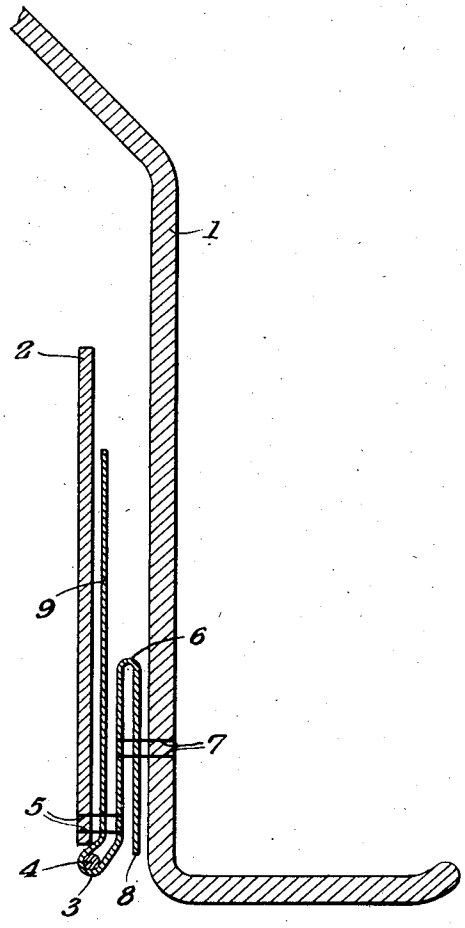
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My invention relates to an improvement in hats and resides particularly in the means and method of attaching the sweat band to the hat. In the ordinary construction the thread by which the sweat band is stitched to the hat, punctures the sweat band in many places and provides, in effect, a multiude of little wicks which take up perspiration and convey it through the sweat band and directly to and through the material of the hat, to the injury of the latter, and particularly the outer band or ribbon. My invention aims to prevent this.

In the accompanying drawing, the single view is mainly an enlarged cross-section of a portion of a hat and sweat band, the latter being attached to the hat in the novel manner hereinafter described.

1 represents the crown side of a hat. 2 represents the sweat band which may be made of any appropriate material, usually leather. Between the hat 1 and sweat band 2, I provide a means which performs the function of a connecting link between the hat and the sweat band and also the function of a barrier to prevent sweat that may be conveyed through the sweat band by the stitches from reaching the material of the hat. This means comprises a strip of oiled silk or other substantially non-porous or non-absorbent material between the sweat band and the hat, said strip being so folded and stitched to the respective parts that the stitches that penetrate the sweat band are separated from the material of the hat. In the preferred form shown herein, the said strip is folded longitudinally and upwardly on the line 3. Within this fold may be located the usual small reed 4. The two thicknesses of this strip directly above the reed are secured together and to the sweat band 2 just above its lower edge by the stitches 5. The outside portion of this strip is then folded downwardly on the line 6 and the two integrally connected resulting thicknesses of the strip may be stitched to the material of the hat as by a row of stitches 7. It will be observed that the two rows of stitches 5—7 cannot overlie one another and that that part 9 of the strip lying next to the sweat band extends upwardly above and covers the stitch line 7 so as to act as a barrier to prevent any sweat that might in time work through the sweat band from reaching the hat directly or through holes made by the row of stitches 7. It will also be noted that that part 8 of the strip that lies next to the material of the hat extends downwardly so as to form a protecting apron between the stitches 5 and the material of the hat. By the arrangement described it will be apparent that no sweat penetrating the sweat band can reach the hat material; and hence the latter, and especially the outer band or ribbon, are guarded against injury or stain. It will of course be understood that in the drawing I have illustrated the invention on an exaggerated scale and have made no effort to show the exact spacing of the stitches. It will also be understood that the strip of non-absorbent material between the sweat band and the hat is preferably a single piece provided with double return folds as described.

While I have shown and described my invention in one preferred form, I apprehend that it is susceptible of modification without avoiding the spirit thereof or the scope of the following claim.

I claim:

A sweat protector for a hat comprising, a sweat band, a single strip of non-porous material having a portion thereof lying flatwise against the outside of said sweat band and extending upwardly from the lower edge thereof to form a barrier, said strip having an integral, unbroken upward fold adjacent the lower edge of said band to form a double thickness, both thicknesses being stitched to said band close to the lower edge thereof, the upper portion of said upward fold being turned away from said sweat band and folded downwardly and covering said stitches, the two thicknesses of the last mentioned fold being adapted to be stitched to a hat on a line above the first mentioned stitches and below the upper edge of said barrier.

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