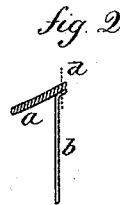
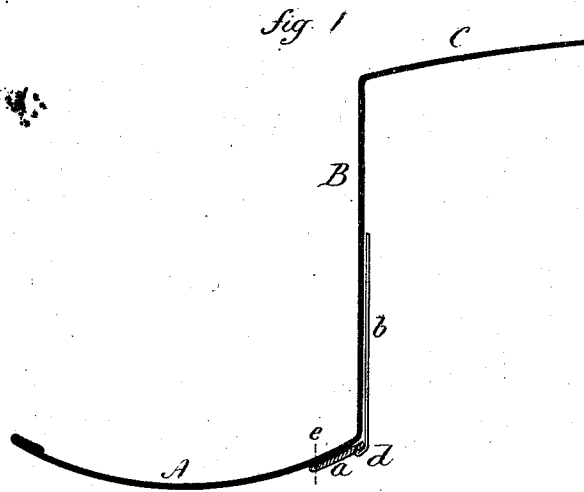


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IMPROVEMENT IN METHODS OF ATTACHING SWEAT-BANDS TO HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHAN A. BALDWIN, of Milford, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Method of Attaching Hat-Sweats; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a partial section of a hat, showing the method of attaching the sweat; and in Figs. 2 and 3, detached views.

This invention relates to an improvement in the method of attaching sweats to hats, with special reference to hats made from braid or of like character.

In the usual construction, the sweat has been stitched to the hat at the angle of the crown and brim, which, in many cases, exposes the edge of braid to come in contact with the forehead of the wearer, and, owing to the natural roughness of the braid, it is difficult to make a nice job of this part of the work. Again, the perspiration easily passes through the needle perforations, and soon stains the exterior of the hat.

The object of this invention is to overcome these difficulties; and it consists in attaching the sweat to an independent strip of braid or other material, which said strip is, in its turn, secured to the brim.

A represents the brim, B the side of the crown, and C the top, of a common hat. *a*

represents a strip of braid or other material, to one edge of which the sweat *b* is secured, as at *d*. This strip *a* is formed into a ring, the internal diameter of which corresponds substantially to the internal diameter of the hat. The sweat and strip are stitched together, as indicated in Fig. 2, the stitches passing through the inner edge of the braid and the edge of the sweat. The sweat is then turned inward, as indicated in Fig. 3, and in this condition the sweat and the strip *a*, to which it is attached, are placed in position, and the strip stitched to the brim, near the outer edge of the strip, as seen at *e*, Fig. 1. The strip between the outer edge and inner is preferably left free and loose upon the brim.

The convenience of attaching the sweat to the strip *a* before it is placed in the hat gives to this method a great advantage in the process of manufacture, and as it isolates, as it were, the seam of the band from the angle of the hat, the discoloring of the hat at that angle by perspiration is entirely avoided.

I claim—

In the manufacture of hats, the method herein described of attaching sweats, consisting in securing the sweat to the inner edge of an independent strip of material, and the said strip secured to the hat, substantially as specified.

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