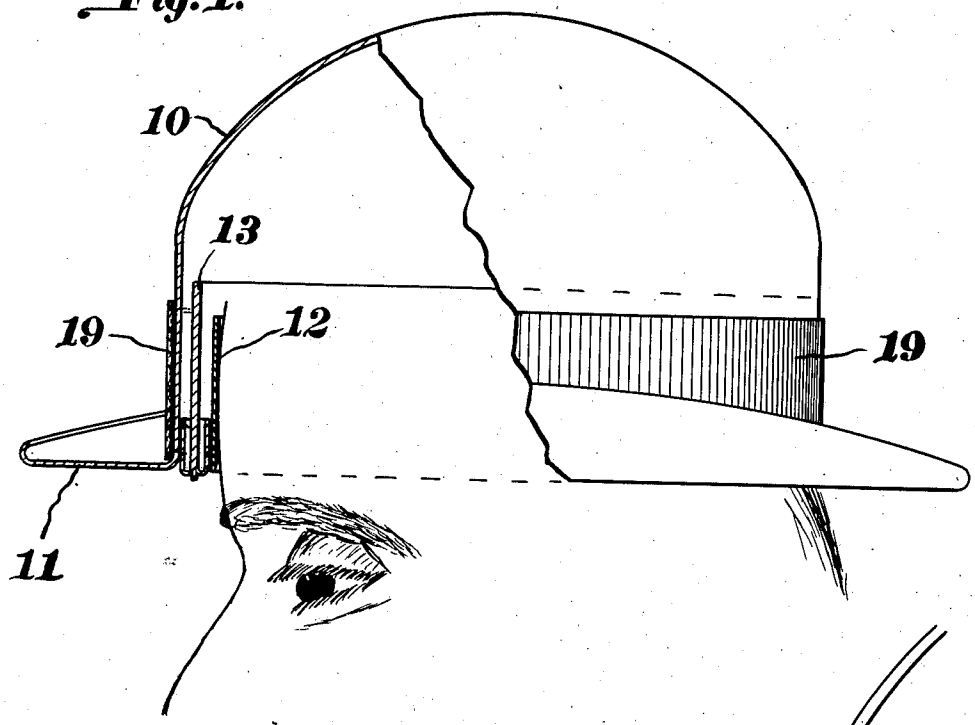
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Fig. 1.



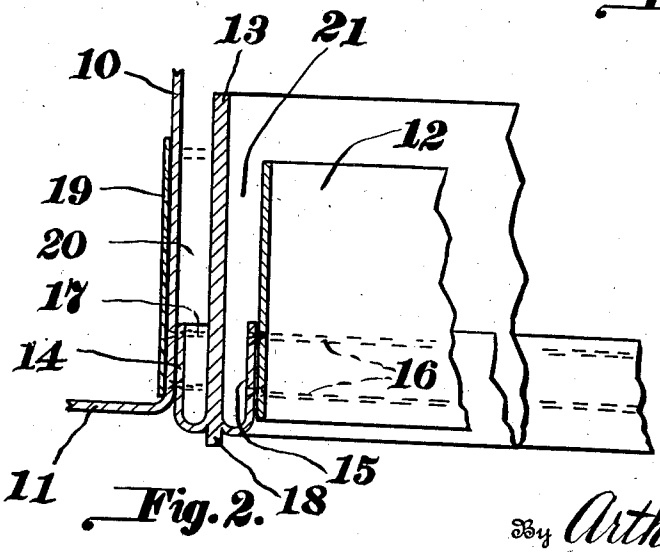
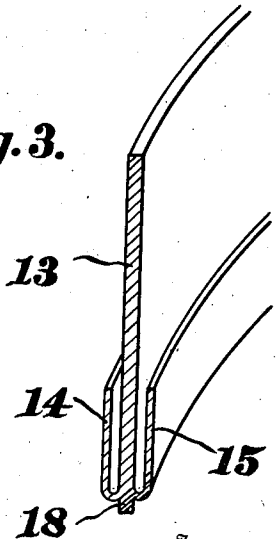


Fig. 2.

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The present invention relates to hats and more particularly to the sweat band and the improved mounting therefor.

It is an object of this invention to provide means for insulating the sweat band from the crown of the hat in such manner that moisture cannot pass to the hat and to the exterior ornamental band as is the case where the usual sweat band is mounted on the hat by stitching and the like.

