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Fig. 1

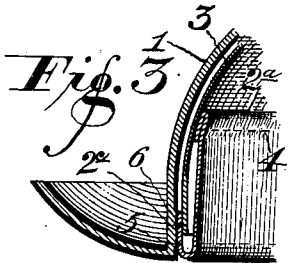
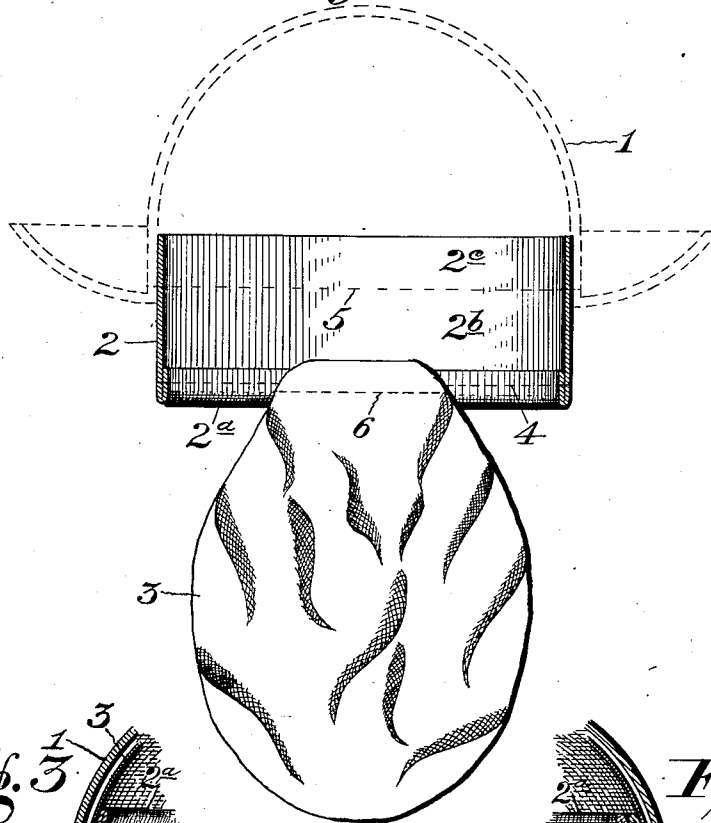
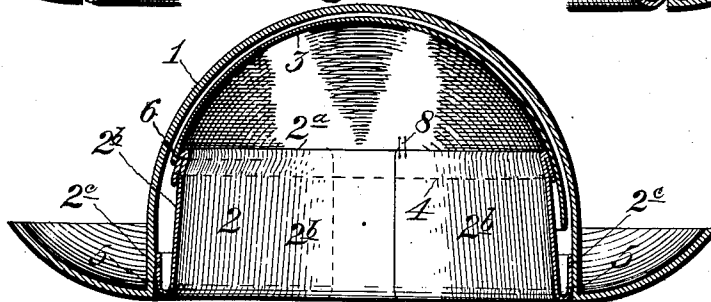
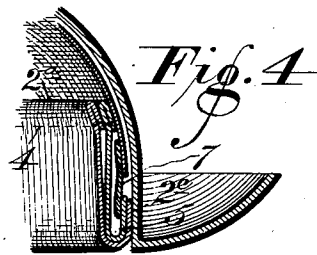


Fig. 2



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My invention relates to a combined sweatband and crown lining for hats; and more particularly to a device of this character in which the lining can be easily and quickly withdrawn from the hat crown and placed therein again at will, as often as may be desired, without disconnecting said removable part from the sweatband.

My device may be made of fabric, leather, fabricoid, and in fact, of any flexible material suitable for use inside of hats.

There are some excellent devices now on the market, in which the hat lining and sweatband are combined in a way to render the inside of the hat very tasty and attractive in appearance. And some of these devices are so made as to be very economical in construction. But in so far as I have been able to ascertain they are all open to one objection, namely;—It is the practice of hat manufacturers in very many instances, to "sleek" the inside of their hats as well as the outside, in order to give them the finest possible appearance; and as a sales expedient this is as important to the hat manufacturer as is blacking, polishing, and burnishing is to the shoe manufacturer. And it is a well known fact that with shoe manufacturers, there is as much pains and skill expended in providing shoes with beautiful bottoms as there is in providing them with beautiful tops. Now, when the shoe has the finishing touches put upon it, handling is calculated to mar rather than to help its appearance; and the same is true, perhaps in a greater degree, of hats, so that the "sleeking" of both the inside and the outside of the hat should be, as far as possible, the last operation that is performed on it. But with lined hats, as now constructed, this is not possible, because, for one thing, the "sleeking" on the inside must certainly be done before the lining is put in; and the "sleeking" on the outside is the last thing that is done; hence the hat has its final blocking and finishing after the lining is put in; and if there be any seams or pleats, or other irregularities in the surface of the lining, these irregularities will be transferred to the outer surface of the hat while it is being given its final finish on the block.

