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Hats.

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Fig. 1.

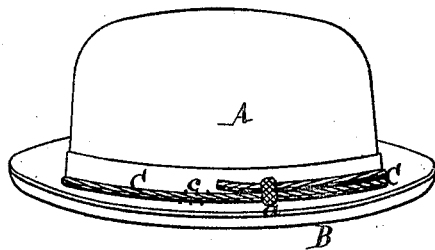
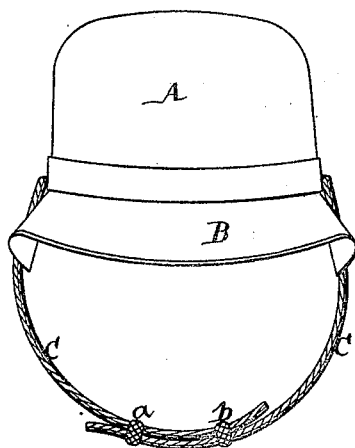


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERRMAN FRIEND, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hats, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a hat containing my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the hat when the chin-band is let down.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention is especially adapted to hats having soft brims; and it consists in combining, with a hat of this character, an extensible chin-band, which is fastened to the lower part of the crown of the hat on the opposite sides thereof, in such a manner that the band can be tightened on the lower part of the crown, so as to surround the same, in which position it forms an ornament to the hat; or the same can be let down and tightened under the chin of the wearer, when it serves not only to hold the hat on the head, but also to bend over and retain the side parts of the hat-brim on the ears.

In the drawing, the letter A designates the crown, and B is the brim, of what is known as a "soft hat," and C is an extensible chin-band combined therewith according to my invention. This band C may be made of any desirable material, and in order to render the same extensible it is attached, at or near its opposite ends, to slides *a b*, embracing the intermediate portion of the band; but this purpose can also be accomplished in other ways. I

fasten the band C to the lower part of the crown A on opposite sides of the hat by stitches or other suitable means, as at *c*, and arrange the slides *a b* forward of these points, so that the band is confined on the rear part of the hat, but left free on the front part thereof.

In clear or warm weather the band C is intended to be adjusted on the lower part of the hat-crown, as shown in Fig. 1, and by its means the appearance of the hat is improved, while in stormy weather the band is intended to be brought under the chin of the wearer and tightened, whereby the side parts of the hat-brim are bent over and held on the ears, and the hat at the same time is firmly held on the head.

The mode of adjusting the band C to its different positions needs no description.

By my invention the appearance and utility of a soft hat are enhanced at a very trifling expense.

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

The combination, with a hat having a soft brim, of an extensible chin-band, which is fastened to the lower part of the hat-crown, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of November, 1878.

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