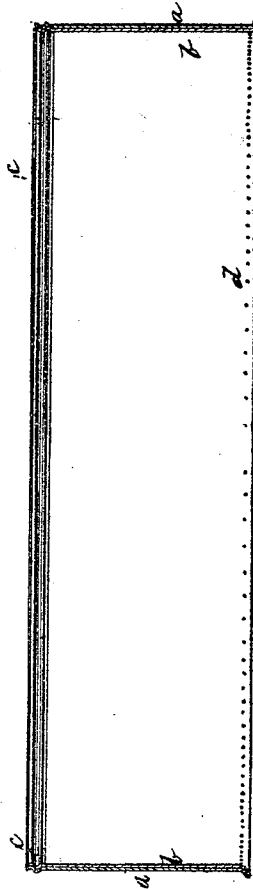


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IMPROVEMENT IN SWEATS FOR HATS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. THOMPSON, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use, a certain new and useful Improvement in Hat and Cap-Sweats; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein I have shown a view sectionally of said hat-sweat.

Heretofore the head-lining or sweat for hats and caps has been made of leather, that is either plain or enamelled to render it water-proof. Muslin has also been used as a sweat, but it is unsightly, thick, heavy, and shows the lines of the threads in almost all cases, besides which, the enamelling being thick to cover the threads, is liable to crack and scale off, and the perspiration is drawn along the fibres, and is very liable to pass into the hat or cap, and injure the same. With leather the same difficulty is experienced; the thickness of the leather is such that the edge is very liable to be exposed, and the perspiration is drawn along behind the enamelling, and discolors the same, and injures the hat or cap.

The nature of my said invention consists in a hat-sweat formed of paper rendered water-proof, and imitating leather in its appearance, but much superior thereto because it is much thinner, equally strong, less liable to injury from perspiration, not as costly as either leather or muslin, and a much better protection to the hat or cap.

I take paper of a thin, strong, pliable character, (such as is known in the trade as japan-paper is preferable,) and I render the same still more water-proof than the same usually is by a coating of varnish or enamel of any desired character, and I cut the paper out in a strip of the proper length and width, and emboss the same by rollers or otherwise, especially near its edges, so as to give it the finished appearance of the leather sweats, but at the same time produce an article superior in the foregoing particulars. Thus my hat or cap-sweat becomes a new article of manufacture.

In the drawing, the paper, *a*, is shown as enamelled on the side *b*, and embossed at the edges *c* and *d*, to form said hat-sweat.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a sweat-band for hats formed of paper coated with japan or other water-proof compound, and finished by embossing, substantially as described.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature, this 28th day of March, 1868.

G. W. THOMPSON.

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