And not only is this true, but in the case of ladies' hats, after everything else has been done, many of these hats are to be trimmed. Ornaments, such as flowers, plumes, ribbons, etc., are to be added; and in attaching these to the hats it becomes necessary to sew back and forth through the hat and lining, so that however beautiful an appearance the lining inside the hat may have presented when it left the hat manu-

facturer, it has now been greatly marred by the work of the milliner, so that when looking inside the hat, the crown presents a rather unsightly appearance.

The object of the present invention is to overcome all these objectionable features by making the lining of the hat easily removable or withdrawable from the inside of the hat at all times, and thus giving quick and easy access to the inside of the hat, so that it may be "sleeked" whenever desired; and may be blocked after the lining has been put in, without having the lining interposed between the block and the hat crown. Therefore it will make no difference how many seams or pleats may be in the lining, since the surface of the block itself will be in direct contact with the crown of the hat where the lining usually is. Thus it will be impossible for any of the irregularities of the lining to be transferred to the outside of the hat when it is being given its finishing "sleeking". And, lastly, the lining may be withdrawn from the hat while the trimming is being sewed on; and when that job is done, the lining is replaced in the hat, so that it covers up all stitches and knots and other irregularities made on the inside of the hat crown during the trimming process.

These desirable results are accomplished in a most simple and economical manner.

The leading features of the invention comprise (1), a sweatband portion made a little longer than is ordinarily needed, so that when it is sewed into the hat the ends will usually lap each other a little. This makes the sweatband suitable for hats of different sizes, so that the manufacturer of the linings does not need to know the exact size of the hat with which any given lining will be used; and (2); attached to this sweatband, preferably about midway the length thereof, is the hat lining which is circular or oval in its general outline, and is suitably formed by pleating it around the edges, or otherwise, to cause it to conform to the concave of the hat crown when placed therein. Only a comparatively short segment of the circumference of this lining is attached to one of the edges of the sweatband, so that the lining may be made to swing back and forth on the sweatband, as if it were hinged at one of its side edges thereto, in much the same way as a watch lid swings on the band of the watch.

The invention consists in the novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, as will now be more specifically described and claimed,

reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which;—

Fig. 1 is a transverse vertical section showing the front half of the sweatband portion of my device with the hat lining depending therefrom at the front part of the hat, the parts being in the position they occupy relatively to the hat when the sweatband is secured therein by a row of stitching, the hat being indicated in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section showing the rear half of a hat with my improvements in operative position therein, the lining in this instance being attached to the sweatband at one side of the hat instead of at the front, as indicated in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary section showing the hat lining attached to the sweatband, as in Fig. 1, except that the point of attachment is at the lower side of the sweatband instead of at the upper side, as in Fig. 2; and,

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary section taken at the rear of the hat where the two ends of the sweatband ordinarily lap each other.

Referring further to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates the hat; 2 indicates the sweatband; and 3, the hat lining. The sweatband has a hem 2a formed on its upper edge by means of the row of stitching 4, and is secured in the hat by means of the row of stitching 5, which latter is spaced inwardly somewhat from the edge of the sweatband, and divides the same into two sections—an upper and a lower—indicated by 2b and 2c respectively.

The lining 3 is circular or slightly oval in its general outline, and is so formed as to cause it to conform to the concave of the hat crown when placed therein. A short segment of the circumference of this lining is secured to the sweatband by means of the short row of stitching 6, as indicated in Fig. 1, in which the upper end of the lining, as there shown, is the part engaged by said short row of stitching. But it is sometimes found preferable or convenient to attach the lining to the sweatband at one of the side-edges of the lining, as indicated in Fig. 2, instead of at one of the end-edges, as indicated in Fig. 1. In fact, it is, for the most part, a matter of choice with the operator as to just which segment of the circumference of the lining shall be attached to the sweatband by means of the short row of stitching 6. However, for manifest reasons, one thing is to be kept in mind, namely; that the parts of my improvement shall always be so arranged relatively to each other, that the lapping ends of the sweatband shall come at the rear of the hat.

