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STIFFENING HAT BRIMS.

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Fig 1

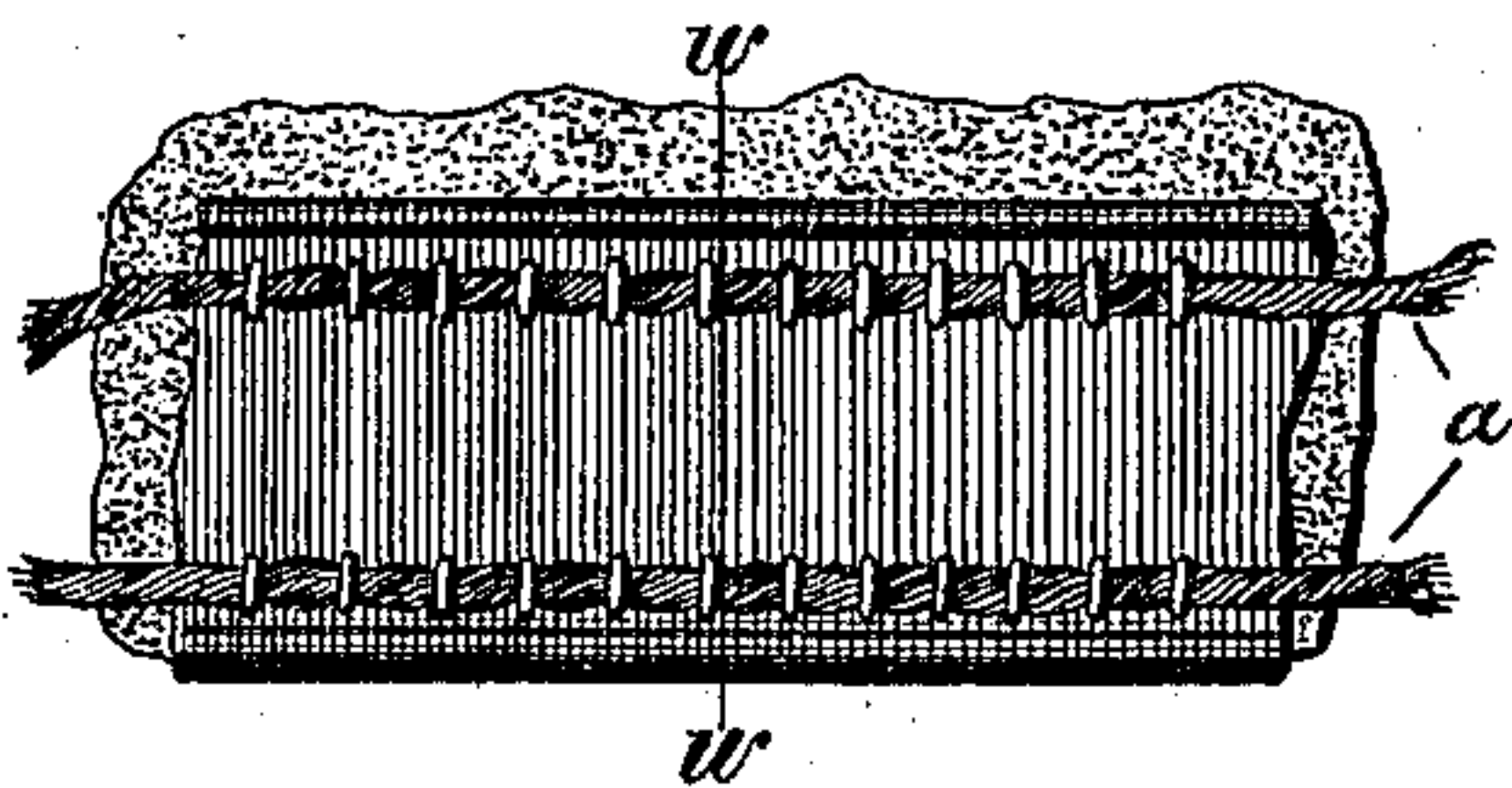


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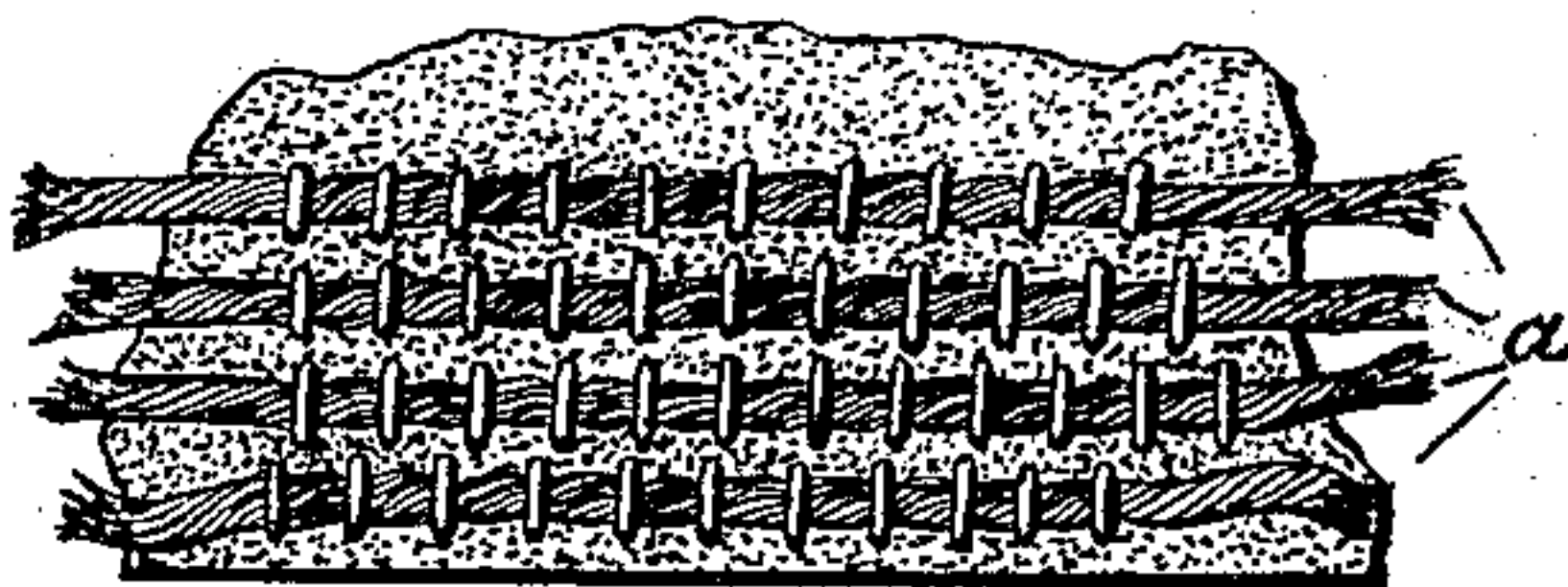


