

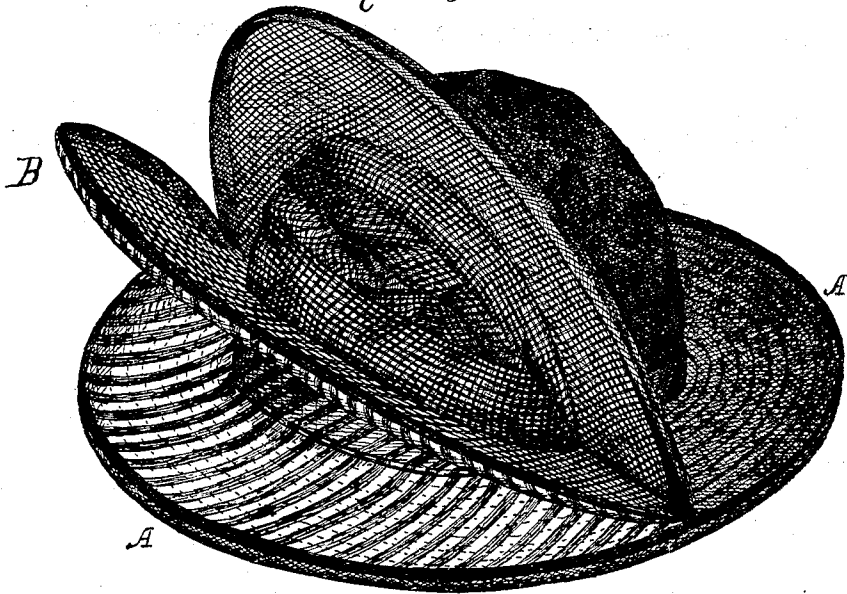
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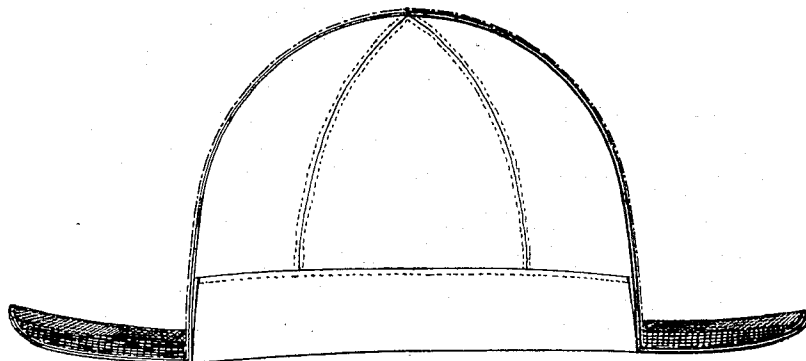
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN HATS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, SIMON WILKS, of Poland, Empire of Russia, and JOHN E. DOW, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful Invention in Hats; and we hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat made according to our invention; and Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section.

Our invention relates to flexible hats made of cloth or other equivalent flexible fabric, and consists in forming the hat so as to be multiple—that is, by joining through the median line of the hat one, two, or more additional half brims with half of a crown, the additional half brims and half crowns being attached or hinged as it were, so that it or they may be turned over the one or the other half of the hat, thus forming two, three, or more hats of different outside finish at pleasure. By this arrangement the hat may be changed to suit the season or the weather or the fancy of the wearer.

The drawing shows a hat which is three-fold. By leaving off one of the additional half brims and crowns it would be double, and by leaving off both the additional half brims and crowns there remains the ordinary well-known cloth hat, as now made and worn. As the method of making such hats is well understood by those skilled in the art, no particular description is deemed necessary.

A represents the ordinary brim, with a crown and lining of the ordinary style. B and C are additional half brims and crowns joined by the median line of the hat, so that either of these half brims and crowns may fold over to the one side or the other. The brim is finished on its left-hand side to correspond with the under side of brim C, and on its upper right-hand side to correspond with the upper side of brim C. The upper side of brim B is finished to correspond with the under side of brim C when placed in the position shown in Fig. 1. The section in Fig. 2 shows the two supplemental half brims folded down on opposite sides of the crown, and shows the position of the several folds of the crown.

In finishing the different folds we do not limit ourselves. A convenient arrangement is that shown in the drawing, namely, two different patterns of silk or other fabric and one of oiled or glazed silk or water-proof covering for rainy weather.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The improved multiple hat herein described, made by combining one or more additional half brims and crowns with the body of a hat, as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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