

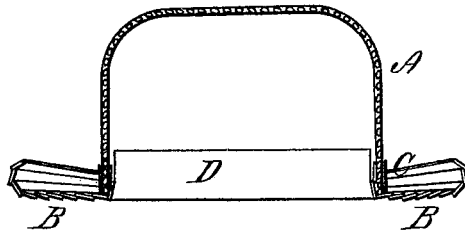
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HAT.

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*Fig. 1.*



*Witnesses*

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# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

CELIUS E. RICHARDS, OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MASS., ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF HIS RIGHT TO SOCRATES SCHOLFIELD, OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.

## IMPROVEMENT IN HATS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **188,951**, dated March 27, 1877; application filed February 16, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CELIUS E. RICHARDS, of North Attleborough, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Summer Hat, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention consists in a light summer hat, constructed with a braid rim attached to a knit crown or body, as a new manufacture.

Figure 1 is a sectional view of a hat embodying my invention.

In the drawing, A is the crown or body of the hat, knit on a knitting-machine from any thread or twine suitable for such purpose, and B is the rim, made of straw or other braid,

sewed together as usual in the manufacture of straw-braid hats, and secured to the knit crown or body of the hat so that the junction may be concealed by the silk band C on the outside, and the sweat-lining D on the inside. These hats are to be formed on a block, and stiffened with sizing and varnish, as usual in the manufacture of hats for summer wear.

I claim as my invention—

A hat consisting of a knit crown or body, combined with a braid rim, as a new manufacture.

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