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FIG. 1.

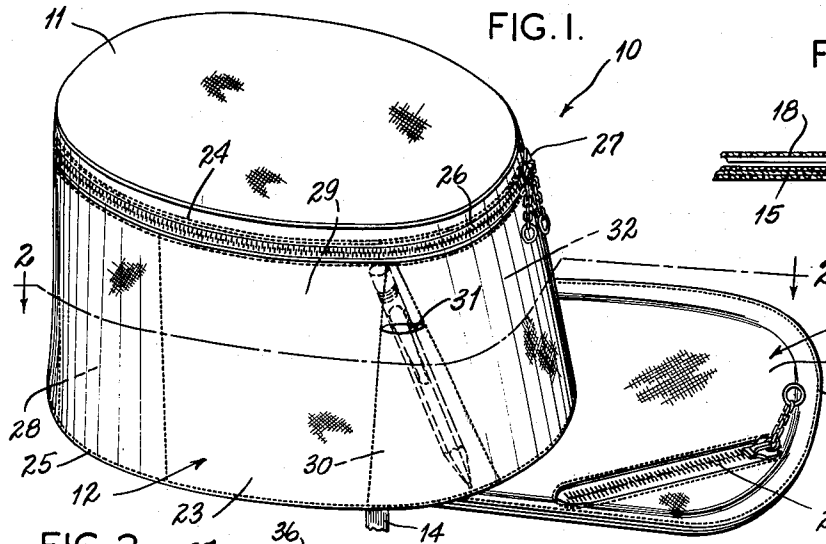


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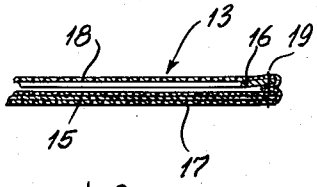


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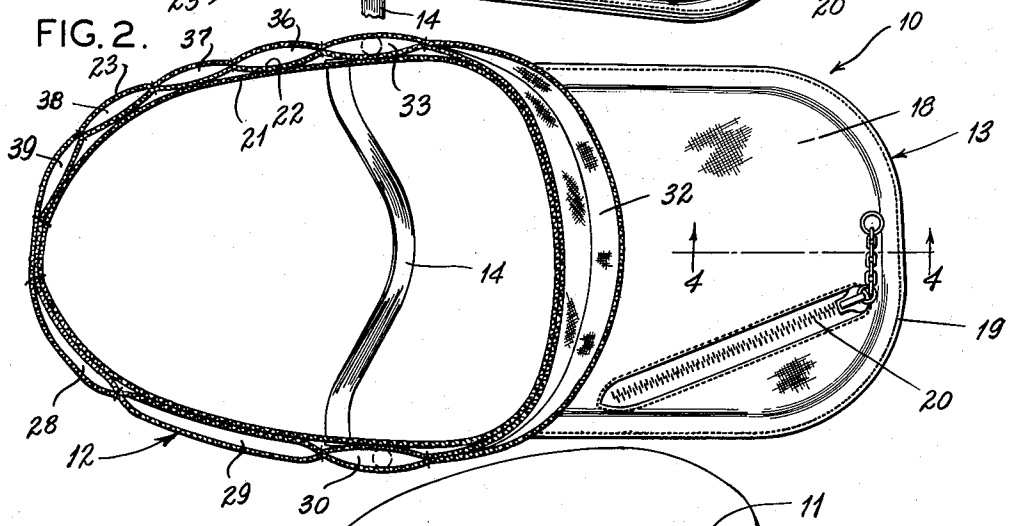
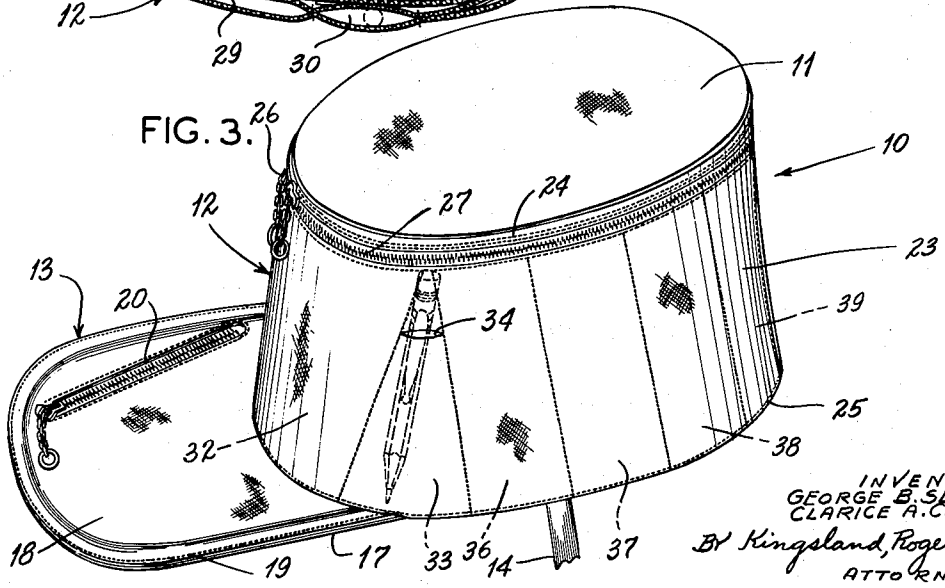


