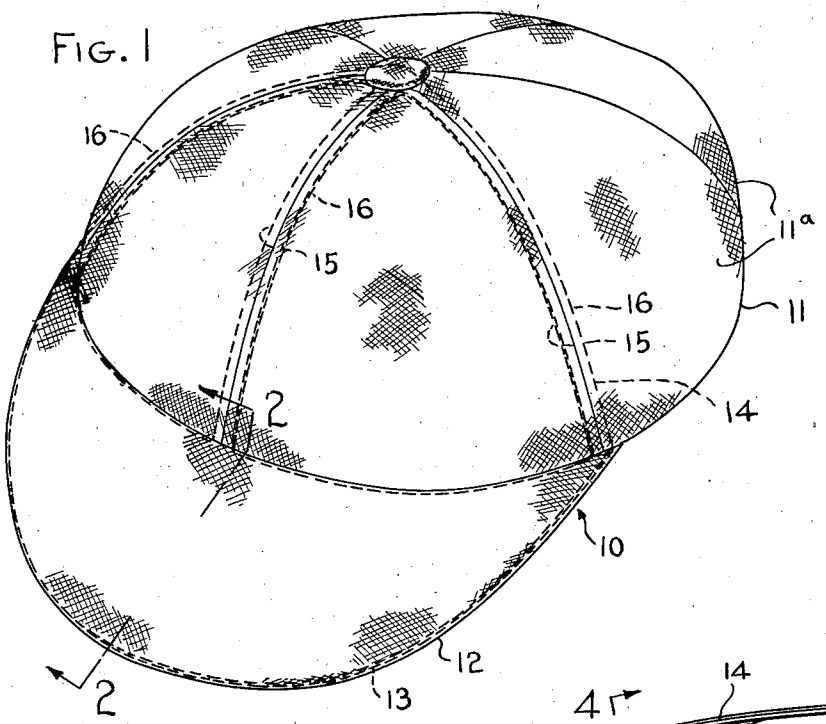
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FIG. 1



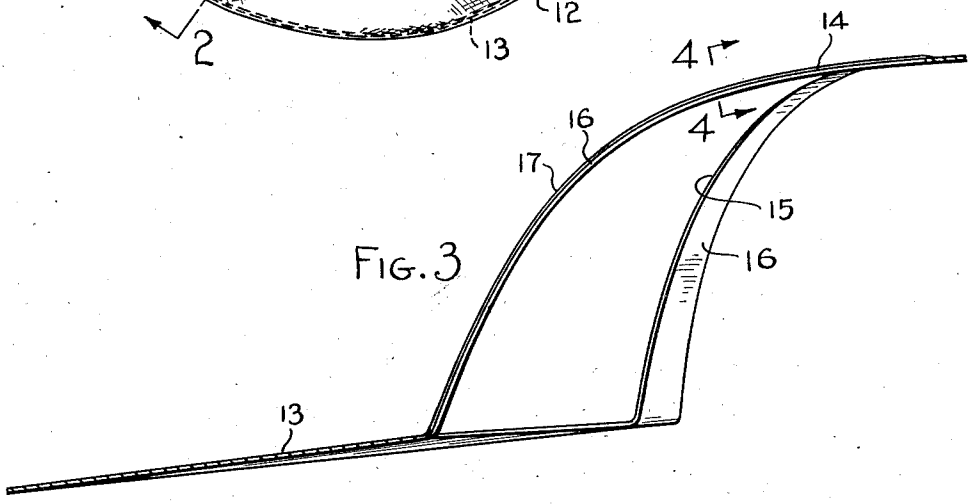


FIG. 3

FIG. 2

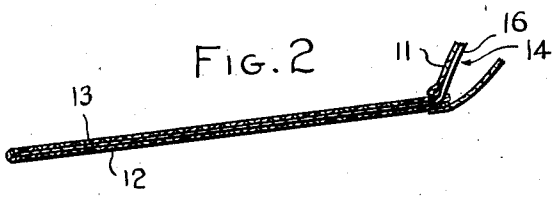


FIG. 4



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This invention relates to baseball or like caps, and in particular relates to visors or visor reinforcements therefor.

An object of this invention is to provide an improved visor or visor reinforcement for baseball caps which will retain its shape after considerable handling thereof by a wearer of the cap.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cap visor of the character described having thereon improved means adapted to be secured to the crown of the cap for supporting the visor in the cap in desired relation to the crown, and without materially restricting the fit of the cap on the head of a wearer thereof.

These and other objects of the invention will be manifest from the following brief description and the accompanying drawings.

Of the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a baseball or like cap having the improved visor or visor reinforcement embodied therein.

Figure 2 is a cross-section, on an enlarged scale, taken substantially on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a vertical cross-section, on a similarly enlarged scale, of the visor or visor reinforcement, taken substantially at the transverse center thereof.

Figure 4 is a cross-section, on a still further enlarged scale, taken substantially on line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates a baseball or like cap having a crown 11 composed of triangular segments 11*a*, 11*a* of cloth or like material sewed together in known manner, and having a forwardly extending front piece 12, which may be made with a double layer of similar cloth or like material to form a crescent shaped pocket-like structure having an opening at the rear edge for purposes to be described (see Figure 2).

