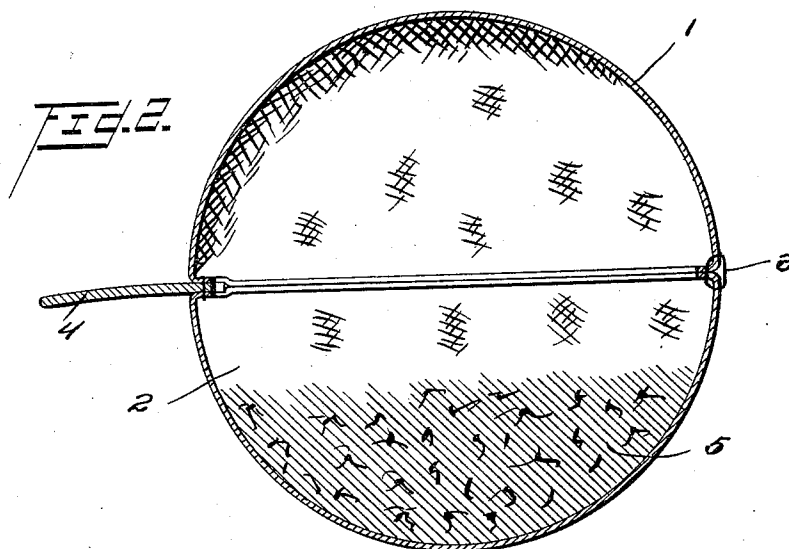
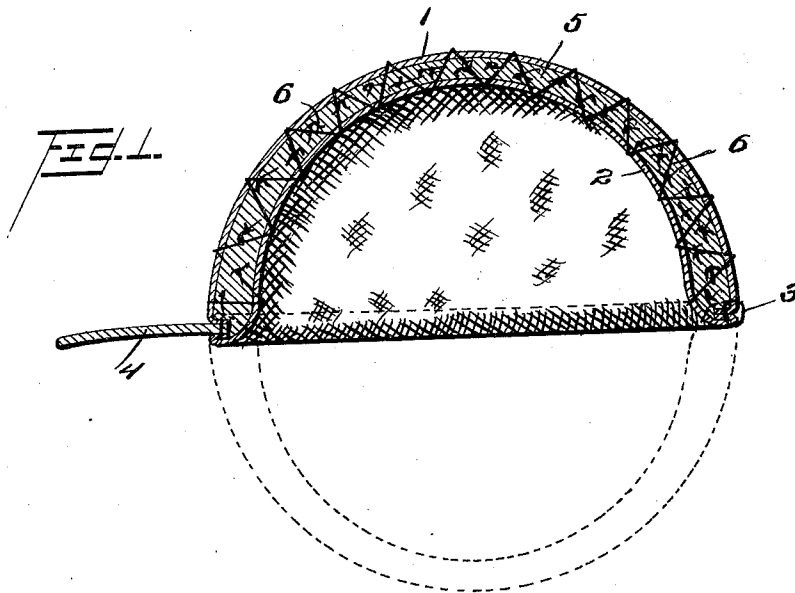


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH P. McDEVITT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Head-Coverings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in head coverings, and more particularly to a cap designed for use by athletes, which is so constructed as to protect the head of the wearer from blows of various sorts.

A further object is to provide a cap which is especially designed for use by baseball players, containing between two thicknesses of material a filling of cork or similar material which is adapted to protect the head, and which device is capable of reversal so as to present a different color in accordance with the color of the uniform.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1, is a view in section illustrating my improvements, and Fig. 2, is a view of the cap in process of construction.

In constructing my improved cap, I employ two sheets of fabric illustrated by reference characters 1 and 2 respectively. These sheets are cut in circular form, and have their edges sewed together as shown at 3.

The edges are preferably turned in as illustrated and the vizor 4 is sewed between the inturned edges. This manner of sewing is readily accomplished, because one half of the device may be sewed from the inside, and the other half by the outside by whipping the stitch.

Before the entire sewing operation is completed, the desired amount of cork 5 is placed in the receptacle thus formed. Fig. 2 shows the receptacle in the form of a sphere, but of course, in actual use, the outline would be irregular, because the sheets

1 and 2 are of ordinary flat material. After the cork is in place, the sheet 2 is moved up inside of sheet 1, and the two sheets are connected by stitching 6. When the sheet 2 is moved up inside of sheet 1, the cork 5 will be positioned all around the space between the sheets, and the parts are so manipulated that the cork will be thickest at the sides, and thinnest at the top. This is desirable because at the sides of the cap is where the maximum of thickness is desired, because it is here where a ball player is most liable to be struck by a ball.

With ball teams, especially in major leagues, it is necessary to have two uniforms, a white uniform to be worn at home, and a colored uniform to be worn on the road. A cap of this kind readily lends itself to an arrangement of this kind, because sheet 1 and sheet 2 may be of different colors, and the cap may be reversed as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. The cap is therefore not only a protecting device, but is also reversible, so as to prevent the necessity of buying two caps of this kind for each player. The manner of securing the vizor facilitates the swinging of the cap inside and out, as the vizor will always be positioned in the same place, and if desired the opposite face of the vizor may be colored in accordance with the cap.

Various slight changes might be made in the general form and arrangement of parts described without departing from my invention, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

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

A reversible head covering composed of two equally proportioned circular flexible sheets having their edges turned inwardly and stitched together throughout, a vizor secured between the meeting edges of said sheets, a filling between said sheets, stitching connecting the sheets and holding

them in fixed relation to each other with the filling between them, and said cap thus formed adapted to be reversed to position either side outermost with the vizor always
5 in the same relationship to the head covering, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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