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates to headgear and, in particular, is concerned with the provision of a plurality of pockets and closing means in a headgear having a brim or visor.

In the past, hunters, skiers, construction workers, outdoorsmen and the like have found stiff visored caps to be quite advantageous for use in the open. These caps providing a stiff visor are quite convenient for protection from sun, rain, wind and all the elements. Such outdoorsmen have found it particularly inconvenient in inclement weather and cold climates to search within their pockets in their clothing, since this necessarily entails unbuttoning the outer clothing in order to get access to the pockets within the trousers and inner shirts. Needless to say, in cold and inclement weather, this is a clumsy operation since if the wearer is protected with gloves or mittens, such article is not well adapted for the wearer to obtain the objects that he wishes to withdraw from such inner pockets. Further, if the wearer does not wear gloves or mittens, the hands are quite often more or less numbed and are insensitive such that the withdrawal of the objects in the inner pockets in the trousers or shirts of the wearer is made quite difficult due to the loss of touch.

By means of this invention a headgear such as a hat or cap is provided having readily accessible pockets which are of a varying size and configuration and are disposed at varying points along the periphery and the brim or the visor of the headgear. These pockets are provided with closure means such that they are fully protected from the elements, and likewise keep the objects which they are adapted to receive from falling out of the pockets.

Accordingly, it is an object of this invention to provide a headgear having a plurality of pockets therein of varying size which are fully protected from the elements.

A further object of this invention is to provide a headgear having a brim with a closable pocket in the brim and along the crown such that articles in the crown pockets are vertically disposed and not subject to bending.

Another object of this invention is to provide a stiff visored cap having a closable pocket in the visor such that papers and the like may be put in the visor pocket without the danger of bent bent or creased.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a cap having a flat top and a vertical crown to enclose the head of the wearer, with a plurality of pockets of varying sizes disposed within the vertical crown and readily accessible closure means therefor.

Other objects of this invention will appear from the disclosure of this invention taken in conjunction with the drawing showing a preferred embodiment. Still further objects of this invention will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the cap of this invention;

Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional plan view of the cap taken substantially along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cap taken from the direction opposite to that of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a vertical cross section of a portion of the visor of the cap taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring now to the drawing, the cap is generally indicated by the numeral 10 and includes a flat top or crown portion 11, a vertical crown 12 which is adapted to conform to the head of the wearer, and a stiff visor 13. A chin strap 14 is further provided which connects one side of the headband (not shown) to the other.

As shown generally in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and Fig. 4 in particular, the visor is connected to the front of the headband and includes a stiff backing element 15 of cardboard or rigid plastic sheet or the like, and a border backing 16 of similar material. A bottom fabric covering 17 and a top fabric covering 18 of waterproof canvas or other suitable fabric are provided as a covering and are stitched together at the edges, as shown by stitching 19. The top fabric covering 18 also serves as the side of a pocket and is provided with a zippered closure member 20. This closure member 20 can readily be opened and closed by means of the zipper such that card cases, drivers' licenses, hunting licenses and the like can be inserted therein without fear of being bent or otherwise damaged.

The crown 12 is constructed of an inner lining 21, a middle lining 22, and an outer lining 23, as best shown in Fig. 2. All three of the liners are connected at the bottom by stitching 25. The inner lining 21 may be stitched to a crown liner (not shown) or, if desired, may be stitched together with the crown liner and the middle liner 22 at the stitching 24.