Received in the pocket-like front piece 12 may be a similarly crescent shaped visor or reinforcement 13, formed or molded from hard plastic or other relatively stiff but flexible material, with an integral supporting member 14 extending upwardly from the concave inner or rear edge of the visor 13, and conforming to the shape of the front portion of the crown 11 on the inside thereof. The concave rear edge of the forwardly extending crescent-shaped visor 13 conforms to the convex outer edge of the cap crown, as shown. Member 14 preferably extends around the front part of the crown to less than half the periphery of the lower portion or band of cap 10, or to about the lateral width of front piece

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12, as shown in Figure 1, so that the fit of the cap on a wearer's head will not be materially restricted by said member. In order to provide sufficient support for visor 13, the member 14 may be proportioned with the extreme edges thereof converging to a point at the top of the crown.

To lighten the weight of the supporting member 14 so that it will not materially detract from the comfort of the cap wearer, cut-outs or openings 15, 15 may be provided therein whereby it will essentially comprise a plurality of relatively narrow supporting elements 16, 16 which converge to said point at the top of the crown, according to the shape of the member as previously described.

The visor 13 and member 14 may be of relatively thin plastic material, through which sewing stitches may be made to secure the same to the front piece 12 and crown 11, respectively, in desired manner. It is understood, however, that other means of securing the visor 13 and supporting member 14 into the cap may be utilized, as will be understood by those skilled in the art.

When the member 14 is made relatively thin, as for sewing purposes described above, a reinforcing rib 17 may be provided on the elements 16, to extend longitudinally thereof, as best shown in Figures 3 and 4.

In the use of the improved visor in a cap, as shown in Figure 1, the cap will withstand a considerable amount of rough handling without either the cap or front piece thereof losing normal shape to a substantial degree. As the visor material may be of a waterproof plastic material the effect of perspiration from handling, by baseball players for example, to distort the front piece 12 of the cap, will be greatly minimized.

Modifications of the invention may be resorted to without departing from the spirit thereof or the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. An attachment for baseball or like caps comprising a visor reinforcing shield having a concave rear edge, a plurality of elongated flexible members integral with the shield having corresponding ends thereof disposed along said concave edge and converging therefrom to a point disposed substantially from said shield both above and rearwardly of said concave edge, said members being adapted to be secured within a cap crown with said shield conforming with the visor thereof.

2. A visor attachment for a baseball or like cap, comprising a front shield of relatively stiff

flexible material adapted to project forwardly of the crown of a cap having a forward convex edge, said shield having a concave rear edge for conforming substantially to said forward convex edge of the cap crown, and a supporting member of the same material as the shield integrally connected to said concave rear edge portion of said shield, said supporting member extending above and rearwardly of said concave edge of the shield and being shaped to conform to the shape of said crown of the cap to adjacent the top central portion thereof, the supporting member being of open construction and including opposed side portions for disposition in the front portion of the cap crown and the supporting member being relatively small with respect to the size of said crown so that the fit thereof on a wearer's head will be substantially unrestricted, said supporting member being adapted to be secured within a cap crown with said shield conforming with the visor thereof.

3. A visor attachment for a baseball or like cap, comprising a front shield of relatively stiff flexible material adapted to project forwardly of the crown of a cap having a forward convex edge, said shield having a concave rear edge for conforming substantially to said forward convex edge of the cap crown and one or more flexible elements of relatively stiff material connected to said rear edge of said shield, said elements extending above and rearwardly of said concave edge and being proportioned and shaped to conform to the front portion of the crown of a cap to substantially adjacent the top central portion thereof but such that the elements will not restrict the fit of the crown on a wearer's head.

4. A visor attachment for baseball or like caps, comprising a relatively stiff, flexible, front shield adapted to project forwardly of the crown of a cap having a forward convex edge, said shield having a concave rear edge for conforming substantially to said forward convex edge of the cap crown, said shield having a supporting member of relatively stiff, flexible material connected to said concave rear edge portion thereof for supporting said shield at a desired angle relative to said cap crown, said supporting member being proportioned and shaped to conform to a substantial area of the front portion of the crown and extending to adjacent the top central part thereof but the proportions being relatively small such that the member will not substantially restrict the fit of the crown on a wearer's head, said shield and said member being formed integrally from plastic material.

5. A visor attachment for a baseball or like cap,

comprising a front shield of relatively stiff flexible material adapted to project forwardly of the crown of a cap having a forward convex edge, said shield having a concave rear edge for conforming substantially to said forward convex edge of the cap crown and a plurality of elongated elements of like material connected to said concave rear edge portion of said shield and extended upwardly to conform to the crown of a cap to adjacent the top central part thereof for supporting the shield at a desired angle relative to said crown of the cap, said shield and said elements being integrally molded in one piece from plastic material, said elements being integrally connected at the top ends thereof, and said elements having reinforcing ribs thereon, the material of said shield and said elements being relatively thin to facilitate sewing the visor into a cap.

6. The combination with a baseball or like cap having a visor portion of cloth or other soft material and a crown of similar soft material having a convex forward edge, said visor portion extending forwardly of said convex forward edge of the crown, of a visor attachment including a shield of relatively stiff, flexible material secured in said visor portion of the cap and a supporting member integral with said shield secured to said crown for supporting the shield at a desired angle relative to the crown, said supporting member extending from said concave rear edge of said shield to substantially adjacent the top central part of said crown and being relatively thin and conforming rearwardly and upwardly to the shape of the front portion of said crown, the proportional size of said member relative to said crown being such that the member will not substantially restrict the soft comfortable fit of the crown on the wearer's head.

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