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FIG.1.

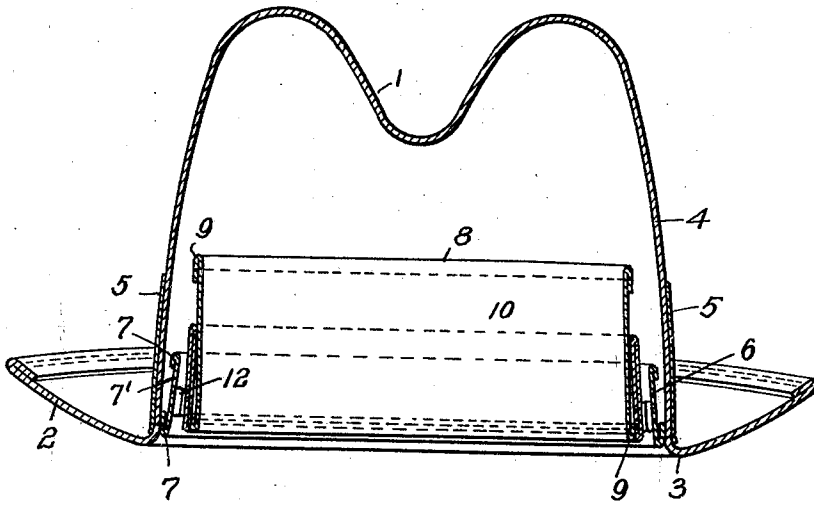


FIG.2.

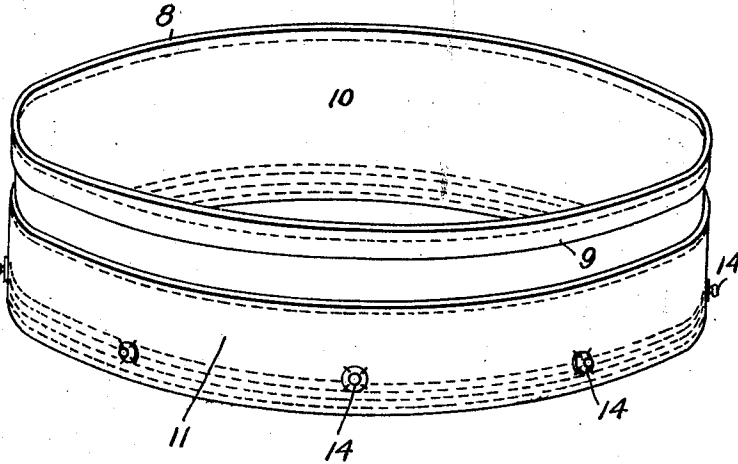
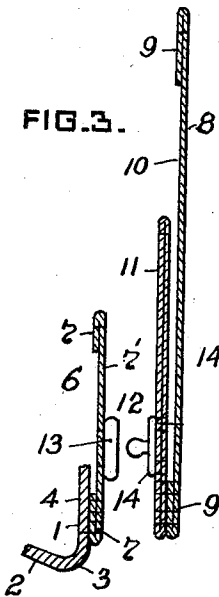


FIG.3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO E. OETTING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hats; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to hats and has special reference to removable sweat bands for hats.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, simple and efficient removable sweat band for hats which will be sanitary and can be easily and readily attached to and detached from the hat for washing or any other purpose, as well as one in which the attachments will not injure or mar the looks or shape of the hat, and in which the attaching parts will not be exposed to view, so as to be unsightly, and one in which the band or hat will not be liable to become soiled by the perspiration.

To these ends my invention consists, generally stated, in the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts, as hereinafter more specifically set forth and described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

To enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to construct and use my improved hat, I will describe the same more fully, referring to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 shows a vertical cross section through a hat having my improved sweat band applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the band removed; and

Fig. 3 is an exaggerated sectional view showing the band in position to be attached to the hat.

Like symbols of reference herein indicate like parts in each of the figures of the drawing.