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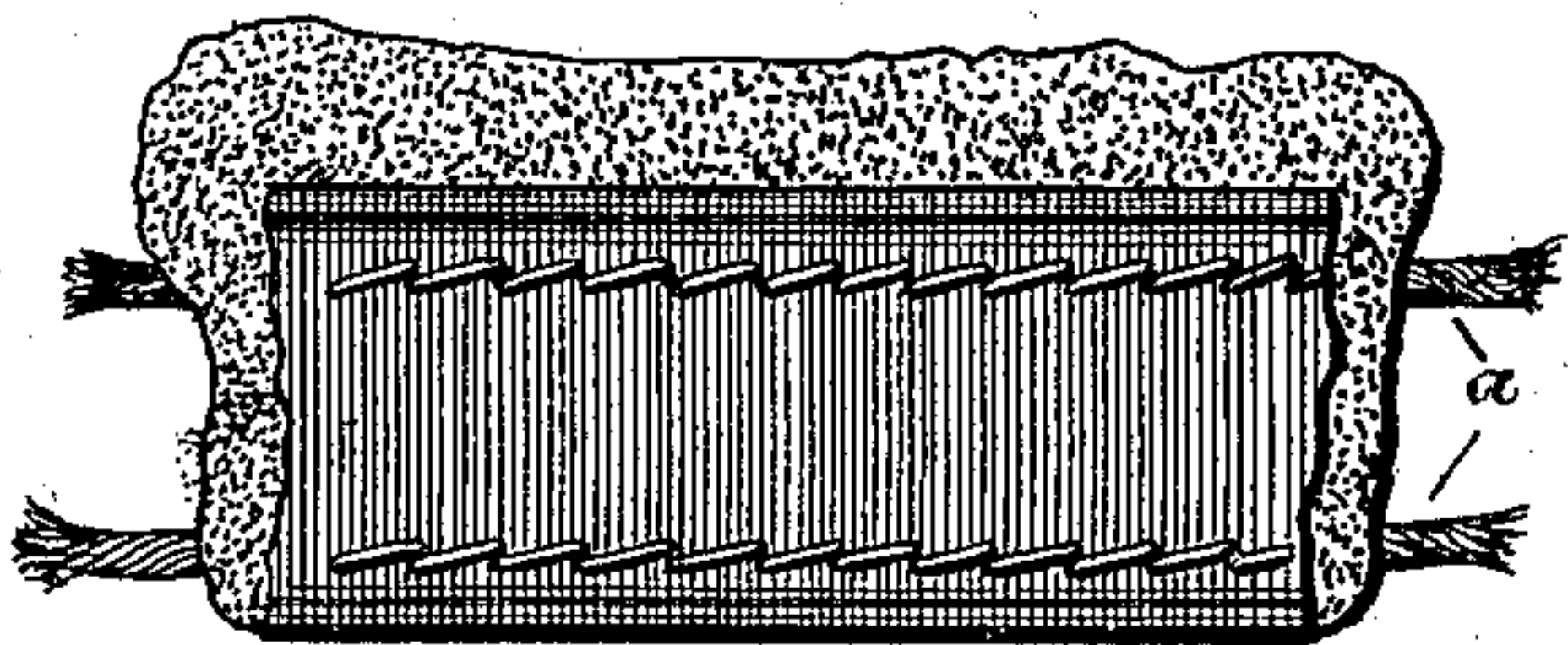


