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FIG. 1.

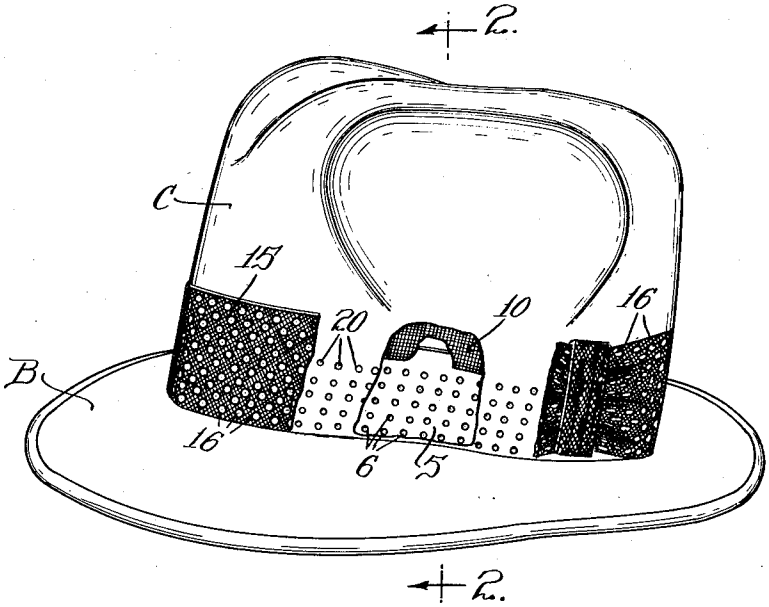
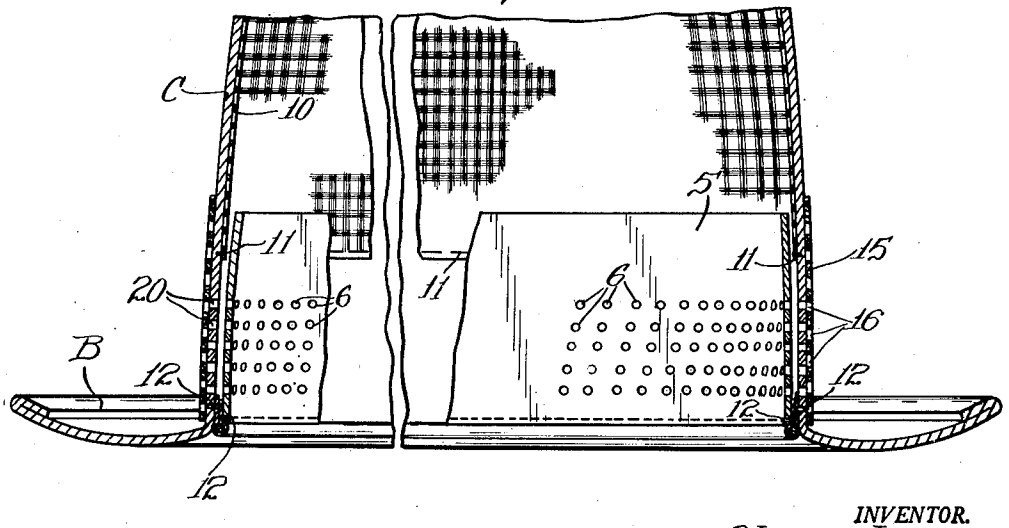


FIG. 2.



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This invention relates to an improved ventilation system that is incorporated in a soft hat of wool or the like having a conventional crown with a brim at the base.

For its principal objects this invention aims to provide a construction which provides enhanced ventilation, with the means for this purpose effectively camouflaged. I accomplish this in a manner which is simple and devoid of any appreciable extra expense, and which is so effectively concealed that its presence may never be suspected. The ventilating system hereinafter described does not affect the styling of the hat which may be produced in various models and shapes, as desired.

A suggestive embodiment of this invention is set forth in the accompanying drawing wherein Figure 1 shows, in perspective, a hat having the present features of improvement, and Figure 2 is a vertical section therethrough, taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

In the illustrated hat, the crown C rises from a brim B, both being shaped and proportioned as desired. Extending around within the crown portion of the hat is a flexible sweat band 5 which throughout most, if not all, of its length is provided with ventilating openings 6 arranged in rows or according to any other desired pattern. A lining 10 which is fitted within the hat crown extends downwardly at least to a point somewhat below the top of the sweat band where it is secured as by stitching 11. This lining may be netted or reticulated, and may extend down to within an inch or so of the base of the sweat band. Below the lining a space normally obtains between the sweat band and the hat crown, extending close to the brim where a double line of sttiching 12 may be employed to secure the sweat band in place. The means for securing the lower edge of the sweat band to the hat, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, consists of an annular strip of material extending around the base of the crown inside thereof at the bottom of the space between the sweat band and the crown and interposed between the crown and the lower edge portion of the sweat band and spacing the sweat band from the crown at said lower edge portion of the sweat band and secured at one edge to the sweat band and at the other edge to the crown by said rows of stitches 12.

The hat crown and brim may be produced from any of the usual soft materials such as fur felt or wool felt. The hat is equipped with a ribbon 15 which extends around the crown adjacent its base. This ribbon is reticulated or of open character in that it incorporates in its structure a large number of through openings 16 which are distributed over its entire surface in such a way as to affect its texture appearance. The fact that there is a multitude of these openings in the ribbon may be effectively concealed. For this purpose the ribbon is desirably a woven structure, a braid or other suitable fabric, provided that it is acceptable from the standpoint of appearance and formed with a large number of openings having a substantial aggregate area. Ribbons of this character serve effectively as a camouflage to conceal the presence of the ventilating openings in the hat crown without substantial impairment of the ventilating action.

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The ribbon covers the portion of the hat crown on the outside at a point that is substantially opposite the sweat band on the inside. The crowned portion of the hat which lies between the ribbon and the band is also formed with a plurality of ventilating openings 20 arranged in rows or other desired pattern. These openings may be extended entirely around the hat crown or for a lesser portion thereof, as desired. It is preferred that the openings 20 in the crown extend over an area thereof that is substantially coincident in position with the openings in the sweat band.

By this combination of sweat band, hat crown and ribbon having reticulated or foraminous areas substantially in register, adequate provision is made for ventilation. The sweat band will tend to remain spaced from the hat crown except where expanded outwardly in response to pressure from the wearer's head, and in this space air is free to circulate while passing through the openings in the ribbon, crown and band, either way. The reticulations in the ribbon to the outside may be such as to provide an aggregate area of openings greater than those in the hat crown so that any exact registration of one with the other is both impractical and unnecessary.

I claim:

A hat having a brim and provided with a crown rising from the brim, a sweat band extending around within the crown in spaced relation thereto, an annular strip of material extending around the base of the crown inside thereof and interposed between the crown and the lower edge portion of the sweat band, said annular strip maintaining the sweat band in spaced relation to the crown at the bottom edge of the sweat band, said annular strip being secured at one edge to the crown and at its other edge to the sweat band at said lower edge portion thereof, a lining with-

in the crown and having its lower edge secured to the crown, said lower edge being extended down into the space between the crown and the sweat band to overlap the latter slightly to the inside thereof and maintaining the upper portion of the sweat band spaced from the crown, the crown and sweat band below the lining being each provided with a large number of ventilating openings extending therethrough and in open communication with each other and spaced downwardly from and out of register with the lining, and a ribbon surrounding the crown exteriorly thereof and provided therethrough with a large number of ventilating openings in substantial registration with the ventilating openings of the crown and the sweat band.

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