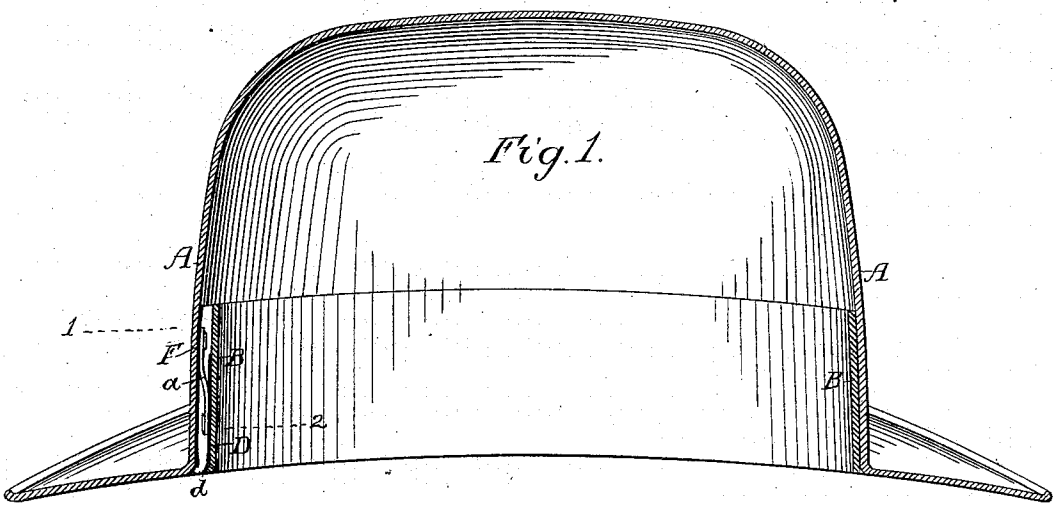


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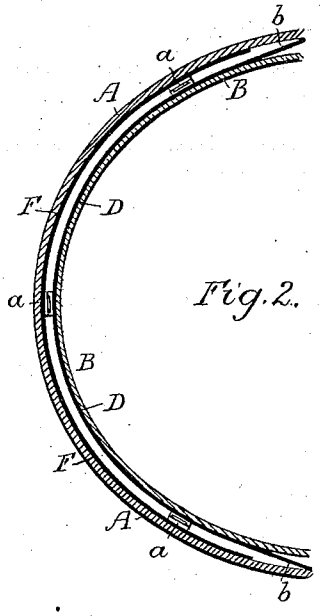


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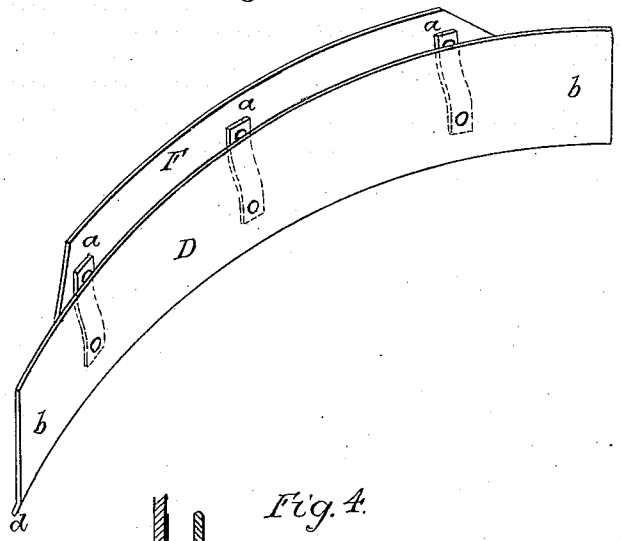
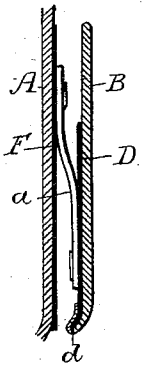


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN M. LEBKICHER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Ventilated Hats, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of ventilated hats in which an air-passage is left between the body of the hat and the front portion of the sweat-band, the object of my invention being to so construct and apply the strip which supports the sweat-band at this point that the comfortable fitting of the hat will be insured and the sweat-band held in its proper position in applying or removing the hat.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a ventilated hat with my improvements; Fig. 2, a sectional plan on the line 1 2; Fig. 3, a perspective view of the supporting-strip detached from the hat, and Fig. 4 an enlarged section of part of Fig. 1.

A is the body of the hat, and B the usual sweat-band, the lower edge of which is secured to the body at the inner edge of the brim, except at the front of the hat, at which point the said band is secured to a strip, D, of paper or other material possessing the requisite strength and flexibility, this strip being supported by springs *a*, connected to a strip, F, which is secured to the hat-body, the springs being such that the strip D is pressed inward, so as to form an air-passage between the same and the strip F. In the present instance there are three supporting-springs *a*, one being in the center of the strip and the others between the center and the ends, so that the strip at and near each end *b* is unconfined by the springs, and is free to yield to accommodate itself to the head of the wearer. It is important that the strip should have a central support, however, so as to prevent any vertical movement of the front of the sweat-band when the hat is applied to or removed from the head—hence the location of the supporting-springs as I have shown and described.

The strip D may extend as far around the hat as desired, and more than three springs may be used; but they should in all cases be so arranged as to provide for the central support and projecting free ends of the strip D.

The lower edge of the strip D is crimped or flared outwardly, as shown at *d*, so as to prevent the lower edge of the sweat-band from coming in contact with the forehead and causing discomfort.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the hat-body and sweat-band with the strip F, secured to the body, the strip D, secured to the sweat-band, and having free ends *b*, and the interposed springs, *a*, as set forth.

2. The combination of the sweat-band with the strip D, supported by springs *a*, and having a crimped lower edge, *d*, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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