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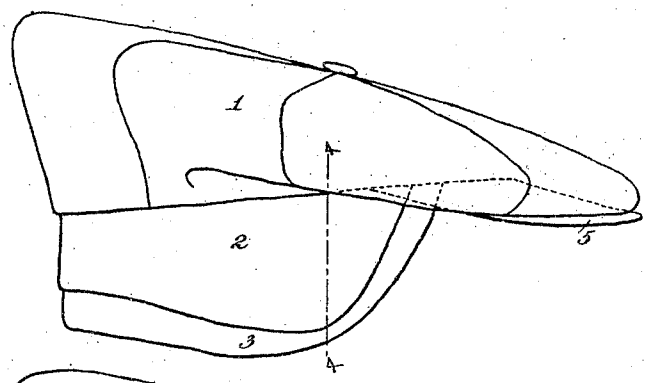


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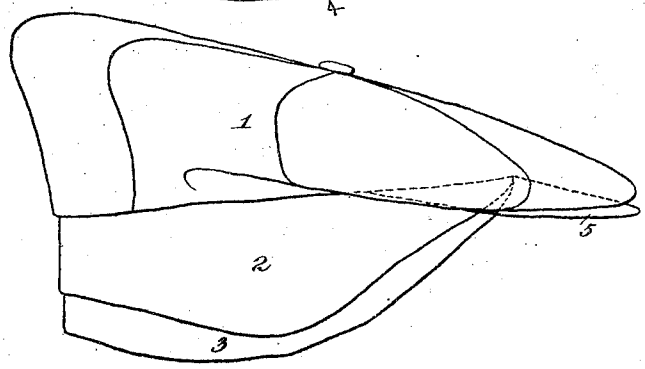


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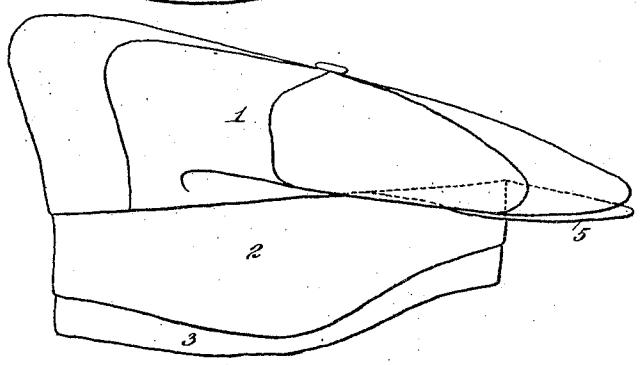


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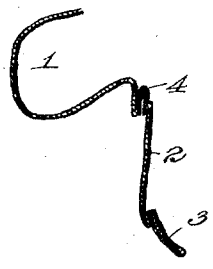


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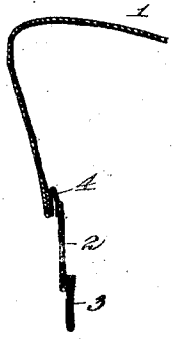
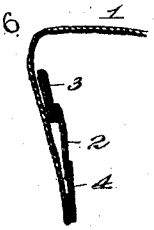


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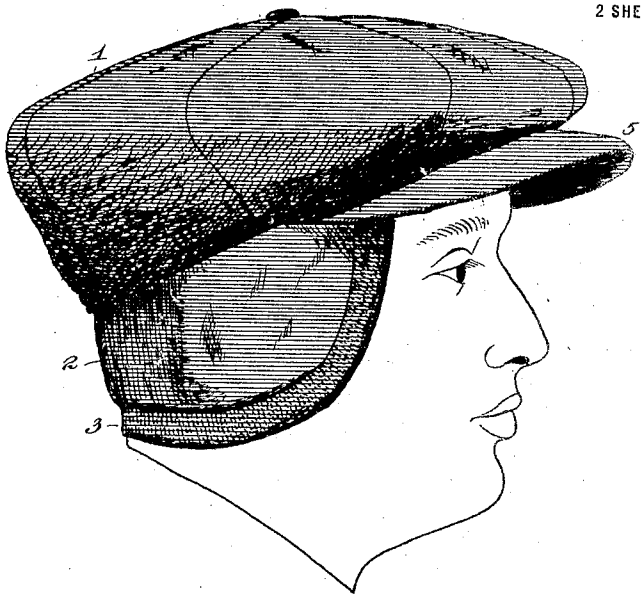


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEON WALLACE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, county of Bronx, and State of New York, United States of America, have invented a certain new and useful Cap, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to caps and hats and more particularly to such articles of wearing apparel which are made of cloth and provided with an extension which is normally folded inside of the cap but which may be extended to fit over the ears and around the back of the lower portion of the head of the wearer, but it is to be understood that the invention, or certain portions thereof, may be applied to ear tabs or extensions adapted to covering the ears only.

The objects of the invention are the production of a hat or cap provided with an extension which will be prevented from flapping; which will closely fit the person of the wearer; which will act to prevent dislodgment of the hat or cap as a whole.

