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Fig. 1.

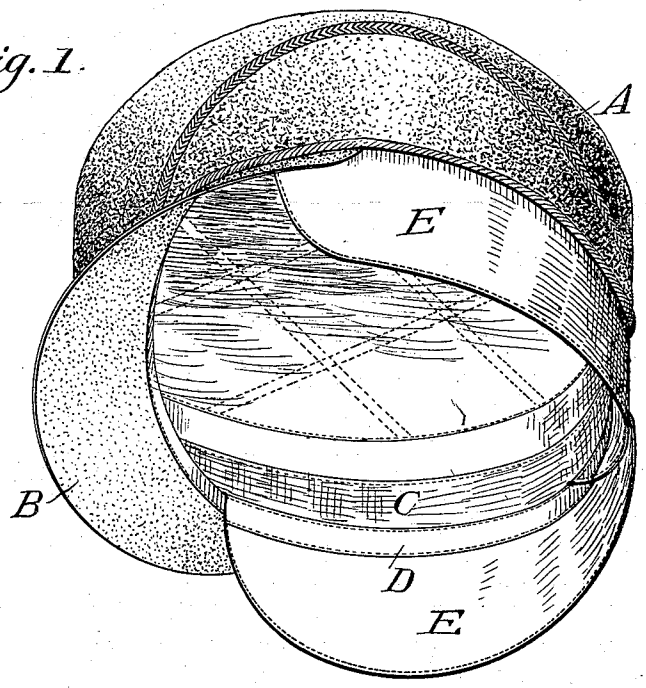
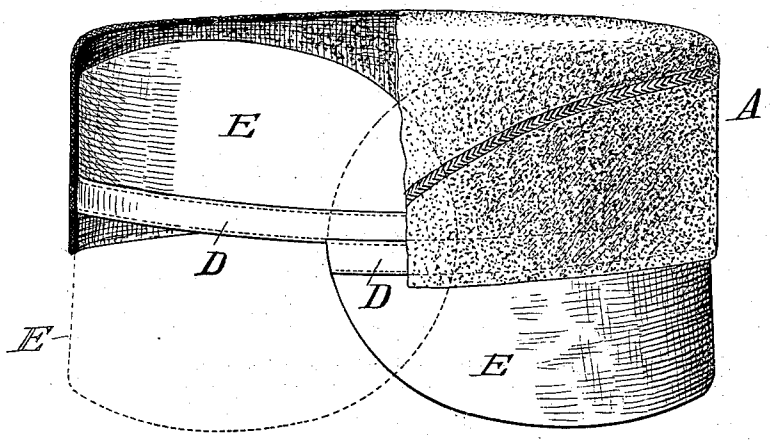


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. GORDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Caps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvments in apparel-caps of that class which have flaps or bands which may be pulled or turned down to cover the ears and the exposed parts of the head, and has for its object to provide a cap wherein the flaps shall more completely and efficiently protect the sides and back of the head from wind and cold than those now in use.

To this end my invention consists in the features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved cap with the head-protecting flaps turned down to cover the ears and lower part of the head; and Fig. 2 is a rear view, partly broken away, showing the left flap folded up within the cap and the right flap turned down, as in Fig. 1, the reverse position of the flaps being indicated by dotted lines.

In the drawings, A represents the body part of an ordinary cap, made of any suitable material and provided with a vizor B. Secured along one edge of the sweat-band C upon the inside of the cap, by means of a strip D, made, preferably, of cloth or other flexible material, are two flaps E, one on either side of the cap, so arranged that the forward end of each flap extends beyond and overlaps the adjacent end of the vizor, and the rear ends of the flaps overlap each other, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The flaps may be made of cloth or other suitable material thickened, if desired, by some lining material and of any desired shape and size. They may be secured directly to the sweat-band or lining of the cap without the interposition of the strip D; but the strip D forms a convenient means of hinging the flaps to the sweat-band or lining, so that they may be easily turned up or down. While I have shown the flaps in connection with a cap having a vizor, it is evident that they may also be used in caps which have no vizor.

In use the flaps are normally turned up inside the cap, as shown in Fig. 2. When it is desired to protect the ears or exposed part of the head, either or both of the flaps, as may be desired, may be turned down into the position shown in Fig. 1 and as to the right flap in Fig. 2.

While I prefer to have the flaps hinged or flexibly attached to the inside of the cap in the manner described, it is evident that the flaps may be detachably secured to the cap or arranged to slide up into the body of the cap when not in use and be pulled down therefrom when it is desired to protect the ears and head without departing from the principle of my invention.

Where, as is usually the case, the flaps or extension pieces are arranged on the outside of the cap and are turned or pulled down over the ends of the vizor, a passage is formed for the wind to pass up under the vizor and inside the flaps. By arranging the flaps on the inside of the cap and having them extend beyond the adjacent ends of the vizor I obviate this difficulty, for the flaps when so arranged fit closely to the head, stand inside the vizor, and completely protect the temples and sides of the head. Furthermore, by having two separate flaps they may be easily turned or pulled up and down, and either one may be used alone, while by having their rear ends overlapping they completely cover the back of the head and are locked in close-fitting position.

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

A cap of the class described, comprising a body part, a vizor, and a pair of flaps foldably secured to the inside of the body part with their front ends extending forward beyond the adjacent ends of the vizor and their rear ends overlapping each other.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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