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NAME PLATE FOR HATS.

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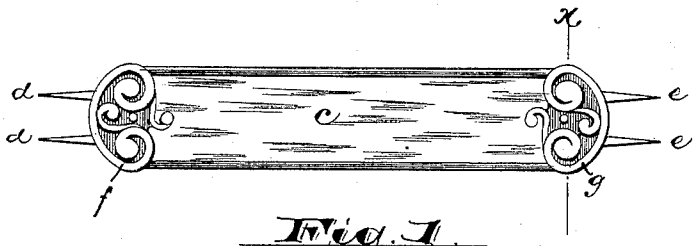

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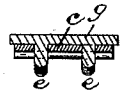

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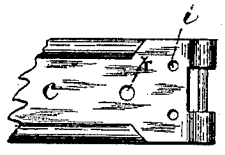

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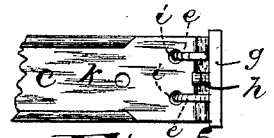

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NAME-PLATE FOR HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH G. WARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Irvington, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hats and Name-Plates Therefor; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a more durable and permanent means for distinguishing hats and other garments, one that is readily attachable to the hat or garment and removable therefrom without damage to the hat or garment or the designating or distinguishing means, and to secure other advantages and results, some of which will be referred to in connection with the description of the construction and operation of the invention.

The invention consists in the arrangements and combinations of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in each of the figures, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a name-plate embodying an improved construction. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same and showing a portion of a hat to which the name-plate has been applied. Fig. 3 is a section taken on line *x*, and Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views showing more clearly the construction of a hinged part of the name-plate. Fig. 6 is a sectional view showing in detail the construction of a certain catch.

In said drawings, *a* indicates a portion of the body of a hat.

b indicates a portion of a sweat-band lining the interior of the same, and *c* is a detachable metallic name-plate secured on the inner face of the sweat-band and which is longitudinally curved, as indicated in Fig. 2, to conform to the cavity of the inner surface of the hat or the sweat-band thereof. On the concave face of the plate space is provided for the name of the owner of the hat, in which the said name is engraved, formed, or applied in any suitable manner. At the opposite ends of the name-plate are rearwardly and then oppositely projecting pins *d d e e*. At one end said pins are rigidly fastened to the plate by riveting, soldering, or other means, the ends of the pins when riveted, where they pass through the plate *c*, being covered with an ornamental end plate *f*, as will be understood. At the opposite end a similar ornamental plate *g* is provided, which is hinged to the body-plate *c* at its outer extremity, the said ornamental plate being adapted to lie against the body-plate and give an ornamental effect corresponding with the ornament on the opposite end. The said plate *g* is held in this last position by a catch *h*, preferably a simple teat or pin, which enters and catches into a perforation *k* in the body or name plate, as will be understood upon reference to Figs. 2, 5, and 6. At the rear of the hinged plate *g* are pins *e e*, bent longitudinally outward and extending from the rear of said plate through perforations *i* in the body-plate, as will be understood upon reference to Figs. 2, 4, and 5, the pins having segmental bends to enable them to work in said perforations *i i* as the plate is turned on its hinge without binding.

When the hinged plate is raised by the finger to the position shown in outline in Fig. 2 and in full lines in Fig. 5, the pointed ends of the pins are brought to a position at right angles to the name-plate, the said pointed ends extending rearwardly from the back of the said name-plate. On turning the hinged plate down against the outer face of the name-plate the said pointed ends correspondingly change their position, and when the hinged plate is fastened or caught the said pins will be substantially parallel with the name-plate in a direction opposite those marked *d d*.

In operating the device the hinged pins are turned to the position indicated in Fig. 5, the rigid pins are thrust through the sweat-band, and afterward the said hinged pins are thrust through said sweat-band and turned outwardly by pressing the hinged plate into fastened relation to the body-plate. By this means the name-plate is neatly and conveniently secured upon sweat-band, from whence it may be as easily removed without damage. The pins are preferably in pairs to prevent the plate from rocking and to avoid a lack of

firmness when fastened to the sweat-band, and the plate is bent to its curved form, so as to lie close to the sweat-band, where it will not interfere with the head of the wearer or render the hat uncomfortable.

Having thus described the invention and indicated the manner of operating the same, what I claim as new is—

1. The combination, with a name-plate for the sweat-band of a hat, of a rigid pin secured at one end and projecting rearwardly and then longitudinally with respect to said plate and at the opposite end of said name-plate an adjustable pin movable upon bearings of said name-plate, substantially as set forth.

2. The improved name-plates for hats, consisting of the plate adapted to conform to the hat, a pin projecting rearwardly and longitudinally from one end thereof, and a hinged or pivoted pin secured at the other and adapted to be turned after having been inserted to its final holding position, substantially as set forth.

3. The improved name-plate for hats hereinbefore described, consisting of a convex plate adapted to conform to the concavity of the sweat-band, a rearwardly and longitudinally extending pin at one end, and a rearwardly and longitudinally bent pin hinged or pivoted at the other end, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with the curved body-plate having a space upon which to engrave or form the name, of pins secured rigidly at one end of said plate, a plate hinged to the opposite end of said body-plate, and providing pins adapted to co-operate with the rigid pins in fastening the said curved body-plate to the concave surface of the hat, substantially as set forth.

5. In combination, a body-plate with rigid pins and co-operating hinged pins, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

6. In combination, a body-plate having a pair or plurality of pins at one end, which extend outwardly from the said plate and having a pair or plurality of hinged pins at the other, substantially as set forth.

7. In combination, a body-plate having a pair or plurality of pins at one end, a pair or plurality of hinged pins at the other, and a catch for holding the hinged pins in position, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of January, 1892.

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