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Fig. 1.

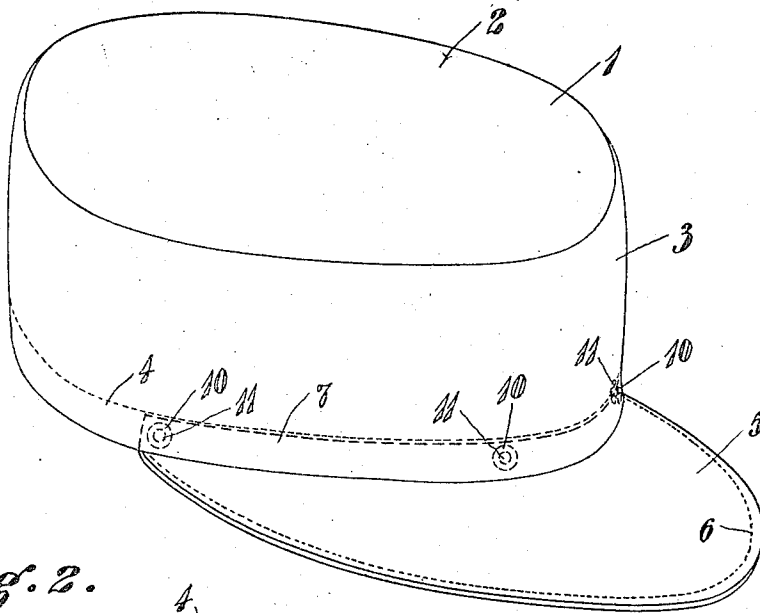


Fig. 2.

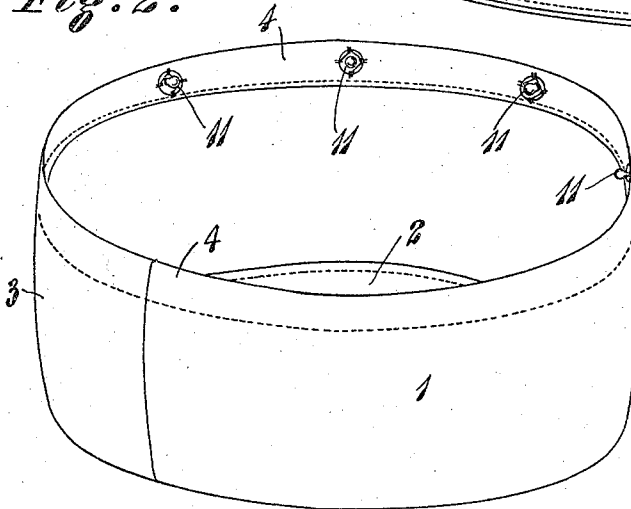
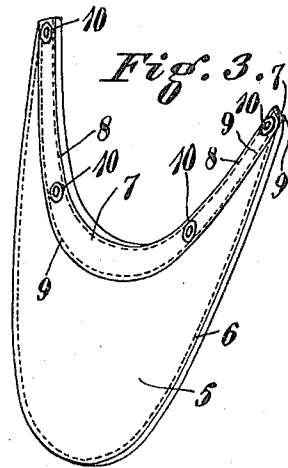


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED F. TENNISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Caps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to vizor caps; and its object is to provide suitable caps for workmen and others wearing such caps under conditions making it difficult to keep the caps and their vizors clean, or under conditions where a very high degree of cleanliness is demanded, as in the handling of food-stuffs and in medical and hospital work or the like.

My invention consists in the combination of parts and in the details of construction and arrangements of parts as will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a general perspective view of a cap embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the crown or main part of the cap inverted, and with the vizor detached; and

Fig. 3 is a similar view of the detached vizor.

As I prefer to construct my invention, the crown or main part 1 is made in a well-known manner, comprising a top 2, around the edge of which is stitched the upper edge of the band 3 and which band 3 has a hem 4 around the lower edge. This crown or main part 1 is made of a single thickness of pliable fabric such as muslin, denim, linen, or like fabric, depending upon the particular use or degree of fineness desired, it being understood that in any case the material should be readily washable.