As illustrated in the drawing, 1 designates a hat of any desired shape or construction, which is provided with the usual brim 2 at the bottom or lower end of the body 4 of the hat, and at such end is the usual band 5 surrounding the exterior of such body, within the hat 1, and extending around the interior surface of the body 4 and adjacent the lower end 3 is the strip or band 6, which is formed of any suitable material such as cloth or canvas, and is attached at its lower

end to such body by the usual stitching or sewing. The band 6 has its upper and lower edges 7 intumed toward the hat body 4 and are secured to the body 7' of such band in order to stiffen the same.

The strip or band 6 being thus free at its upper end and attached to the hat body 4 at its lower end acts as a support for the removable sweat band 8 which is adapted to be connected thereto, as hereinafter described, and is formed of any suitable washable material, such as cloth or canvas. The removable band 8 is of the usual form or shape for fitting within and extending around the hat body 4 and the upper and lower edges 9 are intumed against the inner faces of the body 10 of the same, so that such edges can be connected to such body by sewing or stitching through the same to stiffen such band. Connected to the lower edge 9 of the removable band 8 by sewing or stitching and on the inner face of the body 10 thereof is the fastening strip 11, which is also formed of any suitable washable material, such as cloth or canvas, and such strip being thus free at its upper end is adapted to be connected to the band 6, as hereinafter described. The strip 11 is formed of a thin flat piece in cross section by having two plies of the material, and their upper and lower edges are stitched or sewed together. Between the band 6 and the strip 11 are a series of spring clasps 12, which comprises the matrix member 13 for being stitched or sewed onto and through the strip 6 and the projecting member 14 for being stitched or sewed onto or through the strip 11. These members 13 and 14 forming the clasps 12 are the same in number and extend around the strip 6 and strip 11, so as to engage with each other and hold the sweat band 8 in place when inserted in the hat.

In order to put the sweat band 8 in place within the hat 1, it is first inserted within such hat and given its proper shape so that it will conform to the shape of the body 4 of the hat. The members 13 and 14 of the clasps 12 on the band 6 and strip 11 respectively, are then brought into register, and upon pressure being exerted upon the outer face of the band 8 and against each of the members 14 such members will be sprung into the members 13, which will thereby securely fasten the band 8 to the strip 6 and thus hold said band 8 in place.

In case it is desired to remove the band 8

from the hat for washing, cleaning or any other purpose, all that is necessary is to pull on the band adjacent each of the spring clasps 12, which will free the members 13 and 14 of said clasps from each other and thus allow such band to be lifted out of the hat 1.

It will thus be seen that my improved removable sweat band can be applied to and used with a strip or band within a hat that will be free at its upper end like the ordinary sweat band, and by reason of the fastening strip on the removable band being also free at its upper end, the removable sweat band can be easily and rapidly inserted and removed from the hat at any time.

It will also be obvious that when my improved sweat band is in use it will be sanitary at all times, as it can be kept clean by washing when desired, thereby differing from the usual and ordinary hat bands heretofore in use, which were not removable, and in case they were removable they could not be washed or cleaned by reason of their arrangement or materials composing the same.

It will further be seen that the strip carrying the fastening means surrounds the removable band and enables the hat to be worn more comfortably with the band by reason of such means not pressing through or against the band and against the head of the wearer, while such strip also gives greater stability to the band and holds the same

firmly, and such strip also hides the fastening means so that such means and the stitching generally employed with the same are not exposed on the outer face of the band.

Various modifications and changes in the design and construction of the parts and material of my improved device may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of the invention, or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In combination with a hat having a strip permanently secured to and within the hat, of a washable sweat band removably fitting within the hat, a strip permanently secured to and surrounding said sweat band, and fastening means between said strips for holding said sweat band in place.

2. In combination with a hat having a strip permanently secured to and within the hat, of a washable sweat band for fitting within the hat, a strip permanently secured to and surrounding said sweat band, and spring clasps comprising members secured to each of said strips for engaging with each other to hold said sweat band in place.

In testimony whereof I, the said Otto E. Oetting, have hereunto set my hand.

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