In the fragmentary section shown in Fig. 3, the lining extends far down the side of the hat, and is attached to the lower section 2c of the sweatband, instead of to the hem 2a of the upper section 2b, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The fragmentary section shown in Fig. 4 is taken through the lapping ends of the sweatband. This section also shows how, when the parts are all in operative position, the free edge of the lining 3, may be connected with the lower section 2c of the sweatband by means of a little piece of adhesive material 7, such as adhesive tape, or cellophane, either of which may be caused to adhere to surfaces by pressing them into engagement therewith with a warm hand.

In Fig. 2 I have shown how the lapping ends of the sweatband may be secured by two or three stitches 8 to the adjacent side of the lining 3.

The operation of my improvement is exceedingly simple. The sweatband is first provided with a hem 2a in the usual manner. Next, a seg-

ment of the circumference of the lining 3 is secured to the sweatband by means of a short row of stitching 6. Then, with the parts in the relative position shown in Fig. 1, the sweatband is secured to the hat by means of the row of stitching 5. Then the lining and sweatband are turned upwardly into the hat with the lining brought into flat engagement with the hat crown, and overlapped around its entire circumference by the in-turned sweatband.

When it is desired to gain access to the inside of the hat for any purpose, such as "sleeking", blocking, trimming, etc., the lining and sweatband can be quickly withdrawn and brought into the position shown in Fig. 1.

Further description is deemed unnecessary.

It will be seen that the work on the device can practically all be done on a sewing machine, and hence the parts, while put together in the most desirable manner, nevertheless present a most economical construction; and the device as a whole is believed to possess uncommon merit.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:—

1. A device of the character described, comprising a sweatband arranged to be secured in a hat; and a circular lining shaped to conform to the interior of the hat, and having a circumference of a length approximating the circumference of the circle formed by the sweatband when it is operatively secured in the hat, said lining having a segment only of its circumference attached to the side of the sweatband, whereby to adapt said lining to swing on said segment, hinge fashion, into and out of the hat crown.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a sweatband arranged to be secured in the ordinary way in a hat by a row of stitching, the sweatband having a hem at the upper side thereof; and a circular lining shaped to fit the contour of the interior of the hat, and being of a circumference approximating the circumference of the interior of the hat, said lining having a segment only of its circumference attached to the sweatband, whereby to adapt said lining to swing, hinge fashion, on said segment, said segment being attached to the convex side of the sweatband when the parts are in operative position in the hat whereby the sweatband will normally overlap the marginal circumference of the lining.

3. An article of manufacture, comprising an elongated band designed to form the sweatband of a hat, and of a length not less than the circumference of the interior of the hat with which it is to be used; and a circular lining shaped to fit the contour of the interior of the hat, and of a circumference approximating the circumference of the interior of said hat, said lining having a segment only of its circumference attached to the inner side of the band.

4. A device of the character described, comprising a sweatband arranged to be secured in the ordinary way in a hat by a row of stitching with said band being hemmed at its upper side; and a circular lining shaped to fit the contour of the interior of the hat, and being of a circumference approximating the circumference of the hat at the row of stitching, said lining having a segment only of its circumference attached to the sweatband on the convex face of the upper hemmed side thereof, whereby to adapt said lining to swing, hinge fashion, on said segment into engagement

with the interior of the hat, with the sweatband folded inwardly in overlapping engagement with the marginal circumference of said lining.

5 5. A device of the character described, comprising a sweatband arranged to be secured in the ordinary way in a hat by a row of stitching, said band being unhemmed at its lower side; and
10 a circular lining shaped to fit the contour of the interior of the hat, and being of a circumference approximating the circumference of the hat at the row of stitching, said lining having a segment
15 only of its circumference attached to the inner face of the lower unhemmed section of the sweatband, whereby to adapt said lining to swing, hinge fashion, on said segment, into engagement with the interior of the hat, with the sweatband folded inwardly overlapping with the marginal circumference of the lining.

6. A device of the character described, comprising a sweatband arranged to be secured in the ordinary way in a hat by a row of stitching; and a circular lining shaped to fit the contour of the interior of the hat, and being of a circumference approximating the circumference of the hat at the row of stitching, said lining having a segment only of its circumference attached to the sweatband between the convex side thereof and the hat, whereby to adapt said lining to swing, hinge fashion, on said segment into engagement with the interior of the hat, with the sweatband folded inwardly in overlapping engagement with the marginal circumference of said lining.

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