The vizor 5 is made up of several thicknesses of fabric such as any of those just mentioned, or any other suitable washable fabric, stitched together by a seam 6 along its forward convex edge, which seam is felled, and having a strip 7 folded around its rear or inner concave edge to lie on both sides of the rear part of the vizor, as seen at the extreme right in Fig. 3, this strip being stitched by means of a seam 8 running along near the rear edge of the vizor and other seams 9 running along near the front edge of the strip on opposite sides of the vizor before the thicknesses are assembled. Thus, the rear edge part of the vizor is reinforced.

At suitable intervals along the reinforced rear part of the vizor and on the upper side thereof, are suitable fastening members, such as sockets 10 (Fig. 3); and at corresponding intervals along the inner side of the hemmed lower part 4 of the crown or main part 1 are suitable cooperating fastening members, such as studs 11 (Fig. 2) to enter the sockets 10 when the rear part of the vizor is brought back under the hemmed lower edge of the crown. The vizor 5, thus made up of several thicknesses, is, after washing, heavily starched so that it will have the stiffness desired in a vizor; while the crown or main part 1 is either not starched at all, or provided with such minimum starching as permits it to be ironed properly. Preferably the degree of starching of the vizor relative to that of the crown is about that of detachable collars relative to that of the shirt they are to be worn upon. The vizor thus heavily starched is ironed readily, either by hand or in a mangle, and it will be seen that it may be given a finish equal to that of detachable shirt collars. For this reason, I prefer to have the non-projecting fastening members, such as the socket 10, on the vizor rather than on the crown.

In fact, the primary object of my invention is to add to the convenience of those who wear caps in any occupation where over-clothing is usually worn. Notwithstanding that the people engaged in these occupations have their clothing very much exposed to soiling, they are by no means indifferent to this, and their over-clothing is very frequently changed and, as is well known, is washed without difficulty. As to head covering, however, a great many of these people who work indoors wear none at all, and the others, as well as those who work out doors, either wear some old hat or cap which would otherwise be discarded, or else a special cap which is worn until it becomes extremely soiled and is then thrown away, because it cannot be washed without ruining the vizor.

Another large class of people which my invention is intended for the use of, includes those where even the slightest degree of soiling calls for a change of apparel, as, for instance, those engaged in personal service such as barbers, and those preparing and serving food-stuffs, as well as dentists, surgeons, nurses and others where sanitation is even more essential. While the people of

this latter class are not as much exposed to soiling their apparel as those of the other class, the much higher standard of cleanliness demanded makes the facility of washing their clothes as much, or even more important to them.

My invention, by placing the vizor of the cap in the same relation to the crown that the ordinary detachable linen collar is to the shirt itself, makes it possible for a person to have a clean head covering just as readily as to have any of the other garments clean, and to have the vizor amply stiff and of neat appearance each time and throughout its use. Not only this, the vizor of the cap, just as is the collar of the shirt, is far more exposed to soiling than is the other part; and also like the shirt collar, even a slight amount of soiling is far more noticeable on the vizor than on the other part. Also, since the crown of the cap, like the shirt itself, is not required to be without folds or wrinkles, whereas the vizor is like the shirt collar, in that it should be stiff and extremely smooth at all times; there is this further reason why the vizor, like the

shirt collar, should be such as to be washable independently of and more frequently than the other part. My invention enables the wearer to have several more vizors than 30 crowns of caps, just as he has several more collars than shirts, and to thus effect the same economy in laundrying as with respect to the shirts and collars, since it is not necessary to have the crown of the cap washed 35 every time a clean vizor is required, any more than to have the entire shirt washed every time a clean collar is desired.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

As a new and improved article of manufacture, a vizor for a cap composed of several thicknesses of washable fabric stitched together along its edges only, and adapted 45 to be starched and ironed into a smooth stiff condition.

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