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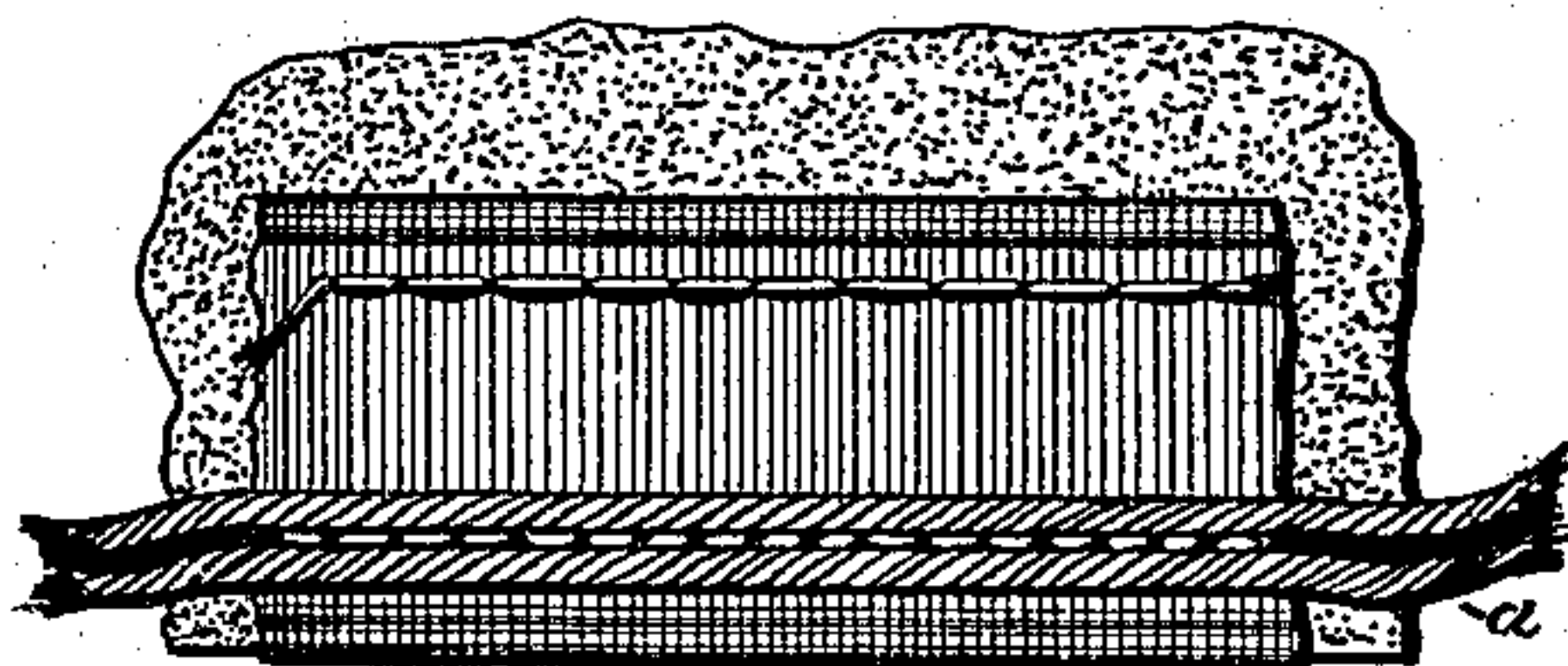


