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Sweat-Leather for Hats.

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Fig. 1.

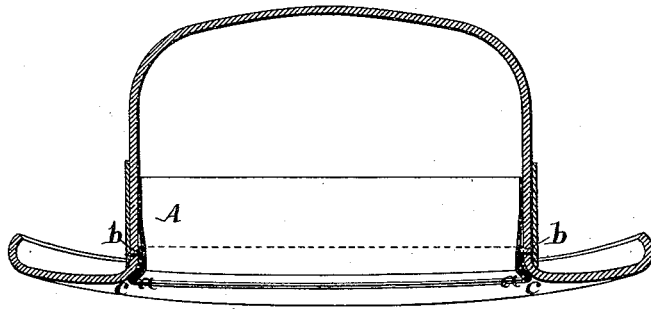


Fig. 2.

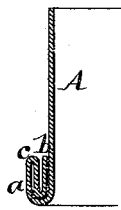
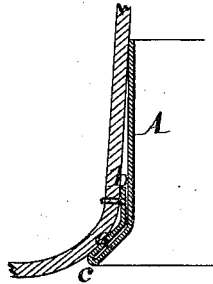


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SWEAT-LEATHERS FOR HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. BUDD, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sweat-Leathers for Hats, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a central section of a hat provided with my improved sweat-leather. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of my sweat-leather, (on a larger scale than the previous figure,) illustrating the manner in which the same is folded for producing the desired shape. Fig. 3 is a similar section, showing the relation between my sweat-leather and the brim and crown of a hat.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a sweat-leather provided with a double flange for overlapping the junction between the crown and the brim of a hat, and with a single flange extending between the body of the sweat-leather and the inner surface of the crown, so that when the sweat-leather is secured to a hat by stitches running through said single flange and through the lower portion of the crown, said stitches are covered by the band embracing the crown, and, furthermore, the exposed edge of the sweat-leather presents a finished appearance.

Sweat-leathers for hats are usually provided with a single flange, which extends over the junction of the crown and brim, and which serves to fasten said sweat-leather to the hat by stitches extending through it and through the brim of the hat. Such stitches, being visible on the outside surface of the brim, are apt to disfigure the hat; and, furthermore, the exposed edge of such a sweat-leather is raw and unfinished.

In attaching such sweat-leather to straw hats, the exposed raw edges have been secured to straw, so as to cover the same up; but thereby the exposed stitches on the outside surface of the brim have not been avoided.

By my invention a finished appearance is imparted to the exposed edge of the sweat-leather, and no stitches are visible on the brim when the hat is finished.

In the drawings, the letter A designates my sweat-leather, which is provided with a double flange, *a*, intended to overlap the junction between the crown and brim of a hat,

and with a single flange, *b*, which extends between the body of the sweat-leather and the inner surface of the crown, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

The flanges *a* and *b* are produced by double folding of the edge of the sweat-leather in the manner shown in Fig. 2. The double flange *a* is turned out to the position shown in Fig. 3, the body of the sweat-leather is drawn out, so as to expose the flange *b*, and this latter flange is sewed to the crown of the hat. This operation can be readily accomplished on a sewing-machine.

After the flange *b* has been thus secured in position, the sweat-leather is turned in to the position shown in Fig. 1; and when the band is attached to the hat, the stitches extending through the flange *b* and through the crown of the hat are concealed. At the same time the exposed edge *c* of my sweat-leather presents a finished appearance, and no stitches are visible on the inner surface of the sweat-leather.

My sweat-leather can be used with advantage on straw hats, soft hats, silk hats, or hats of any description.

It has heretofore been the practice to slightly turn back the lower edges of sweat-bands, in order to present a smooth finished edge, and such turned-back portions have been attached by stitching at the junction of the crown and brim of the hat, so that the attaching-stitches would be concealed; but such practice had not the object nor the effect of my invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the crown and brim of a hat, a sweat-leather having its lower portion *a* turned back to lie between the crown and main portion of said sweat-leather, and attached to the said crown above the junction of the crown and brim, whereby the attaching-seam is covered and concealed, and the doubled sweat-leather overlaps the said junction, and flares outward under and against the brim, presenting the appearance of a sweat-band attached thereto.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of November, 1877.

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