It is well known that the moisture passes through the openings for the stitches and is entrained by capillary action upwardly through the outer band of silk or other ornamental material, quickly destroying the same and softening the stiffening in the crown of the hat.

Another object of the invention is to provide a separate and distinct mounting for the sweat band where the same is not secured directly to the hat but where an insulator of water proof material or the like is interposed between the sweat band and the hat so that moisture cannot pass between them. Another object of the invention is to indirectly connect the sweat band to the hat.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a protector or insulator which is constructed to form traps and spaces between the sweat band and the crown of the hat to prevent the passage of moisture therebetween.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention will be more fully described hereinafter, and will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto.

In the drawings, wherein like symbols refer to like or corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a side elevation partly in section of a hat provided with an insulator constructed according to the present invention the hat being shown as applied to the head.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary sectional view, enlarged, through a portion of the hat showing the insulator in place, and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a portion of the insulator detached.

Referring to the drawing 10 designates a hat of conventional derby form having a rim 11 at its lower edge in the usual manner. Of course the invention may be applied to a hat of any suitable type and the above is merely by way of illustration.

The hat is provided with the usual sweat band 12 of leather or other suitable material from which sweat bands are now constructed, and the insulator of this invention is interposed between the sweat band 12 and the side wall of the hat 10, so as to space the sweat band 12 inwardly from the hat and so as to insulate the stitching or other fastening means between the sweat band and the hat.

For this purpose an insulator 13 is employed. This insulator may be of any adaptable material but at the present time the insulator is preferably formed of linen cloth and manufactured on a knitting machine, placed over a suitable form and finally coated with rubber to render the insulator moisture proof and at the same time to give it sufficient strength to receive stitching and prevent the same from pulling through.

The insulator 13 is of greater width than the sweat band 12, preferably, and at its lower end is divided into or provided with a pair of flaps 14 and 15 which are returned upon the strip 13 sufficient to form traps or spaces to receive moisture or the like. These flaps 14 and 15 provide means for attaching the side wall of the hat 10 and the sweat band 12, respectively, to the outer and inner sides of the insulator 13. As shown best in Figure 2 the sweat band 12 may be secured to the flap 15 by lines of stitching 16 while the side wall of the hat 10 may be secured to the outer flap 14 by lines of stitching 17. In securing the insulator in position it is preferable to project the lower end thereof slightly below the horizontal plane of the rim 11 of the hat to prevent the passage of moisture over the lower surfaces of the insulator 13, although the rolling of the flaps 14 and 15 in opposite directions provides rounded surfaces adapted to resist the passage of moisture and also an intermediate trap or pocket 18 which further aids in checking the passage of the moisture.

On the outside of the crown 10 of the hat is placed the ornamental band 19 of silk or the like and it is readily seen that it is removed from the sweat band 12 and is also insulated from the same by the water proof and spaced apart insulator 13.

Of course the insulator 13 may be of any suitable material other than as above specifically stated because it effectively insulates the sweat band 12 from the hat 10 in

providing the spaces or traps 20 and 21 at the opposite sides of the insulator 13, and the flaps 14 and 15 prevent the lines of stitching 16 and 17 from coming in contact with each other, and there is eliminated the openings which extend continuously through the sweat band and the hat 10.

I do not wish to be restricted to the size, form, and proportions of the various parts, and obviously changes could be made in the construction herein described without departing from the spirit of the invention, it being only necessary that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. In combination with a hat having the usual sweat band, a moisture proof band interposed between the hat and the sweat band and having at its lower edge oppositely upturned attaching flaps, and means securing the flaps independently to the hat and the sweat band.

2. In combination with a hat having the usual sweat band, a moisture proof band of greater width than the sweat band interposed between the hat and the sweat band and having at its lower edge oppositely upturned attaching flaps, and means securing the flaps independently to the hat and sweat band.

3. A moisture insulator for a hat, comprising a moisture proof band for positioning between the hat and its sweat band, and attaching flaps carried upon the opposite sides of the moisture proof band and spaced from the lower edge thereof and turned upwardly at the opposite sides of the moisture proof band, said flaps adapted for independent attachment to the hat and its sweat band.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature.

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