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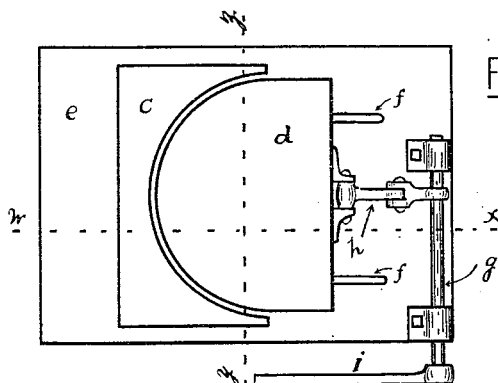


FIG 1

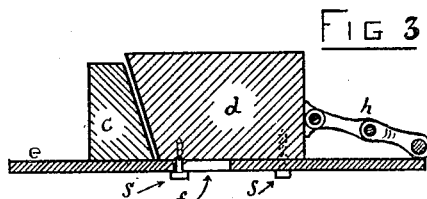


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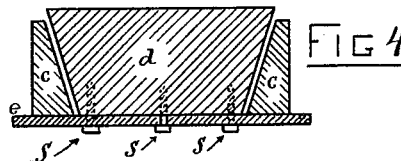


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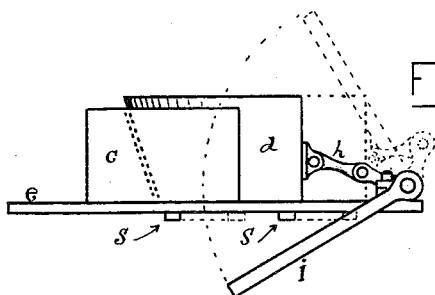


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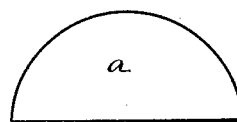


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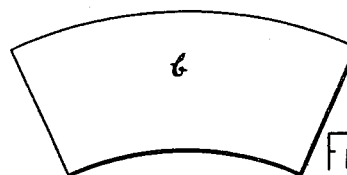


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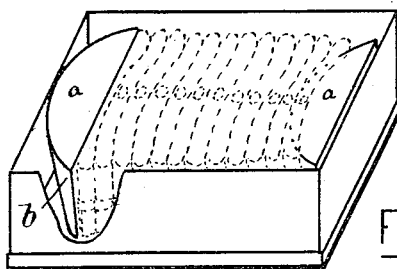


FIG 8

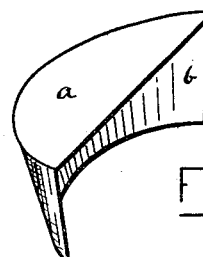


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN EDWARD McLOUGHLIN and HIRAM E. BREWSTER, citizens of the United States, residing at Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leather Holding-Ends for Retaining Scotch Caps in Shape; and we do 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 the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our device relates to leather holding-ends for retaining Scotch caps in shape, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the accompanying drawings, in which—
Figure 1 is a plan view of a device for forming these end pieces; Fig. 2, a side elevation of same; Fig. 3, a transverse section, and Fig. 4 an end section, of the forming device; Fig. 5, a plan view of the top of the end holding-piece; Fig. 6, a plan view of the side of the holding-piece; Fig. 7, a perspective view of one of the end retaining-pieces; and Fig. 8 a perspective view of a box, showing the end holding-pieces and the interposed caps.

The object of the device is to overcome the crushing of caps—such as the Scotch knitted caps, and those made from cloth, fur, or other material—when completed, folded, and ready for market. This objection is one of considerable magnitude, and has heretofore seriously interfered with their sale, and it is exceedingly desirable that their shape, and consequent marketable condition, be preserved when stored or during transportation. To accomplish this purpose a piece of leather, *b*, is cut to the shapes substantially as shown in Fig. 6. It is then placed against the block *c*, (shown in Figs. 1 and 3,) which, as there shown, is made concave and flaring from the bottom upward and outward. The head-piece *d*, the front of which is made to conform to the face of block *c*, is then forced up, pressing

the leather piece *b* back into the flaring concave face of block *c*, where it receives its required form, and is tightly held in this position between the forming-blocks *c* and *d* until the top or crown *a*, Fig. 5, can be joined to its upper edge. This is done by means of cement or glue, or it can be stitched while thus held in position. The block *d* is then withdrawn and the completed end piece has the shape shown in Fig. 7, and is ready to be applied to caps. Two of these end pieces are used for sealing a dozen or more caps, and are applied as follows: One of them is placed on a table with its convex side up, and a dozen or more completed caps, already folded in the desired shape, are placed upon it, and upon the top of these is placed another of the end pieces with the concave side down, and the whole secured by wrapping, or may be placed in a suitable box, as shown in Fig. 8. It will be apparent that all the crushing effect comes upon these end pieces, and the space between them, being of the same shape as the completed and folded caps, will effectually prevent said caps from being crushed out of their proper shape, and enable them to be stored and delivered to purchasers in perfect condition. It is evident that these end pieces may be constructed from pasteboard or other suitable material.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a case or receptacle for retaining caps in shape, the leather forms consisting of the concavo-convex segmental piece *b*, provided with a semicircular crown, *a*, joined to the long edge of the piece *b*, the caps being placed between said forms, whereby their shape is retained and crushing prevented, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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