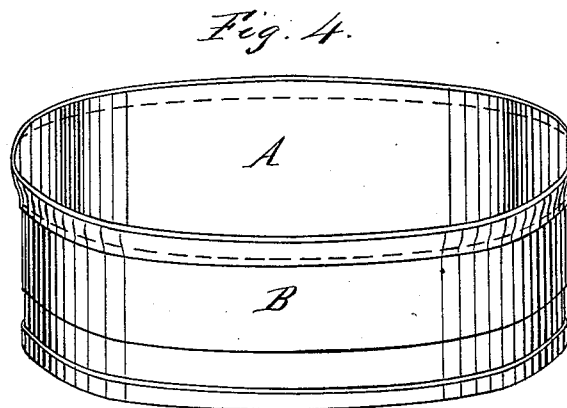
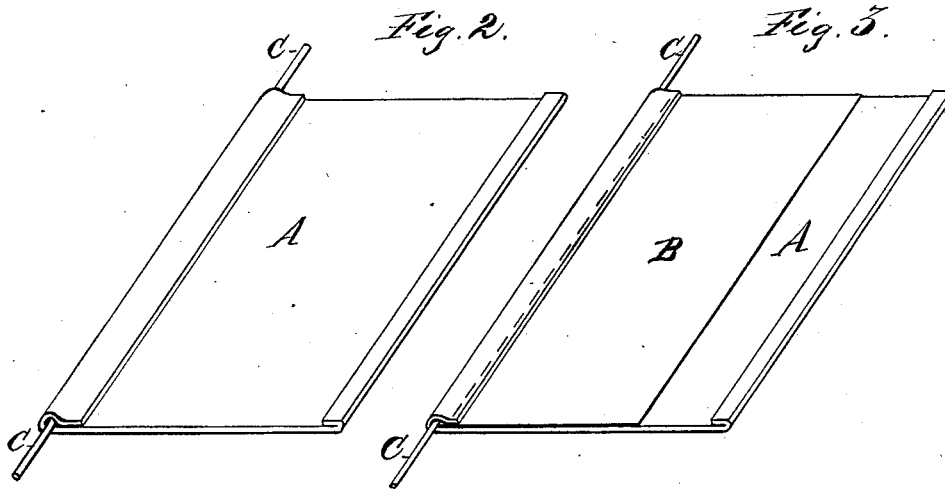
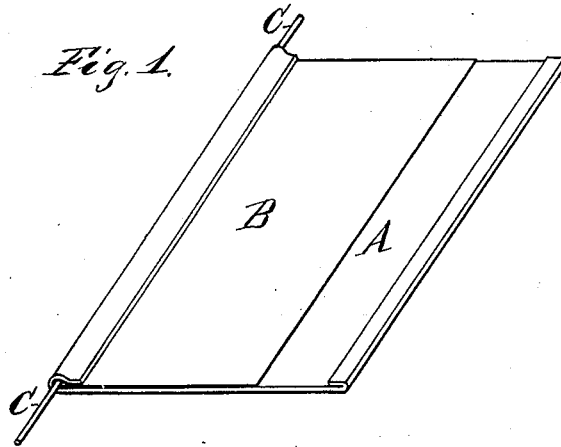


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IMPROVEMENT IN SWEAT-LEATHERS FOR HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. DIMOND, of Bridgeport, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sweat-Leathers for Hats, which is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents one way of uniting the reed and covering to the sweat-leather. Fig. 2 shows the sweat-leather and reed without a covering. Fig. 3 shows another way of attaching the covering and sweat-leather to the reed. Fig. 4 shows the sweat-leather, reed, and covering complete.

The object of my invention is to produce a cheaper and better-finished sweat-leather for coverings for the head than has heretofore been attained.

A is the sweat-leather; B, the covering; C, the reed.

Prior inventors describe sweat-leathers in which a wire, reed, or cord is inserted in a separate piece of cloth or leather, which is at some stage of the manufacture united to the sweat by pasting or stitching, and they also describe means for imparting a flare by stretching the sweat-leather to promote the comfort of the wearer.

I retain these advantages; but my improvement consists in dispensing with the extra piece of cloth or leather when it is so desired, and especially in inserting the reed within the leather of the sweat-band itself, whether lined

with the attaching-slip by which the sweat is secured to the crown or not.

This improved sweat-leather is made as follows: Turn over both edges of the sweat-leather by hand, or any suitable gage or folding device, with the attaching-slip inserted, if desired, and the edges pasted or gummed, to effect adhesion of the inner surfaces, if that method is preferred, the reed, wire, or cord having been inserted at the lower edge when it is turned; then pass such lower edge of the turned sweat-leather between a set of discoidal rolls, so shaped that they will press the extreme lower edge considerably outward. If no paste or glue has been employed, stitch the lower turned edge covering the reed, wire, or cord down by a machine. We shall then have a flaring-edge sweat-leather containing a reed, wire, or cord only within the sweat-leather itself, or it and the attaching-slip lining it.

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

1. A flaring-edge sweat-leather in which the stiffening cord, reed, or wire is contained within the body of the sweat-leather, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a lapped and stretched edge sweat-leather with a reed or other stiffening substance, united and formed substantially as described.

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