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Fig. 1.

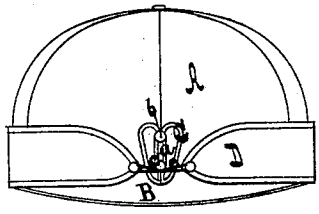


Fig. 2.

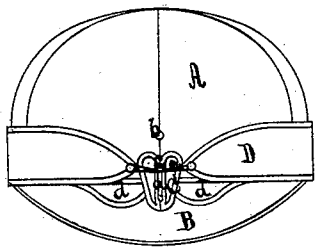
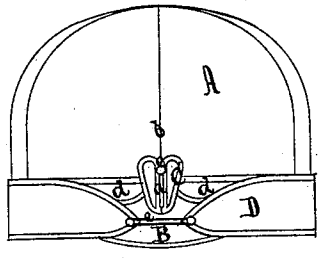


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CAPS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **192,253**, dated June 19, 1877; application filed May 23, 1877.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONHARD GIRBARDT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Head-Covering, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my head-covering when both the front and the neck-protector are raised. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same when the front is lowered. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the same when both the front and the neck-protector are lowered.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in the combination, in a head-covering, of a crown, a hinged front, a slide and buttons or other suitable fastenings, so that, by means of said slide and fastenings, the front can be secured in its raised position, and that by releasing the slide from its upper fastening the front can be lowered in a position to protect the face, while it leaves openings for the eyes.

In the drawing, the letter A designates the crown of my head-covering, which is provided with a front, B, that is hinged to said crown, so that it can be raised to the position shown in Fig. 1, or lowered to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

With this crown and its hinged front is combined a slide, C, which is provided with a slit, *a*, that can be made to catch over two buttons, *b c*, as shown in Fig. 1. When the slide is brought in this position, it retains the front firmly in its raised position; but when the slit of the slide is made to release the upper button *b*, the front can be drawn down until the upper end of said slit catches up against the lower button *c*. In this position the front serves to protect the face, and it is provided with two recesses, *d*, so as to form openings for the eyes when it is drawn down to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

With the crown and its hinged front is also combined a neck-protector, D, which can be raised to the position shown in Fig. 1, being retained in this position by an elastic strap, *e*, which catches under the button *c*. In cold or stormy weather the neck-protector can be drawn down to the position shown in Fig. 3.

It must be remarked that other suitable fastenings may be substituted for the buttons *b c*.

By these means a head-covering is produced which is simple and cheap in its construction, convenient in its operation, and of great advantage for all persons who are obliged to face the inclemency of the weather.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the crown A and front B, hinged to said crown, of the vertically-arranged slide C, constructed with the slit *a*, and adapted to engage buttons *b c* for holding the hinged front up or down, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of May, 1877.

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