This invention relates to head wear and more particularly to the molded type of uniform cap of the so-called military type, and is an improvement over the cap shown in our Patent No. 2,424,279.

In the cap shown in the above patent, the body frame, stayer and peak are all molded in one piece, and although it is an improvement over the manufacturing methods used prior to this patent, it is limited in its use, in that, when a peak or stayer is broken, the cap must be discarded. In this invention, if a stayer, peak or sweat band is broken or worn out, the part may be easily replaced by the user without tools or experience in the cap making art, or the covers may be changed to suit the user.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a molded body frame having indentations to receive, and frictionally hold, a cover and sweat band and having means to interchangeably hold a peak and stayer.

An additional object of this invention is to provide a new and improved molded frame that will be cheaper to produce and provide for interchangeable peaks, stayers, covers and sweat bands.

A further object of this invention is to provide a new and improved uniform cap frame having a homogeneous body and removable peak and stayer, that may be easily replaced when broken, without tools.

Other objects of the invention will become apparent as the invention is more fully set forth.

For a better understanding of the invention and the objects thereof reference is made to the accompanying drawings wherein a particular form of the invention is disclosed by way of example. The drawings when used in conjunction with the following description explain the structure and operation that embodies the principles of the invention and is emphasized in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side view showing a uniform cap embodying this invention;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the body or frame, with the stayer and peak positioned thereon;

Figure 3 is a front elevation of Fig. 2 with the stayer and peak shown in dotted lines after removal;

Figure 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2, except that the stayer has been removed;

Figure 5 is a view of the underside of the frame with the peak removed;

Figure 6 shows a modified form of cover tightener, hook type;

Figure 7 shows a modified form of cover tightener, elastic type;

Figure 8 is a longitudinal sectional view taken through cap shown in Fig. 1 and:

Figure 9 is a partial view similar to that shown in Fig. 8, except that there is shown a modified form for attaching the peak and stayer to the frame.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the drawings.

In the construction shown in the drawings a particular form of cap has a removable cloth cover piece 11, which is reinforced by a stiffener 12 positioned near its top, while the walls or sides 13 are converged downwardly. The body or frame 14 of the cap embraces the head of the user and is preferably formed of semi-rigid material but flexible and light enough for such use and is preferably made of a conventional type of molded plastic. The body is ring-shaped and substantially formed with walls 15. The stayer 16 projects upwardly in an angular direction from the front wall of the body-ring to form the skeleton for supporting the cover piece 11 and stiffener 12. The stayer is provided with a slot 49 to act as a base for fastening the cover 11 and the ornament, insignia or badge 17 used to give an official standing to the cap. The ring portion of the body is formed with ventilation holes 18 positioned transversely therethrough. A peripheral groove 19 is located in the outer face of the upper area of the frame 14 and acts as a seat to receive and hold a snap binder 20 formed at the bottom of the cover piece 11. An interior peripheral groove 21 is formed in the lower side of the inner face of the frame 14 to receive a self-tightening binder 22 attached to a replaceable sweat band 23 to hold it to the inner wall of the frame without sewing. The upper edge of the front portion of the frame 14 is provided with a slot 24 and an indentation 10 to receive a tit 25 and button 26 attached to the lower end of the stayer 16 to hold the stayer and frame together. The stayer may be removed by pulling it out of the slot 24 and replaced with another when desired. This arrangement provides a quick-detachable connection between the stayer and the frame. An angular slot 27 having an indentation 28 is positioned at the lower front end of the frame to receive and hold an interchangeable peak 29. The peak has a tit 30 that fits into the indentation 28 to hold the peak in place until it is removed by pulling it out of the slot 27 when it is desired to change peaks. This arrangement provides a quick-detachable con-
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Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A convertible uniform cap comprising a molded frame having upper and lower front portions and adapted to encompass the head of the wearer, a stayer having front and rear faces, quick-detachable interlocking means between the bottom of the stayer and the upper front portion of the frame, a cover above the frame having a front portion encompassing the front face of the stayer, interlocking means between the lower peripheral portion of the cover and the upper peripheral portion of the frame, a stiffener ring within the upper portion of the cover, a hook member attached to the upper end of the back face of the stayer and maintaining the stiffener ring in place, a peak, and quick-detachable interlocking means between the lower front portion of the frame and the inner edge of the peak.

2. A convertible uniform cap as set forth in claim 1, including a sweat band, and indented fastening means positioned in the frame to receive said sweat band.

3. A convertible uniform cap as set forth in claim 1, wherein the interlocking means between the cover and the frame consist of a peripheral internal protrusion carried by the cover and cooperating with a peripheral external groove on the frame.

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