A further object of the invention is to produce a cap of the character described, which is extremely simple in construction, neat and attractive in appearance, thoroughly reliable and efficient in its purpose, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view to be more fully set forth hereinafter, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described in the specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings considered together or separately.

The inventive idea involved is capable of receiving a variety of mechanical expressions, some of which for the purpose of illustrating the invention, are shown in the accompanying drawings.

The invention will be first described in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein similar reference characters are used to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and then more specifically defined and indicated in the appended claims.

In the drawings,—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a cap provided with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modification;

Fig. 3 is a similar view of a further modification;

Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view taken at the back of the cap and showing the extension in lowered position; and

Fig. 6 is a similar view showing the extension in folded position.

Figs. 7 and 8 illustrate my invention as in actual use and as it would appear upon the head of the wearer.

My invention is shown as applied to a cap of the well known "golf" type, but it is to be understood that the invention may be applied to caps of other types as well as to hats and other head coverings.

As shown in Fig. 1 the cap 1 is provided with an extension 2 secured to the edge of the head opening thereof and extending from a point in front of ear of the wearer, around the back of the head and to a point in front of the other. Ear tabs of this construction are common and well known. The objections to such a form of tab is that it hangs vertically from the edge of the cap and in the wind, as when driving, the front edges of the tabs are blown outward away from the sides of the head and the ears are exposed.

By my invention I provide a band or valance 3 stitched or otherwise secured to the free edge of the extension 2 and preferably extending the entire length thereof thus, in effect forming a depending skirt portion. The valance is preferably made of a more or less elastic textile fabric such as "jersey" cloth, and is so secured to the edge of the extension that that portion of the valance which is positioned in proximity to the lobe of the ears of the wearer will normally extend inward at an angle to the extension 2.

The elastic nature of the valance will cause the latter to hug or cling to sides of the face, and to the back of the neck of the wearer, and prevent the entrance of cold air, and the inturned portions of the valance will engage beneath the lobes of the ears and securely retain the cap in position.

My invention also contemplates an improved connection between the body of the cap and the extension whereby the bulkiness at the point of the cap and extension of prior devices is avoided. In carrying out this feature of the invention I provide a

strip or tape 4 of thin material which is stitched at one edge to the upper edge of the extension and at its opposite edge to the edge of head opening in the cap.

When the extension is in folded position, as shown in Fig. 6, the member 4 will from a sweat band of a single thickness of material, and thickness of the cap will be no greater than that of an ordinary cap having a sweat band. The member 4 may be made of cloth, leather or any other suitable material.

In the modification illustrated in Fig. 2, the extension extends forward to about the center of the rear edge of the vizor 5, and the extension is tapered from a point below each ear to said vizor. This will offer protection to the temples of the wearer and serve to more securely retain the cap in position.

The extension shown in Fig. 3 extends entirely around the head of the wearer and is of appreciable depth at the front. This construction is particularly adapted for the use of automobile drivers, aviators and others exposed to high winds.

If desired the valance 3 may be arranged at an angle to the extension for its entire length thereby increasing the tendency of the same to hug the head of the wearer.

The invention may be applied to ear tabs disposed at the sides of the cap only and not extending around the back of the head and perform the same functions as above described.

If desired the band or valance 3 may be attached to only that portion of the extension 3 which covers the ears of the wearer.

In accordance with the provisions of the patent statute, I have described the principle of my invention together with the apparatus which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof, but I desire it understood that my invention is not confined to the particular form of apparatus herein shown and described, the same being merely illustrative, and that the invention can be carried out in other ways without departing from the spirit of my invention, and therefore, I claim broadly the right to employ all equivalent instrumentalities coming within the scope of the appended claims, and by means of which objects of my invention are attained, and the new results accomplished, as herein set forth, as it is obvious that the particular embodiment herein shown and described is only one of many that can be employed to attain these objects and accomplish these results.

Having now described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A cap having a flap adapted to cover the ears of the wearer, and a valance attached to the free edge of the flap and forming a depending skirt portion, said valance being made of a material having greater elasticity than the material of the flap.

2. A cap having a flap adapted to cover the ears of the wearer, and a valance attached to the free edge of the flap and forming a depending skirt portion, said valance being made of a material having greater elasticity than the material of the flap, said valance extending inwardly at an angle to the flap.

3. A cap having a flap adapted to cover the ears of the wearer, and a valance attached to the free edge of the flap, the said valance being made of a material having a different degree of elasticity than the material of the flap and forming a depending skirt portion, a portion of said valance extending inwardly at an angle to the flap due to its own inherent tendency.

4. A cap having a flap, covering the ears of the wearer, and a valance attached to the free edge of the flap, said valance being made of a textile material having greater elasticity than the material of the flap, that portion of said valance which is positioned in proximity to the lobes of the ears of the wearer, normally extending inwardly at an angle to the flap to engage beneath the lobes of the ears and securely retain the flap in position.

5. A cap having a flap attached thereto, adapted to cover the ears of the wearer, a portion, at least, of the free edge being of greater elasticity than the rest of the material of the flap and being held by its own inherent tendency at an angle to the body of the flap.

This specification signed and witnessed this 26th day of December, 1919.

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