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Fig. 1.

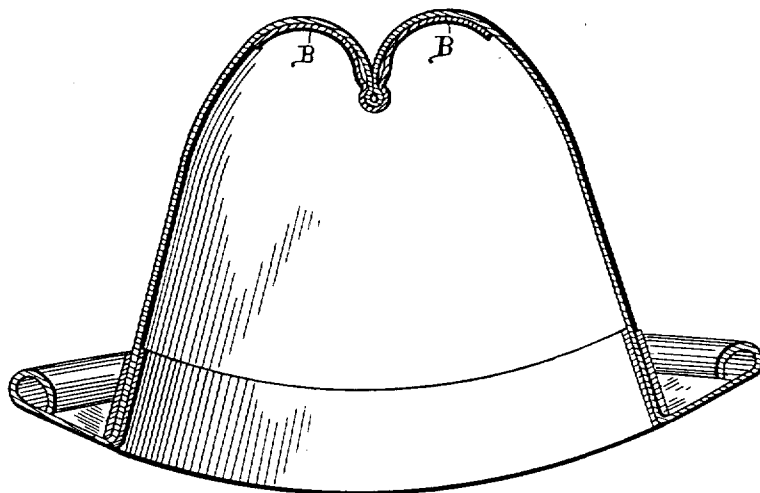
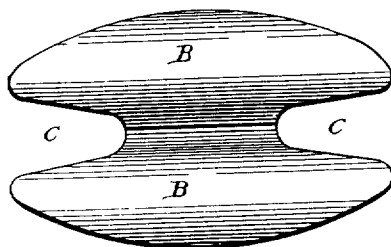


Fig. 2.



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CREASE-RETAINING DEVICE FOR HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP S. DUSENBURY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding the Creases in Hats; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in devices for holding and maintaining the crease in a slouch-hat.

It has for its objects, among others, to provide a simple and cheap device, readily applied to the hat, and which will serve to maintain the crease in proper position without inconveniencing the wearer.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section through a hat, showing my device in position therein. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device detached.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in both the views.

In constructing my invention I take, preferably, a single piece of suitable material, most preferably aluminium. I take a blank and bend it at its longitudinal center to form the circular or curved portion *a*, which may be of greater or less diameter, as may be required, and from the adjacent upper portions of which extend the wings or arms *B*, which latter are rolled over upon their upper faces

or curved, the said wings extending at the proper angle to fit the inner surface of the hat when in use. These wings are preferably cut away at opposite ends of the center, (seen at *c*,) leaving the curved portion about one-half, more or less, of the length of the blank or holder. The wings may assume almost any required shape and the upper or open portion of the tubular part of the holder may be of greater or less width, as may be required.

The device is applied as shown in Fig. 1, the center of the hat being pressed down with one hand and the other catching the fold in the hat. The hat is then turned bottom side up and the tubular portion of the holder placed over the fold. This retains the crease and will hold it firm and true for any length of time, the wings bearing upon the under sides of the curve of the hat upon opposite sides of the fold formed by the crease, thus serving to give to the hat the proper shape. The device is light, simple, and cheap, and when applied will in no way inconvenience the wearer.

What I claim as new is—

A hat-creasing device formed of a single piece of metal bent at its center to form a crease-receiving groove extending lengthwise of the same and its opposite portions bent in opposite directions from said groove and made convex to conform to the curvature of the crease upon opposite sides of the center thereof, substantially as described.

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

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