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Fig. 1.

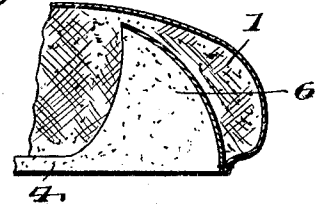
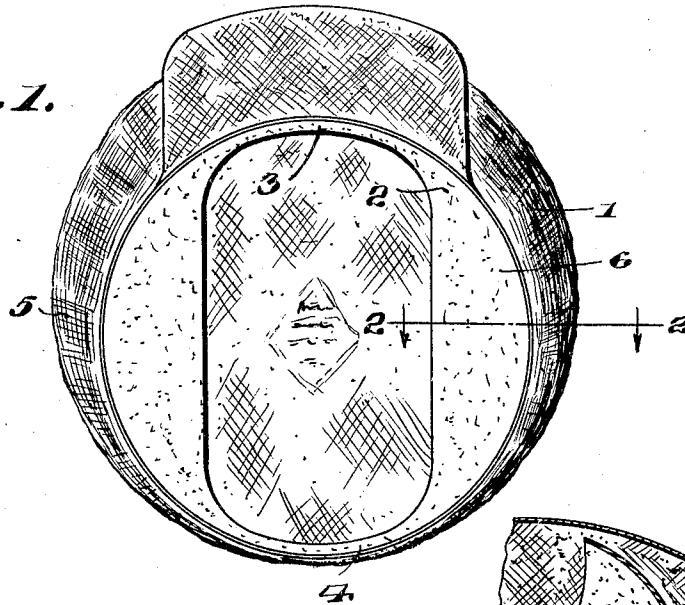
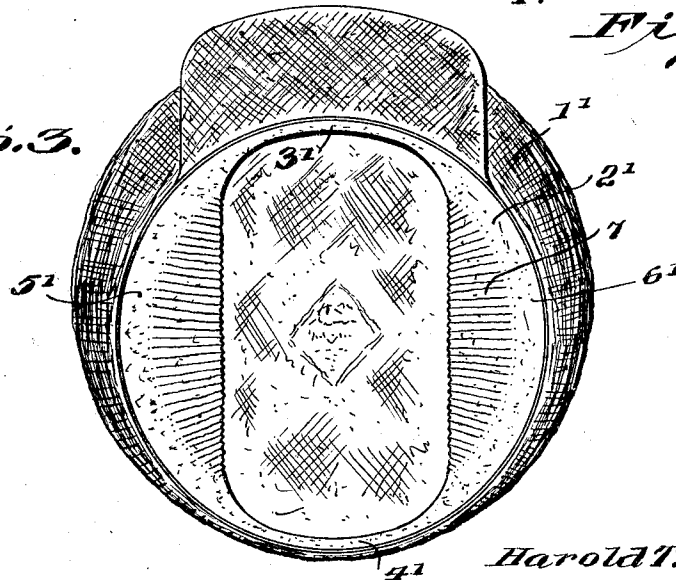


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to improvements in head coverings, having for an object to provide a novel form and construction of sweat band for caps and hats which with arrangement of an equipped cap or hat upon a wearer's head will follow and conform with the curvature of the head and by such snug disposition, will serve as an efficient means for retaining said wearer's hair in properly groomed arrangement and against disarrangement, hence, insuring, with removal of the equipped hat or cap, a well and properly groomed appearance, the device being especially advantageous for usage in caps whereby to positively prevent disarrangement or mussing of the wearer's hair during wearing and during removal or adjustment of the cap, a disadvantage well recognized as being incident to cap wearing.

It is also amongst the principal desiderata of the invention to provide a sweat band of the character mentioned whose arrangement in a cap will in no way necessitate any change or deviation from the general style or design of caps now prevalent, but which, to the contrary, will cause an equipped cap to be retained more nearly in its original shape.

Other objects of the invention will be in part obvious and in part pointed out hereinafter.

In order that the invention and its mode of operation may be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which it appertains, I have in the accompanying illustrative drawings and in the detailed following description to which it appertains, set out one possible embodiment of the invention.

In these drawings:

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view of a cap equipped with the improved form of sweat band,

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse and fragmentary section taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1 looking in the direction in which the arrows point, and

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view of a cap equipped with a slightly modified form of sweat band embraced by my invention,

Having more particular reference to the drawings, in connection with which like characters of reference will designate corresponding parts, it will be noted that I have shown in this adaption of the invention, the improved sweat band as being arranged

within caps. It is to be understood, however, that the adaption of the invention may be equally well made in hats and in fact, in various forms of head coverings generally but possibly not specifically coming within the province of the terms caps and hats.

