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Ventilating Hats.

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Fig. 1.

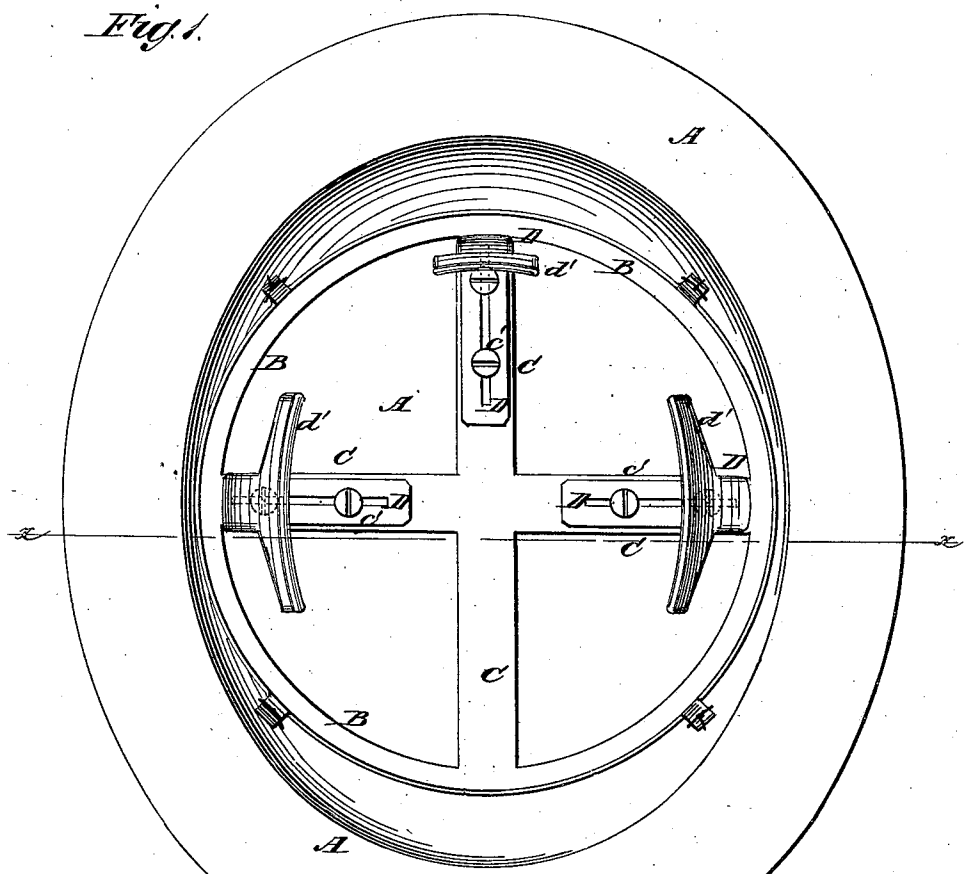
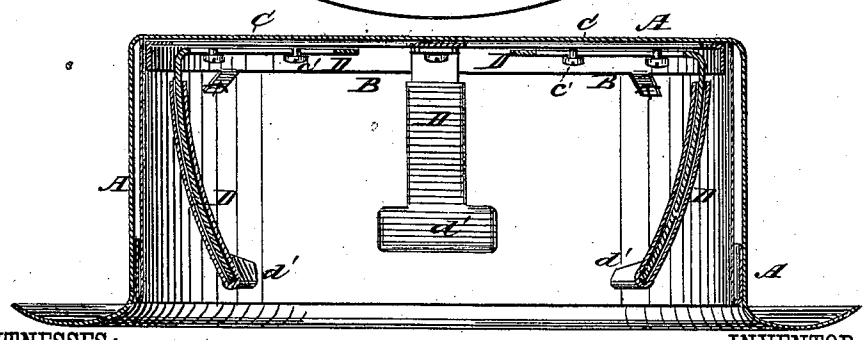


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN VENTILATING HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, VIRGIL BENTON WADDELL and JAMES FRANKLIN SAMPLE, of Austin, in the county of Tunica and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and Improved Hat, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a plan view of our improvement, shown as applied to a hat. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved attachment for hats which shall be so constructed as to hold the hat securely upon the head of the wearer, while leaving an air-space all around between the head and the body of the hat, thus insuring ventilation and keeping the hat from being soiled or injured by perspiration, so that the hat may be made of cheaper and more perishable material than would otherwise be practicable.

The invention consists in the combination of the circular frame and the angular adjustable rests with each other to adapt them to be applied to a hat, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents a hat, to the inside of the crown of which is secured a circular frame, formed of the ring-plate B and the cross-bars C. D are three angular rests, the inner parts of which rest upon the cross-bars C, and are slotted longitudinally to receive the clamping-screws *c'*, which pass through the said slots and screw into the said cross-bars. The outer parts of the rests D curve inward slightly, and have cross-heads *d'* formed upon their ends, which should be curved slightly to fit upon the head of the wearer above and in front of the ears and against the back of the head.

The rests D may be rigid or slightly elastic, as may be desired.

With this construction the rests D can be adjusted upon the circular frame B C as the size of the wearer's head may require, so that much fewer sizes of hats need be made. With this construction, also, a free circulation of air will be obtained all around the head, except at the three spots where the cross-heads *d'* of the rests D rest, making a hat very desirable for those whose occupation requires them to be much out of doors, and conducing greatly to comfort and health.

Having thus fully described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the circular frame B C and the angular adjustable rests D with each other, to adapt them to be applied to a hat, substantially as herein shown and described.

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