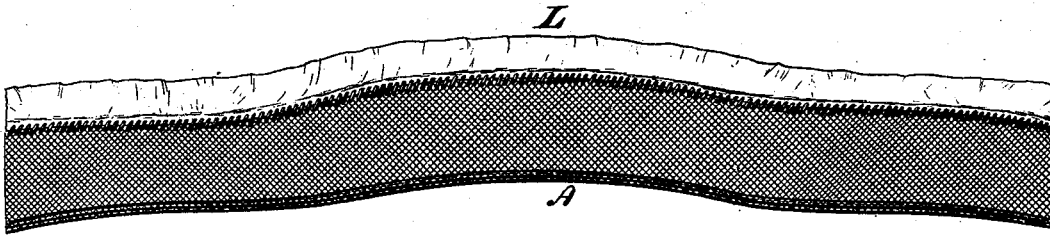


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Figure 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HAT AND CAP SWEATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. RUFUS TERRY, Jr., of the city of New York, county of New York, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat and Cap Sweats, of which the following is a full, true, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

My invention consists in making a hat or cap sweat from a substance known as "leather-board" or "counter-board," by properly treating the same with oils, thereby producing a new article of manufacture, and also in the process of so treating the leather or counter board, and in the product thereby produced.

This leather or counter board, when first produced, is a stiff hard material, in some respects resembling leather, and is largely used in the manufacture of shoes.

My invention consists in so treating this material as to render it suitable for the production of hat and cap sweats, and in the subsequent production therefrom of the band used inside of hats and caps known as the "hat-sweat."

I take a sheet of the article as it comes from the manufacturer, taking care to have it as thin as possible, and first dye it and then treat it with neat's-foot oil, glycerine, and naphtha, though other oils might be used. This neat's-foot oil, glycerine, and naphtha is preferably spread upon the back of the leather or counter board. The other surface is then burnished by what is known as a "dummy," causing the oil to permeate throughout the material, and polishing it. After the leather-board or counter-board has been treated in this way it becomes pliable and very strong, and is well

suited for the production of hat or cap sweats and similar articles in which a tough waterproof material resembling leather is desired.

The hat-sweat so prepared is perfectly waterproof and very strong, allowing of the attachment thereto of the lining by means of stitching.

In the figure, A represents a hat band or sweat formed of my material. L represents the hat or cap lining stitched to its edge.

It is obvious that my improved product resembling leather can be applied to many purposes besides hat-sweats, such as tickets of various kinds, shipping-tags, dress-protectors, and many others; but it is especially useful and convenient for hat and cap sweats.

I am aware that a paper hat-sweat has been patented to William M. Waterbury in 1871, numbered 121,829; but mine differs materially from his, not being constructed of paper nor treated in the manner therein described.

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

1. The process of treating leather or counter board with oils, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, the improved leather-like substance produced by treating leather or counter board with oils, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, hat or cap sweat-bands made from leather or counter board, treated substantially in the manner described.

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