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SWEAT BAND FOR HATS.

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FIG 1.

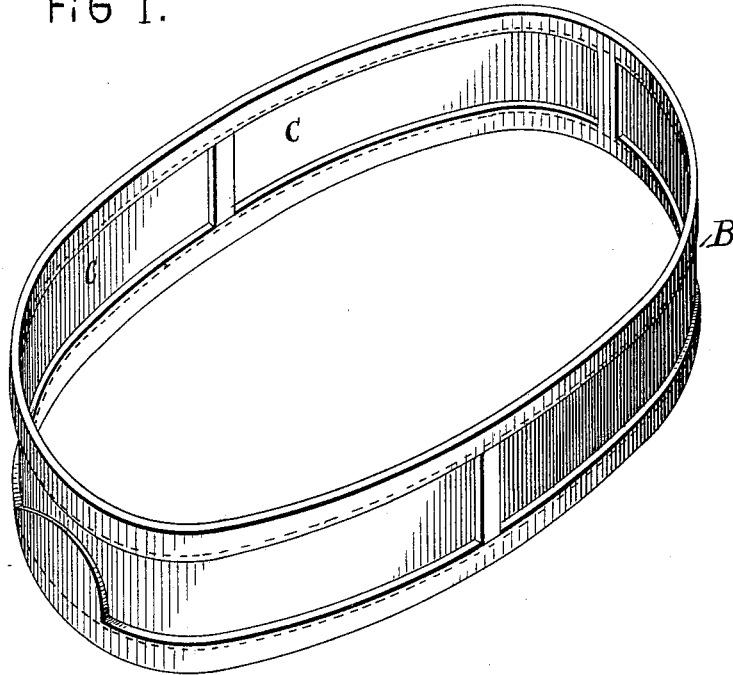
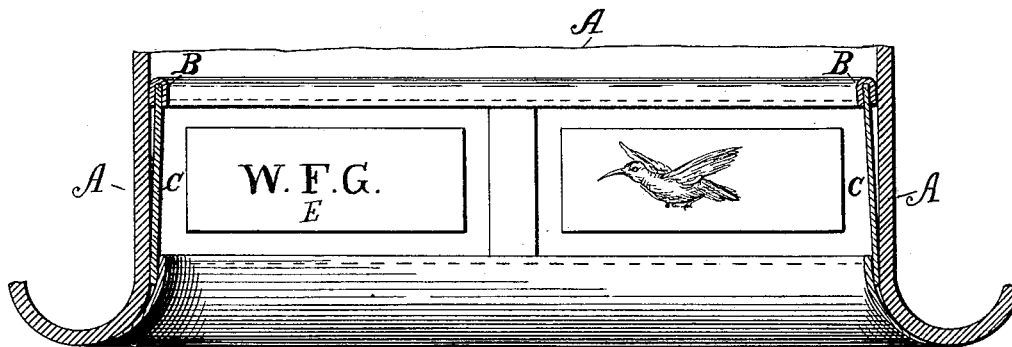


FIG 2.



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## SWEAT-BAND FOR HATS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. GREENE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sweat-Bands for Hats; 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.

This invention relates to certain improvements in sweat-bands for hats; and it has for its objects to provide such a band as will be impervious to moisture, so as to prevent the perspiration from soiling the body of the hat, and that will be transparent at certain portions, so that a card bearing a suitable inscription—such as the hatter's name and place of business, or bearing the owner's name or other device or design—may be inscribed behind the transparent portion and retained in place by the band, while at the same time the inscription will be exposed to view through said transparent portion. These objects I attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a sweat-band constructed according to my invention, and Fig. 2 a vertical sectional view of a portion of the hat and band secured therein.

Referring to the drawings, the letter A indicates a hat of the usual construction and of any suitable material.

B indicates the sweat-band. This is composed of leather, enameled fabric, or any of the ordinary or approved materials employed, in combination with mica, as more fully herein-after explained.

The leather or its equivalent portion of the sweat-band consists of a strip of suitable length and width, as usual, with spaces cut away at intervals along its length, the band being suit-

ably joined at its ends to keep it in circular shape. The edges of said leather portion are turned or folded, as indicated, over the edges of a backing, C, of mica, which may be either in the form of a strip of the same length as the leather portion or in shorter sections, as may be desired, the edges in either case overlapping the edges of the mica, so as to hold the same firmly, the whole being suitably fastened together by any convenient means. The sweat-band as thus constructed is secured in the lower edge of the hat by any suitable means, the upper edge being left free, as usual, so that a card, E, bearing any suitable inscription or design may be inserted behind the band in such manner that the inscription may be readily seen through the transparent portion of the hat-band.

It will be observed that my invention affords a ready means of securing the seller's name and business-card within the hat, or of securing the owner's card and address, so as to provide against loss, as well as advertisements and other devices or designs, if such should be found desirable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the sweat-band B, consisting of a band with openings therein and plates of mica in said openings, with a hat, the said openings permitting a card to be located between said hat and said plates of mica, the said plates being uncovered on their inner surfaces, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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