The outer lining 23 is open at the top but is adapted to be connected to the crown 11 by means of zipper closure members 26 and 27 which extend from the back of the cap to the front so that each zipper extends along half of the crown.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, a pocket 28 is provided at the rear of the cap and one side by means of vertical stitching connecting the inner and outer liners at the rear of the pocket and by vertical stitching connecting the middle and outer liners at the front of said pocket. An adjacent pocket of slightly larger size is provided at 29 in the same manner by stitching together the middle and outer liners at each end. Both of these pockets are open at the top and are adapted to be closed by the closing zipper 26. A pencil pocket or a dip-pocket is provided at 30 by means of a horizontal slit 31 in the outer liner 23. A front pocket 32, which is of yet a larger size than pockets 28 and 29, is constructed so that the visor 18 forms the base of this pocket, which may be closed at the top by zipper closure members 26 and 27, each of which closes one-half of this top opening. This last-named pocket 32 is of substantial roominess such that it is adapted to receive billfolds, cigarettes and the like, with the provision of ready accessibility by operation of either one of the zippers 26 or 27.

The other half of the crown as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 has a pencil or dip pocket 33 similar to the aforementioned pencil pocket 30, and is likewise provided with an opening slit 34 in the outer liner 23. A plurality of shell pockets 36, 37, 38 and 39 are provided from the front of this side of the headband to the rear by vertical stitching, which is equally spaced so as to provide pockets of the same size which readily receive gun shells, tools or the like therein. These pockets are also closed by zipper 27 which connects the outer lining 23 to the crown top 11 so as to provide a secure, snug and watertight pocket.

From the foregoing detailed description, it is apparent that there has been provided by this invention a novel and advantageous headgear which is provided with a plurality of pockets to fit all the wearer's needs, and at the same time insure ready availability to these pockets by the wearer at all times and make possible the efficient

and safe closing, with a minimum of complicated parts. In the headband there are actually required only two linings, and these linings may be the outer two as described or the inner two, or the third lining may be dispensed with, so that the fabrication of the cap is simple and uncomplicated. Likewise, the zipper closure members of the headband pockets are so designed that they need connect only the outer liner and the crown, which obviates any involved closing manipulation. Further, by a partial operation of the zipper a selected number of pockets may be opened or closed and upon complete operation all of the pockets at one side may be opened or closed by the use of only one zipper. The visor pocket is especially useful in that it provides a stiff base for the reception of paper documents, glasses and the like without the danger of their being bent, creased or broken.

All of the pockets are well protected from the elements by means of the waterproof canvas outer lining 23 and the zipper closure member at the openings, such that complete and safe protection is provided at all times. It is obvious that the pockets may be made of different sizes than those shown in the drawing by the appropriate spacing of the vertical stitching defining these pockets, as explained above. The particular construction of these pockets makes it possible to receive articles therein in a vertical relationship such that they will not lie horizontally where they would be bent to the curvature of the cap. For instance, articles which are longer than they are wide will be disposed with their longitudinal axes vertically and will be in the same plane as the vertical crown.

Although the invention has been specifically described with respect to a stiff visored cap it is obvious that a hat having a brim can be provided with the crown having the plurality of pockets of this invention and that the brim can have a similar pocket to that of the visor.

Other modifications of this invention will readily appear to those having benefit of this detailed explanation,

and further obvious expedients will appear to those skilled in the art. Accordingly, it is desired that this invention be limited only by the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

In a headgear having a substantially vertical crown and a substantially horizontally stiff visor, a plurality of linings in said crown, and a plurality of varying sized pockets about the periphery of said crown defined by two adjacent linings, one of said last-named linings being on the outside of said crown, said pockets having closed bottoms and sides formed by fastening said two linings theretogether and being open at the top, said pockets having at least one closure means therefore comprising a crown zipper which is adapted to close and open selected pockets without opening others upon partial operation and open and close all of said pockets upon complete operation, and a pocket in said visor constituted by an outer lining fastened to a base for said visor at its outer edges, said lining having a pocket opening therein spaced from said edges which is provided with a zippered closing means and at least one dip-pocket in the crown formed by an opening in the outer lining at a level lower than said crown zipper to receive articles therein.

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