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Hat or Cap.

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Fig. 1.

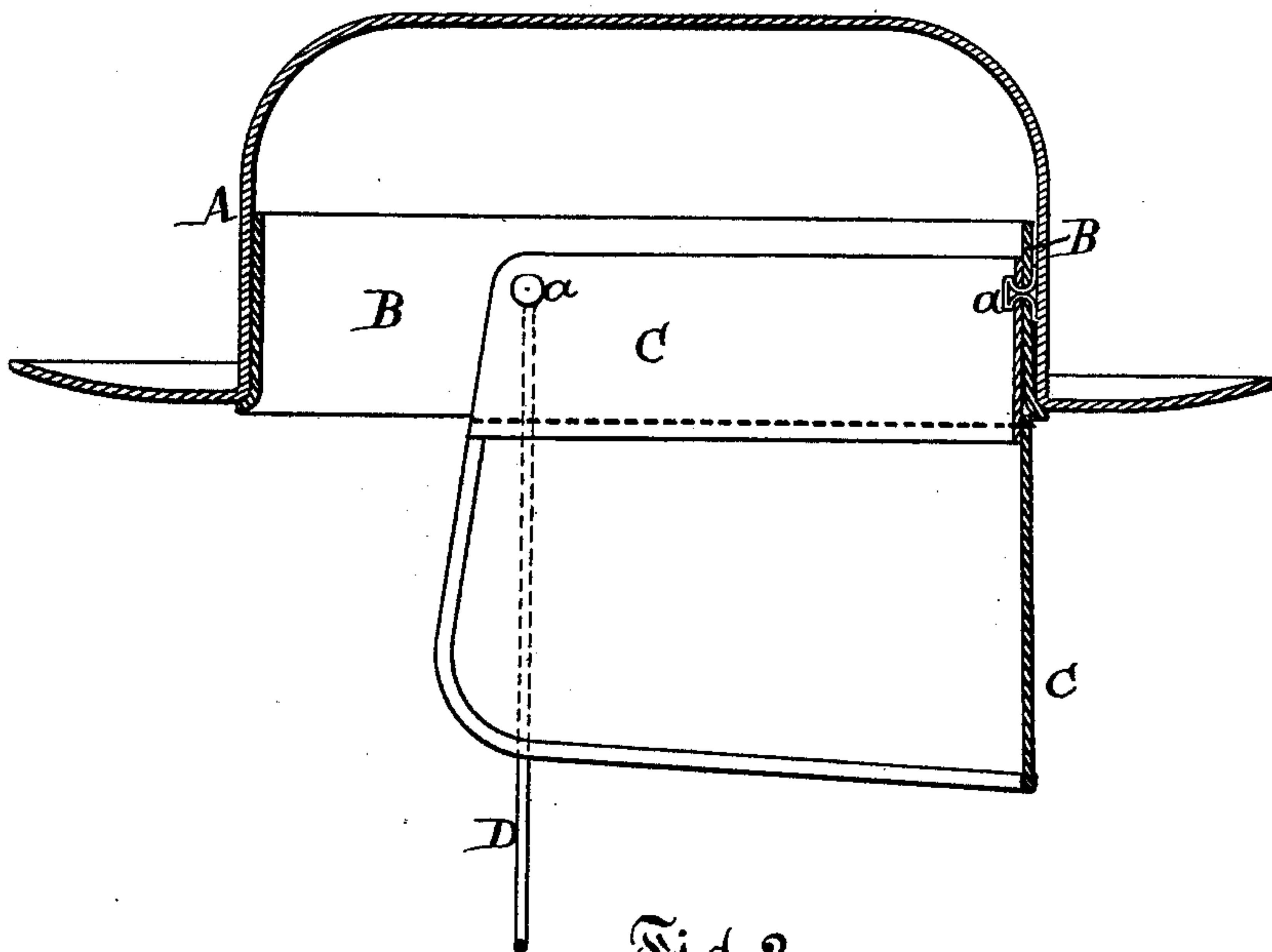
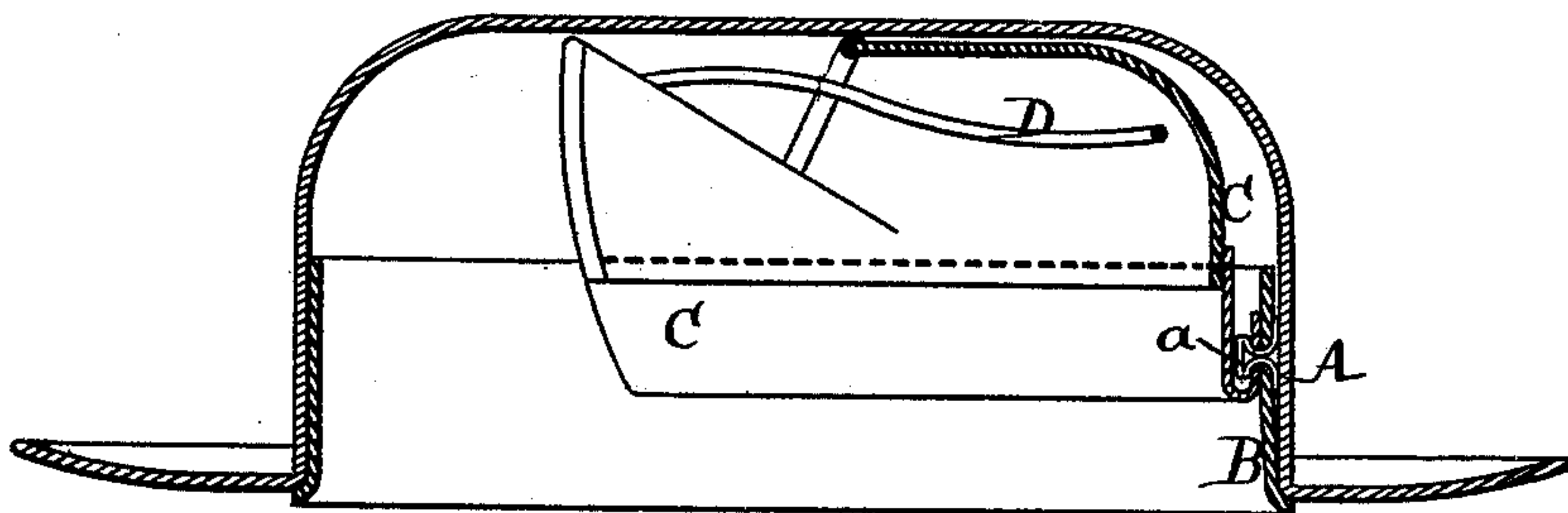


