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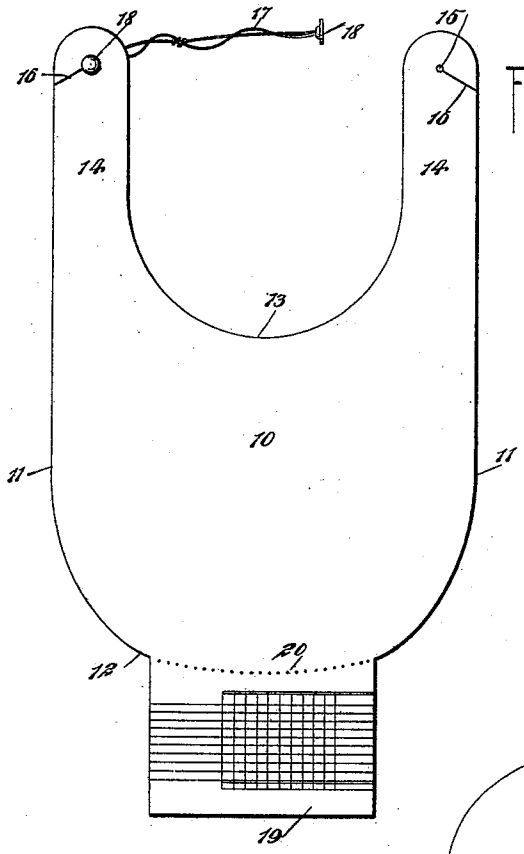
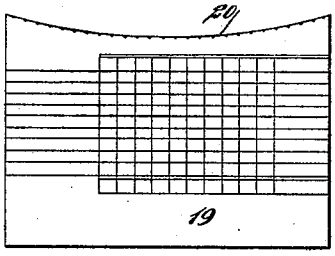


Fig 1

Fig 3



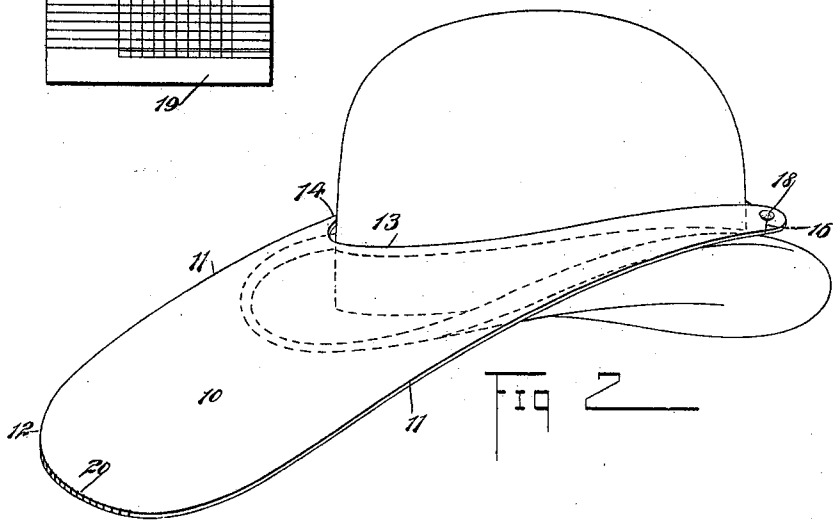


Fig 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULES GERSTLE, of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Sunshade for Hats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

One object of my invention is to provide a sunshade capable of being expeditiously, conveniently, and snugly applied to a hat of any size or on any style of headwear used by men or any adaptation of the same for women's wear.

Another object of the invention is to so construct the shade that it may be worn with comfort and whereby the shade will be self-adjusting.

It is also an object of the invention to so combine a score or memorandum card with the shade that said card may be readily detached and whereby when the card is removed the shade will not be rendered unsightly.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinfter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved shade. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the shade attached to a hat, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the detached score or memorandum card.

Any desired material may be employed in the construction of the device; but pasteboard, cardboard, celluloid, or other flexible material is generally used. The body 10 of the device is preferably provided with straight side edges 11 and a rounded front 12. A recess 13 is longitudinally produced centrally in the rear edge of the body. This recess is U-shaped and produces side flaps 14, that are practically rear extensions of the body, and the outer side edges of said flaps are generally continuations of the edges 11 of the body. An aperture 15 is made centrally in the rear end portion of each flap, and a cut 16 extends from each aperture 15 forwardly to the outer edges of the flaps.

The fastening for the shade consists of an elastic cord or cords 17, and the cord or cords are secured at their ends to buttons 18. The portions of the elastic cord adjacent to the buttons 18 are passed through the cuts or slots 16 to the apertures 15, which apertures 15 are made to receive the shanks of the buttons 18.

Although the shade may consist only of the body-flaps and the elastic connecting devices for the flaps, a score or memorandum card 19 may be made integral with the body of the shade, in which event the said score or memorandum card is formed at the front central portion of the body of the shade, as shown in Fig. 1, and is removable from said body by reason of a line of perforations 20, produced at the intersection of the score or memorandum card with the said body. The said line of perforations 20 is so shaped as to constitute a continuation of the front portion of the body. Thus when the score or memorandum card 19 is removed from the body, as shown in Fig. 2, it does not in any manner detract from the shapeliness of the front of the shade, while the score or memorandum card may be used for its intended purpose, as shown in Fig. 3.

In operation the elastic fastening device is applied, as described, to the flaps 14, whereupon the flaps will be more or less arched in direction of their longitudinal sides, and the body 10 will be downwardly curved or inclined, as shown in Fig. 2. The crown of the hat is then placed within the recess 13, and the elastic fastening devices will cause said flaps and body of the shade to automatically conform to the shape and size of the crown. This shade is particularly adapted for temporary use at base-ball and foot-ball grounds or wherever athletic sports are conducted. It may also be used with good results at the seaside, or by bicyclists, or by persons subjected to the rays of the sun and wearing headgear.

It is evident that the device is light and effectually serves its purpose.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a hat-shade the body of which is provided with rearwardly-extending side flaps, each

flap being provided with an aperture near its end, and inclined cuts or slots connecting with said apertures, and a tie for connecting the flaps, said tie being adapted to enter said apertures, as described.

2. A hat-shade consisting of a body, flaps constituting rear extensions from the sides of the body, the space between the flaps being substantially U-shaped, and each flap being provided with an aperture near its rear end, and forwardly-inclined cuts or slots extending from said apertures to the outer edges of the flaps, and an elastic tie provided with attachments at its ends, said elastic tie being adapted to pass through said cuts or slots into the said apertures, for the purpose specified.

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