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Fig. 1.

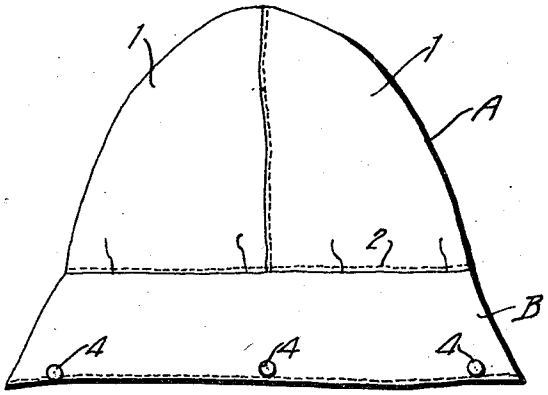
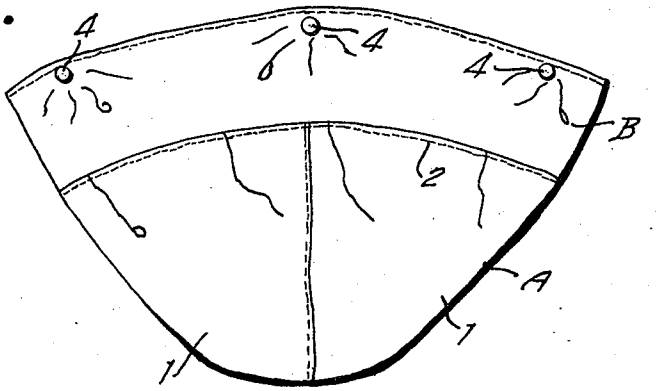


Fig. 2.



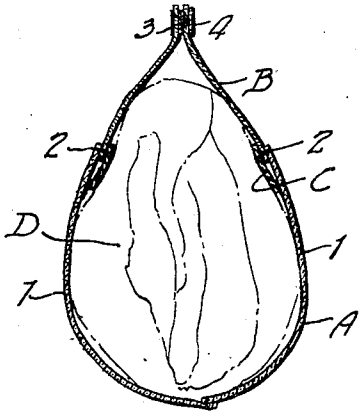


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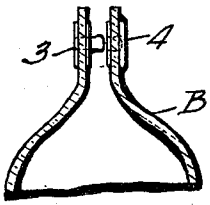


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates generally to headwear and, more particularly, to a certain new and useful improvement in headwear of the type commonly known as soft hats.

My invention has for its object the provision, as a new article of manufacture, of a soft hat that may interchangeably be conveniently employed as a head-covering or a parcel or package-container.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing,

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a hat embodying my invention, showing the hat for use as a head covering;

Figure 2 is a similar view of the hat, showing the hat inverted for use as a parcel-container;

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view of the hat in its closed, parcel-carrying condition; and

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmental sectional view of the hat, showing portions of the brim in juxtaposed relation ready for engagement, as in parcel-carrying.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, the hat as a whole is preferably constructed of suitable flexible fabric, such, for instance, as rubberized cloth or the like, adapting the hat especially for use in rainy or stormy weather or as a protection for the contained parcel, package, or the like, and comprises a soft (as distinguished from stiff) crown A composed of a plurality of segments 1, 1, suitably stitched together, and a soft brim B extending around, and, as at 2, stitched along its inner margin to the margin of the crown A. The hat, at the juncture of the crown A and brim B, is also preferably provided with a sweat-band C, and as so formed and constructed the hat, as shown in Figure 1, is very conveniently usable and serviceable as an efficient head-covering, it being understood, of course, that the hat may be constructed with head-openings of varying diameter to correspondingly fit heads of different sizes.

Fixed in co-operative relation on and preferably adjacent the outer margin of brim B, are members 3, 4, of suitable separable snap-button couplets, which members 3, 4, are adapted, on marginal portions of the brim B being flexibly brought in approximately flatwise opposed relation, for engagement, as shown in Figures 3 and 4. As so engaged, the hat becomes, as shown in Figure 3, a substantially closed container and covering for a parcel or the like D, which, on separation or disengagement of the couplet-members 3, 4, may be readily removed and the hat is again usable as a head covering.

Thus the hat, which may be inexpensively constructed, may be readily converted and is equally serviceable as an efficient head-covering or a parcel-covering and container.

I am aware that changes in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of my new hat may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

As an article of manufacture, a soft hat constructed of rubberized fabric and comprising a flexible crown, a flexible brim extending around and stitched along its inner margin to the margin of the crown, the crown and brim being bodily flexible to dispose marginal portions of the brim in approximately flatwise opposed relation and co-operating snap-couplet members on the brim for separably fastening together said flatwise juxtaposed marginal portions of the brim, the hat being interchangeably usable as a head covering and package-container.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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