In the Figure 1, I have shown a cap designated by the numeral 1, said cap being provided with the usual head engaging and encircling band within which and adjacent the inner side thereof a sweat band designated by the numeral 2, composed of leather, imitation leather or other suitable material is secured, one marginal portion of the band being stitched or otherwise suitably joined to the adjacent portion of the cap head encircling band, as is common in this particular art. The sweat band 2 may be formed of a single or of a multiplicity of strips of material and herein, it is to be noted that the forward and rearward portions of said band are comparatively narrow as is designated by the numerals 3 and 4, whereas the opposite sides of said band are materially wider, as indicated by the numerals 5 and 6, these wider opposite side portions 5 and 6 being regulated in their respective dimensions according to the particular size or dimension of an equipped hat. For example, or illustration, in a cap generally known in the art as a size numbered seven, it is preferable that the widened opposite side portions of the sweat band 2, designated by the numerals 5 and 6 shall be approximately five inches, while in equipped caps of greater or lesser sizes, the dimensions of the widened opposite sides of the sweat band will vary accordingly.

At this point, it will be noted that the general contour or formation of the sweat band 2, including the portions 3, 4, 5 and 6 are formed with a substantially concaved inner surface or head engaging side, so that with arrangement of the cap 1 upon the head of a wearer, said portions of the sweat band 2 will follow and conform to the curvature of such wearer's head. By reason of the snug disposition or engagement of the sweat band 2 over the head of a wearer, it will be understood that the wearer's hair will be positively engaged thereby and will be thus secured in properly combed position against disarrangement or mussing, either during wearing of the cap, adjustment of the same, or its removal from the wearer's head. Con-

sequently upon this particular mode of engagement of the improved sweat band 2 over the wearer's head, it will be appreciated that with removal of the equipped cap from
5 said wearer's head, his hair will retain a properly groomed appearance.

Notation will be made of the fact that those points of jointure between the narrow forward and rearward portions 3 and 4 of
10 the sweat band 2 and the wider opposite sides 5 and 6 are gradually effected by reduction of the adjacent portions of the wider sides 5 and 6, thus giving proper and desirable continuity to the sweat band 2 as a
15 whole. Furthermore, by forming the portions 3 and 4 comparatively narrow, that is, of widths approximately corresponding to the widths of the now prevalent types of head covering sweat bands, the invention
20 will not cause any discomfort upon part of a wearer and furthermore, the wearer will not experience any discomforting warmth as might be occasioned, should the forward and rearward portions 3 and 4 of the sweat band
25 2 be of widths corresponding or approximately corresponding to the side portions 5 and 6.

It is to be furthermore noted that the depth of the widened portions 5 and 6 of the
30 sweat band 2, with arrangement of the band in the manner shown in the Figure 2, are such that they will be slightly less than the depth of the body portion of the cap 1, hence, permitting the cap to arrange itself in
35 proper or desirable folds or positions over the head of a wearer and furthermore, to insure its retention in its original or near original block or shape.

In the Figure 3 I have shown a slightly
40 modified form of the improved sweat band wherein the band 2' is arranged within the cap 1' in the usual manner and is formed with the comparatively narrow, forward and rearward portions 3' and 4' and with the
45 materially wider opposite side portions 5' and 6'; portions of said wider opposite sides 5' and 6' being corrugated, fluted, pleated or similarly formed as is indicated by the nu-

meral 7, so that with engagement of the equipped cap 1' upon the wearer's head, said
fluted or corrugated portions 7 will permit the wider side portions 5' and 6' of the sweat band 2' to fully and accurately form to and follow the curvature of the wearer's head and thus insure a positive and snug
50 contact with the hair of the wearer, hence, the retention of this hair in properly combed position or arrangement.

From the foregoing, it will be understood by persons skilled in this particular art that
I have provided a sweat band for head coverings and especially for caps which with installation in a cap, will permit the wearer
of that cap to insure retention or arrangement of his hair in properly groomed position or condition at all times, irrespective of
60 arrangement of the cap upon the head, adjustment of the cap upon the head, or removal of the cap from the head.

Manifestly, the construction shown is capable of considerable modification and such
modification as is within the spirit of my claims, I consider within the scope of my invention.

I claim:

1. A sweat band for head coverings comprising a body having comparatively wide opposite side portions and comparatively narrow forward and rearward portions, said
body being adapted to have snug engagement throughout its area with the head of
a wearer.

2. A combined sweat and hair retainer for caps comprising a band having its lower edge secured to and extending about the head receiving opening of the cap, flanges
formed with and extending from the opposite sides of said band, said flanges being
concaved in formation and of greater width at their medial portions than at their
opposed ends, and the outer ends of said flanges being corrugated.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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