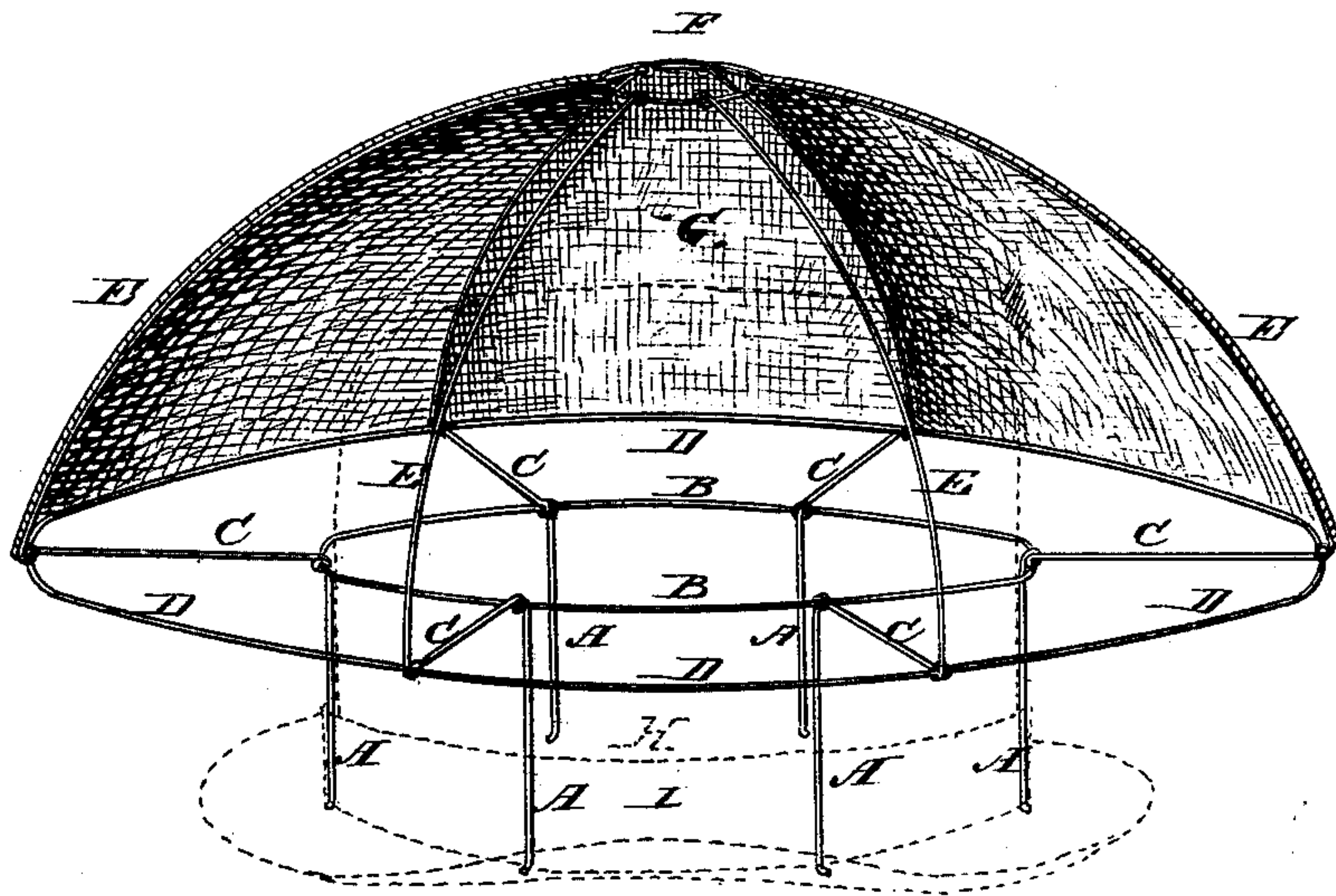


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAT-SHADES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DABNEY C. T. DAVIS, of Greenwood, in the county of Albemarle and State of Virginia, have invented a new and Improved Hat-Shade, of which the following is a specification.

The drawing represents a perspective sectional elevation of the device.

The object of this invention is to furnish a light, cheap, and easily adjustable shade, that may be fitted to any style of hat, and removed at pleasure, for the purpose of keeping off the rays of the sun and inducing a current of air to pass around outside of the hat and in contact with it in order to keep it cool.

The invention consists of three or more upright wires, A A, whose upper ends are soldered or otherwise fastened at equal distances apart to the inner ring, B, while radial wires C C extend from the inner to the outer ring, D, and are securely fastened at both ends. From several points on the outer ring the curved wires E E extend upward and inward to their rigid junction with the top and central ring, F, thus forming and completing an exceedingly light and adjustable frame for the cotton, linen, silk, or other covering G, that may be selected to be put over it for protecting the hat from sun or rain.

This shade is secured to a hat by passing the upright wires A A down between the hat H and the band I, so that the slightly-bent

ends of the wires shall catch and hold under the edge of the band, and these wires may be so inclined, also, that their elasticity will afford additional security.

The well-known sun-hats of India are costly and cumbersome, and can only be worn with comfort in very hot weather, because at other seasons the current of air passing around inside of the hat uncomfortably cools the head of the wearer.

This device is cheap and light, and can at any time be easily applied to or removed from any hat, and its weight complete will not exceed one and a half ounces, or thereabout.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The within-described hat-shade, consisting of upright wires A A, ring B, radial wires C C, ring D, curved wires E E, central ring, F, and covering G, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The within-described hat-shade frame, consisting of wires A A, C C, and E E, and rings B, D, and F, substantially as herein shown and described.

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