

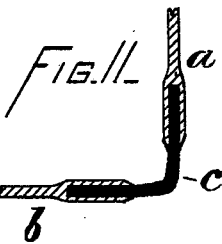
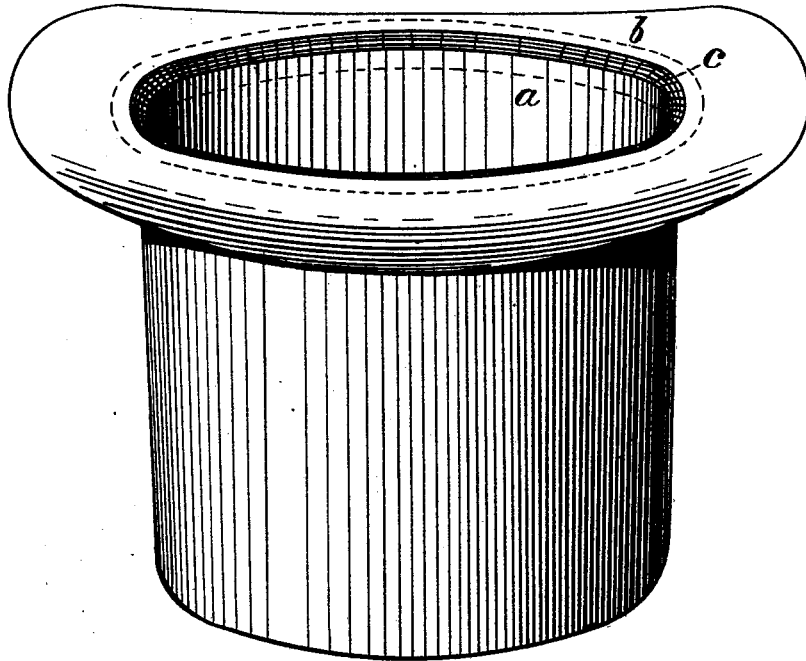
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FIG. 1.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN HATS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MANOEL J. NASCIMENTO, of the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hats; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 a vertical sectional elevation of part of the same, showing an enlarged view of my improvement.

My invention is specially applicable to silk or other hats having stiff or rigid bodies, and in which the side crown and brim are united after their respective formation; and has for its object the provision of a moisture-proof connecting-band between the side crown and brim, which shall at the same time serve as a yielding bearing-surface for the head of the wearer.

My invention consists in the interposition between the brim and the crown of the hat, and the union of the one to the other, of a rubber band or connecting-piece, the application of the rubber band being effectuated by separating the layers of the side crown and brim, as shown in Fig. 2, and inserting and cementing between them the rubber piece.

In Figs. 1 and 2, *a* is the side crown; *b*, the brim, and *c* the rubber connection.

It is obvious that this rubber connecting material may be about the inside of the side crown and on the under face of the brim instead of between the layers, as hereinbefore

described, or that it may extend partially around the hat, so far as is necessary to provide a flexible yielding material for a bearing-surface for the fore part of the head of the wearer, and a moisture-proof guard for the portion of the hat designed to come in contact with the fore part of the head of the wearer.

The advantages of my improvement are, that a hat so made not only presents a yielding and conformable opening for the head of the wearer, but the rubber prevents the discoloration of the hat in the region of the band, by providing an impervious interior band.

I am aware that the side crown and brim of hats have been joined by the interposition of a yielding band of plaited grass and like woven fabrics; but these devices have not provided a moisture-proof connection, and in the process of forming the hat they have been found to become impregnated with the glutinous materials incident to the manufacture, and to become rigid and brittle, and thus become void of their yielding quality.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a hat, the side crown and brim of which are united by a yielding and moisture-proof rubber connecting-piece, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

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