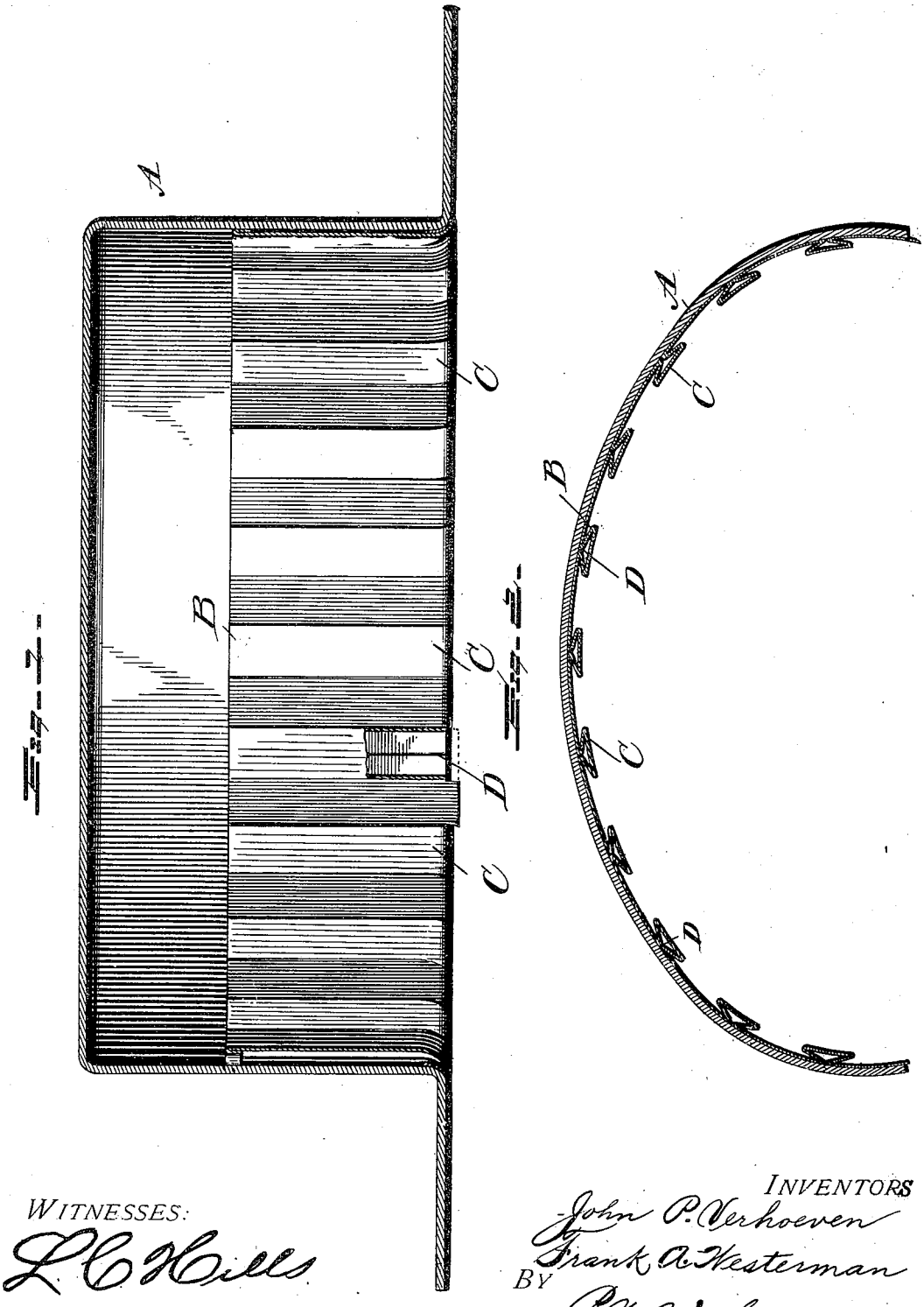
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN P. VERHOEVEN and FRANK A. WESTERMAN, citizens of the United States, residing at Monroe, in the county of Monroe and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Sweats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

Our invention relates to the construction of sweat-bands for hats, and aims to produce a light and simple band which will provide ample ventilation for the hair without detracting from the fit or appearance of the hat. This object is accomplished by the use of the device shown in the accompanying drawings; and the invention consists in certain novel features of the same, as will be hereinafter first fully described and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a hat having our improved sweat applied thereto, and Fig. 2 is a horizontal section.

The hat A may be of any of the usual or preferred styles and forms no part of the invention.

The sweat B consists of a band of light soft leather or similar material of the proper dimensions and is secured in place by stitching along its lower edge in the usual manner. Before the band is placed in the hat, however, it is so shaped or stamped as to present a series of plaits or folds C, extending entirely along the band and running vertically between the upper and lower edges of the same. These plaits or folds appear on the face of the sweat, so as to rest against the head of the wearer, and thereby cushion the hat on the hair and forehead, while the edges of the crease formed beneath the fold meet or nearly meet, as shown at D, thereby presenting a practically unbroken surface to the body of the hat, so that the crown or sides of the hat will be supported throughout and the formation of ridges therein prevented. The surface or body of the fold is flat, so that there is no pinching or binding action on the forehead or other part of the head.

The advantages of our device are thought to be obvious. The sweat-band adds nothing to the present weight of the hat and presents a cushion to the forehead and hair, the spaces between the plaits or folds forming openings through which air may freely circulate. This free circulation of the air is necessary to a proper growth of the hair, while the cushioning effect of the band relieves the hair of the pressure exerted thereon by the hats of ordinary construction, so that the blood may circulate properly. Falling out of the hair and baldness are consequently obviated.

We are aware that it has heretofore been proposed to provide for the ventilation of hats by employing pads at intervals on the face of the sweat-band and also by employing a plurality of short pads between the band and the body of the hat, the band being compressed into the spaces between the ends of the pads. These constructions, however, are foreign to our invention. A hat to which our invention is applied has no more parts and is no heavier than any hat now in common use, but is provided with a light sweat-band of a characteristic construction having an elastic quality which permits and causes it to readily and automatically adapt itself to and assume the shape of the head, so that a stiff hat is as easy and comfortable as a soft hat and there is no pressure on any of the nerves or blood vessels of the head.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A hat-sweat having plaits or folds on its face, the edges of the crease formed by the fold meeting below the fold, whereby a continuous smooth under surface is provided.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a sweat-band for hats consisting of a light soft band provided throughout its length with transverse folds terminating at the edges of the band, the body of the fold being flat to present a flat surface to the head and the edges of the fold meeting below the body thereof whereby a continuous smooth under surface is presented to the body of the hat.

In testimony whereof we have signed this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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