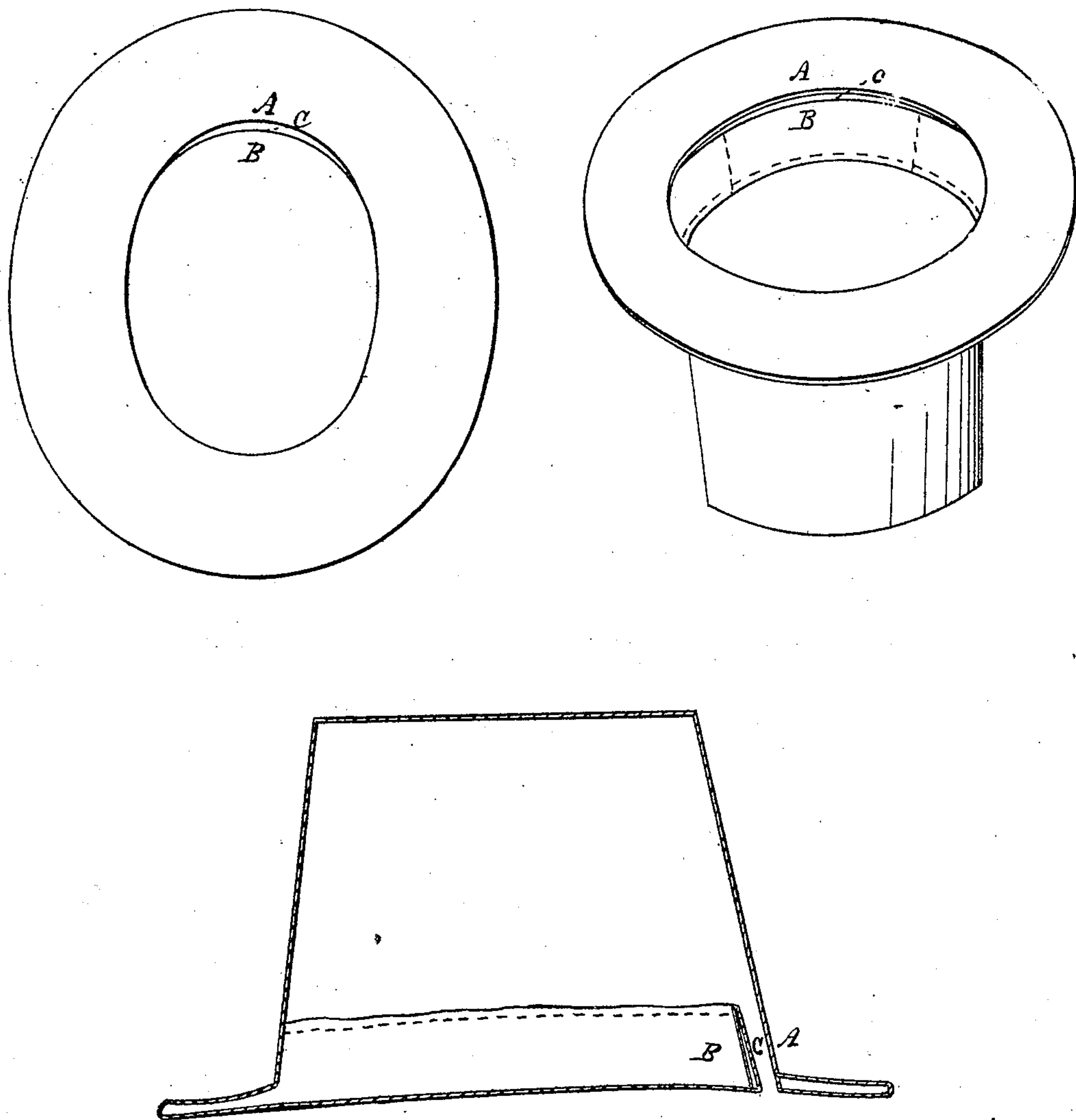


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HATS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 50,809, dated November 7, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JEREMIAH H. EARLE, of Fall River, in the county of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Ventilating Hats; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and letters of reference.

The nature of my invention consists in separating into two parts the body of the hat between the sweat-leather and brim in the front part of the hat, on the inside, for the space of some three or more inches in length and one or more inches in width, so that there shall be an open space between the body of the hat, allowing a free and unobstructed circulation from the inside of the hat through the aperture.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I construct my new and improved hat-ventilator by separating into two parts the body of the hat between the sweat-leather and brim in front on the inside, so that the two parts shall be some three-sixteenths of an inch apart. The inside part extends in width for one or more inches from the brim when it is separated from the outside part, making the hat in front to consist of a double body, the inside body being open at the top and bottom, extending some three or more inches, and united at either

end with the outside body. The inner part or body is made of the same material as the body of the hat—stiff and hard—and formed on and with the hat. In front where this double body is the sweat-leather is fastened to the inside body, and the brim to the outside. The lining is also fastened to the outside.

In a hat constructed in this way there is always an aperture in front between the sweat-leather and lining of some three-sixteenths of an inch in width, extending the length and depth of the double part or body, which permits a free circulation of air from the inside of the hat outside. A hat constructed in this way is much easier for the head than the ordinary hat, and the liability of its being defaced by perspiration avoided.

This mode of ventilating the hat may be used with the ordinary ventilation in the top or side of the hat.

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

1. The separation of the body of the hat into two parts in front and making the inside part or body open at the top and bottom, substantially as described.

2. Fastening the sweat-leather to the inside part or body and the lining and brim to the outside.

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