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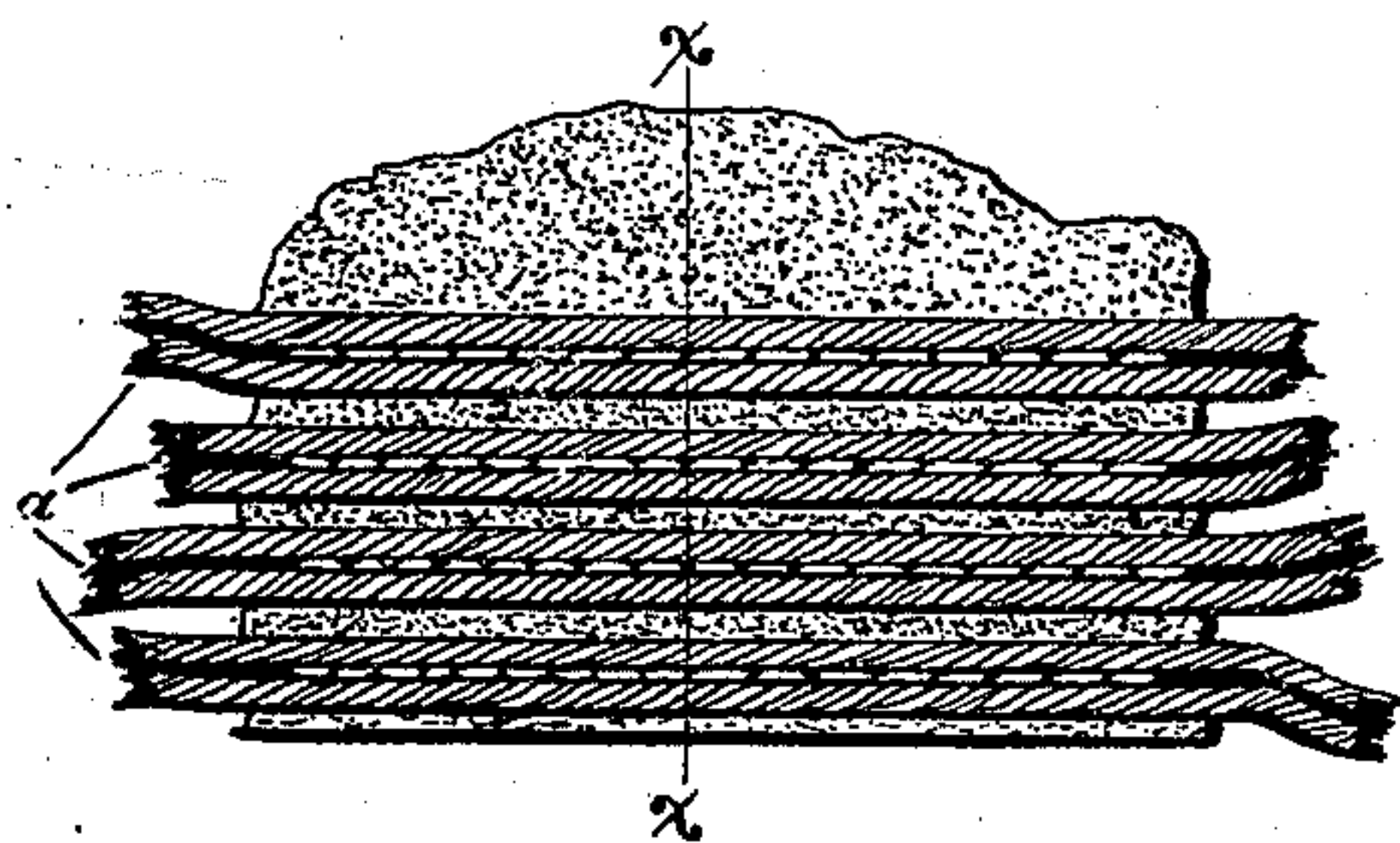


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IMPROVEMENT IN STIFFENING HAT-BRIMS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. DIMOND, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Method of Ornamenting and Stiffening Hat-Brims, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is both to ornament and to stiffen the brim of a hat; which ends I attain by stitching a cord or braid thereon in one or more rows, as hereinafter set forth, the cord or braid being placed upon either the upper or under surface of the brim, as may, owing to its shape or style, be most desirable.

The accompanying drawings, which represent various methods of carrying out my invention, show portions of hat-brims stiffened and ornamented in my improved way.

Figure 1 shows a double cord stitched through the binding of the hat-brim; Fig. 2, a view of the reverse side thereof, and Fig. 6 a section therethrough on the line *ww* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows four rows of cords stitched directly on the hat-brim. Fig. 4 shows a hat-brim stiffened by a braid sewed on the under side of the binding of the hat-brim. Fig. 5 shows four rows of braiding sewed directly on the hat-brim, and Fig. 7 represents a transverse section therethrough on the line *xx* of Fig. 5.

In order to carry out my invention, I sew on a braid, *a*, as shown in Figs. 4, 5, and 7, by the ordinary sewing-machine, or I stitch on a cord, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 6. In the latter case, instead of stitching directly through the cord, as shown in Figs. 4, 5, and 7, I prefer to use the cord as the lower thread of the machine, and to slacken the stitches of the upper thread, so as to cause the cord to lie straight upon the surface of the hat-brim.

By this simple means I am enabled to secure a great variety of ornamentation, as shown in the drawings, while stiffening the brim.

I am aware that the brims of hats have heretofore been stiffened by plain stitching, and do not, broadly, claim such method of stiffening; but

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

As a new article of manufacture, a hat the brim of which is stiffened by one or more rows of cord or braid stitched thereon, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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