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Fig. 1.

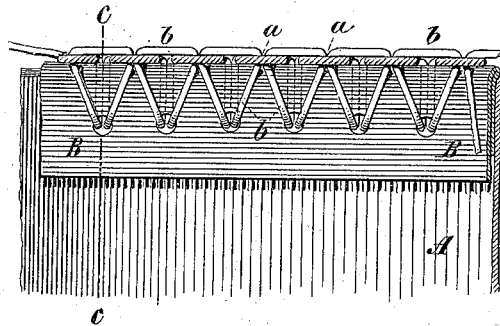
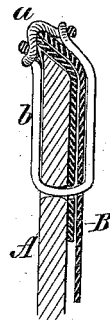


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS W. BRACHER, a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Sweat-Band for Hats, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide certain useful improvements on the sweat-band for which I obtained Letters Patent No. 367,266, dated July 26, 1887.

The invention consists in a sweat-band having a flexible backing placed along its raw edge, a thread running along the joint of said backing and said sweat-band, and a thread passing through the band and backing and interlocking with the thread, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the back of a sweat-band embodying my improvements, and Fig. 2 is a cross section on the line *c c*, Fig. 1.

A in the accompanying drawings represents a portion of a sweat-band.

B is a flexible backing or slip placed directly on the raw edge of said band and extending also on the inner side of said band. The flexible backing is doubled upon itself, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the inner faces thereof meet. The juncture of the doubled parts lies along the raw edge of the band. This flexible backing B is retained in position on the raw edge of the band A by stitches formed by two or more threads, *a b*.

The thread *a* runs along the joint of the band A with the backing B, and the thread *b* passes through the band A, through the doubled flexible backing or slip B, and interlocks with the thread *a* along the joint of A and B. The particular details of this stitch are shown in said Patent No. 367,266, and therefore need not be further explained herein; but reference is to be had to said patent for a more particular description. The raw edge of the band A may be beveled, as in Fig. 2, if preferred. When the threads *a b* are drawn tight, they securely hold the backing B to the raw edge

of the band. Thus the doubled flexible backing is held in a thread-loop between its doubled edge and the point where the thread *b* passes through the band and through both thicknesses of the backing.

By passing the thread *a* along the joint of A and B said joint is covered by interlocked stitches, which materially strengthen the sweat-band. By doubling the backing and placing the doubled edge of the backing along the raw edge of the band the wearing-edge of the backing is not liable to become worn and frayed, which would be the case were a cut edge of the backing used. This backing or slip B will be used as a medium for fastening the sweat-band in the hat. This flexible backing or slip, being placed on the raw edge of the band, not only covers said edge, but a soft-edged sweat-band is produced which will be found very comfortable to the wearer. This band not only has flexibility in the direction of its length, but is also flexible crosswise, which it could not be were a spring used, as has heretofore been the custom.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A soft-edge hat-sweat made of single thickness throughout and combined with the doubled flexible backing or slip B, placed along its side and also along the raw edge of the single-thickness band, substantially as described.

2. A soft-edge hat-sweat made of single thickness throughout and having a doubled flexible backing or slip, B, placed along its side and also along and covering the raw edge of the band, said backing being held to the band by threads that pass over the doubled edge of the backing and the band and through the band and doubled parts of the backing, thereby holding the part of the backing between its doubled edge and the perforations for the thread in a thread-loop, substantially as described.

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