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HATS OR CAPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

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

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal vertical section of a hat embodying my invention, the cape being lowered. Fig. 2 is a similar section thereof when the cape is folded within the hat.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to the attachment to hats or caps of capes, for protecting the ears and neck, and their concomitants.

It consists in combining with a hat or cap an ear and neck protecting cape and a chin-band for holding the cape on the ears, both of which are attached to the sweat-band of the hat or cap by means of detachable fastenings, so that while the cape and chin-band are adapted to be folded within the hat or cap, as well as to be lowered therefrom, a convenient and substantial support is obtained therefor, and both are rendered capable of separation from the hat or cap, leaving the same in a normal condition.

In the drawings, the letter A designates a hat having a sweat-band, B, which is attached thereto in any usual or suitable manner. C is a cape, and D a chin-band, combined with the hat according to my invention.

The cape C is made of suitable shape to cover the ears and neck, and it is attached to the sweat-band B on the rear part of the hat, while the chin-band D is attached to the sweat-band on opposite sides of the hat. This chin-band is preferably made elastic.

For the purpose of attaching the cape C and chin-band D to the sweat-band, I make use of detachable fastenings, which, in the example shown, consist of metallic clasps *a*, and are situated at the back and on opposite sides of the hat, the clasps at the sides serving to attach both the cape and the chin-band. Other well-known devices, however, may be substituted for these clasps.

By the arrangement of the cape C the same is adapted to be folded up within the hat A when not in use, as shown in Fig. 2, as well as to be lowered to envelop the ears and neck, as shown in Fig. 1, while the chin-band D is adapted to hold the cape upon the ears. The advantage of attaching said cape and the chin-band to the sweat-band B is that the two are thus firmly supported, while they can be readily applied thereto; and the object of using the detachable fastenings *a* is to allow the hat to be used without the cape and chin-band, if desirable, the hat being left intact or in a normal condition when the cape and chin-band are removed.

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

The combination, with a hat or cap, of an ear and neck protecting cape and a chin-band for holding the cape on the ears, both attached to the sweat-band of the hat or cap by means of detachable fastenings, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of March, 1879.

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