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FIG. 1

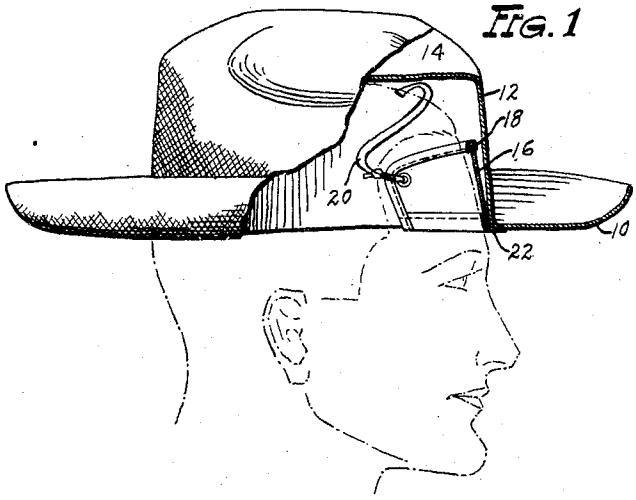


FIG. 3

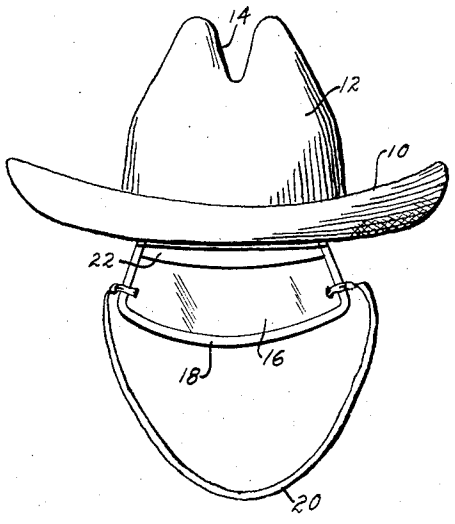
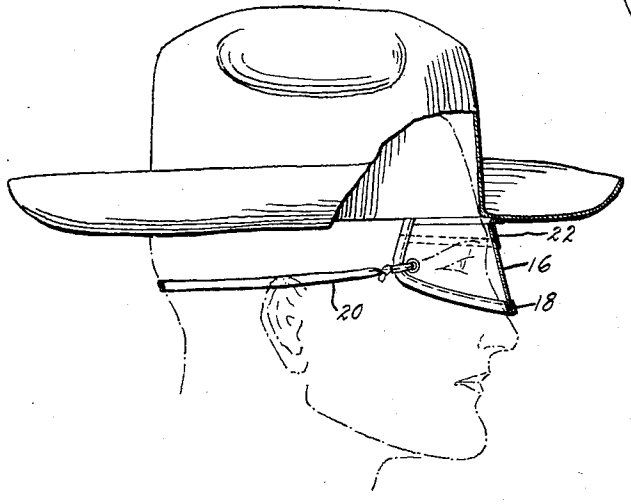


FIG. 2



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This invention relates to wearing apparel and is disclosed herein as embodied in a head covering of a type generally worn by farmers or others who pursue an outdoor living. Those who are so engaged find that working in the sunlight day after day subjects the eyes to an exceedingly bad strain that is brought about mainly by the glare and heat of the sun, and as a result of which headaches occur. A similar condition, of greater intensity, confronts the worker who handles a blow torch.

To the end of shutting off the glare of the sun, and such, various and sundry provisions have been made, as, for example, the student has been provided with an eye shade; the worker has been provided with colored glasses, and the automobile has been provided with a glare shield. To the same end, caps have been provided with transparent colored visors, and the fronts of the brims of hats for sport use have been cut away to leave rectangular openings that are filled with transparent anti-glare material.

An object of the present invention consists in the provision of a hat, or head covering, that is equipped in an improved manner with an anti-glare shield. With a view to carrying out the object, an improved feature of the invention consists in providing a hat having a glare shield attached thereto in such a manner that the shield may be quickly and easily moved from an operative position, in which it covers the eyes of the wearer, to an inoperative position, in which it is concealed within the hat. As illustrated, this feature is carried out by hingedly securing the visor or shield to the front of the hat, under the brim and adjacent to the inner edge thereof, in which position it may be lowered to extend downwardly and outwardly from the forehead of the wearer, as visors generally do, and raised to lie within the crown in close fitting engagement therewith.

Fig. 1 is a view in side elevation, partly in section, of a hat provided with a visor of the improved type,

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing the visor in a lowered operative position, and

Fig. 3 is a front view of the hat and visor.

The hat illustrated in the drawings is of an ordinary type, and comprises generally a brim 10 and a crown 12 which is creased down the center, as shown at 14.

The visor, which is adapted to be secured to the hat and to be used by the wearer as an anti-glare shield, is composed of a transparent window 16 of some suitable material, as, for example, celluloid, isinglass, etc., the edge of which is surrounded by a cloth binding 18, and a head strap 20. The visor is adapted to be attached to the hat by means of a flexible hinge 22 made of cloth, leather, or some other suitable material, and it will be observed that in the use of the visor, as it is moved from the inoperative position shown in Fig. 1 to the operative position shown in Fig. 2, the flexible hinge 22 serves, first, as a sweat band and then as a shade.

To prevent the forehead of one wearing the hat from being chafed by the visor when the latter occupies an inoperative position within the crown of the hat, one side of the visor may be finished in a smooth and even manner, and it will be observed that the side so finished is the one which will be exposed when the visor occupies an operative position, as shown in Fig. 2.

Owing to the bowed character of the visor, it bulges outwardly when it is turned downwardly into an operative position, and upon being pivoted upwardly into an inoperative position the bulge moves from one side of the visor to the other, whereupon the surface contour of the visor corresponds approximately to the surface contour of the crown of the hat and does not obstruct the crown.

While the invention has been described herein with particular reference to hats, it is to be appreciated that the invention may be incorporated with equal facility in caps and head coverings of all sorts, and it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the exact construction disclosed other than is indicated in the claims hereto appended.

Having thus described the invention, what

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A head covering provided with a brim and having in combination therewith, a visor for both eyes of the wearer of the head covering formed of a single section of resilient sheet material, said section of material being transparent throughout its length from end to end thereof and being provided with a continuously bowed lower edge, and an elongated strap of flexible fabric securing the visor directly to the brim of the head covering, said visor being located at the front portion only of said head covering, said flexible strap serving also as a sweat band for the head covering and said visor being of a height permitting same to be disposed in an inoperative position within the head covering without folding.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature.

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