

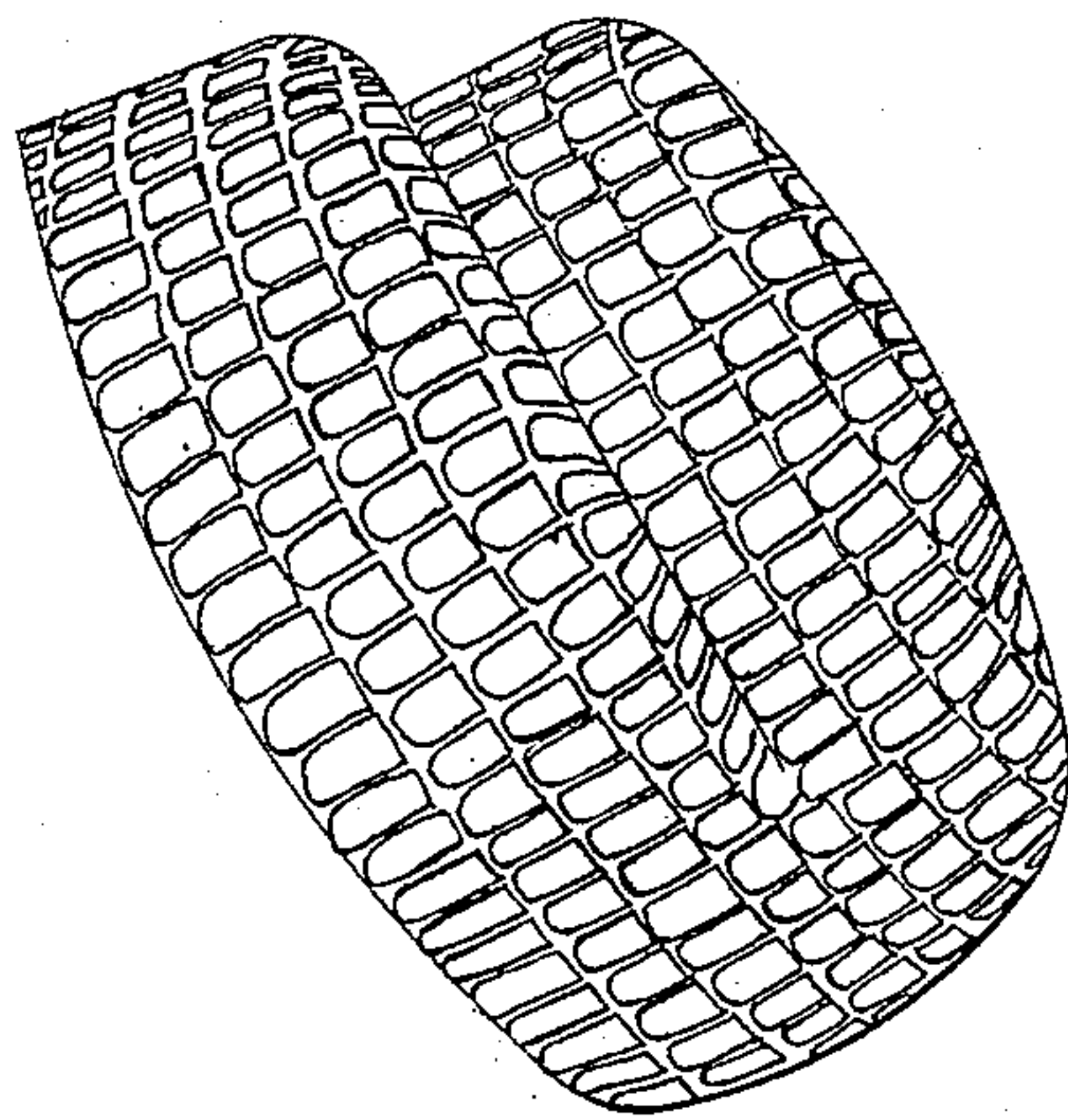
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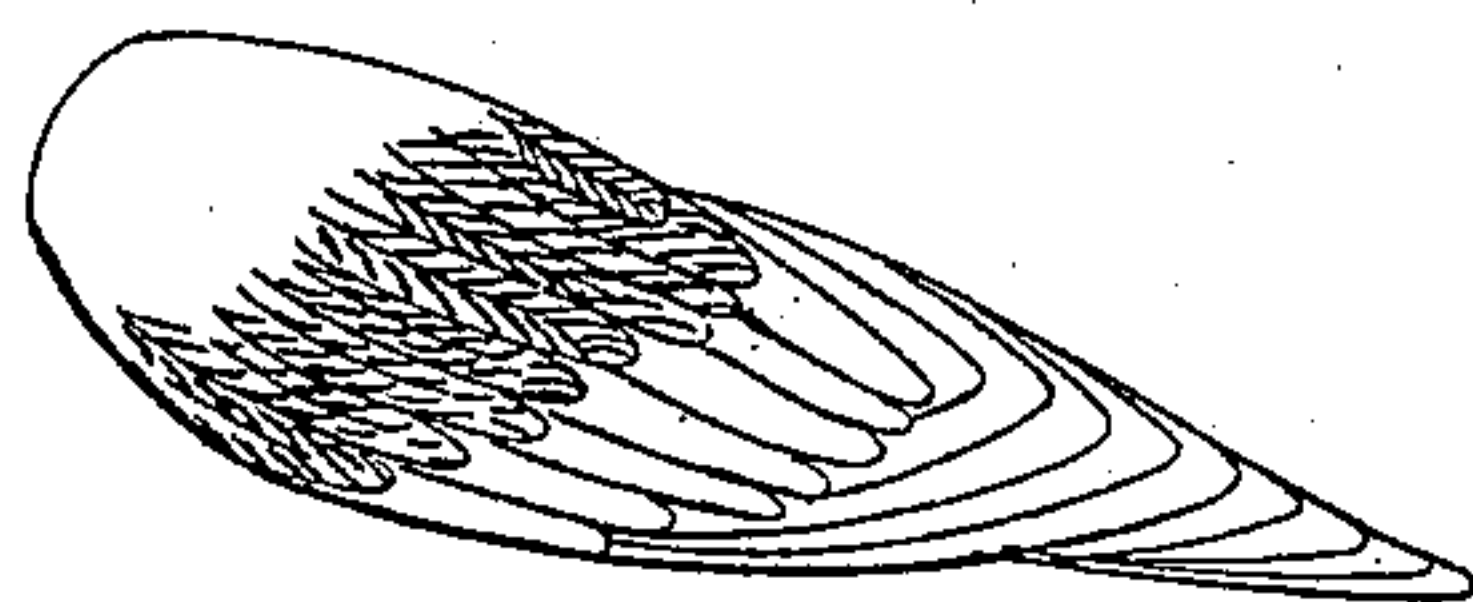
HAT AND OTHER HEAD WEAR.

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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## HAT AND OTHER HEAD-WEAR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH G. SALOMON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hats and other Head-Wear; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates more especially to the manufacture of head-wear—such as ladies' hats, bonnets, and ornamental trimmings therefor, either crimped or uncrimped—such, for example, as imitation wings of birds, butterflies, &c., also flowers, rosettes, and various other ornaments.

The invention consists in manufacturing the same from leather made of alligator's skin or hide, whereby the articles so manufactured are rendered impervious to water or the moisture of the atmosphere, practically indestructible, and capable of retaining their shape indefinitely, while at the same time they are susceptible of being pressed or formed a great number of times into new shapes and styles without apparently impairing the material.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a ladies' hat-body, and Fig. 2 an imitation wing formed from leather made of alligator's skin, as contemplated in my invention, which I have found by experiments to be peculiarly adapted for such purposes.

In carrying out my invention the leather should be much thinner than it is in its nat-

ural state, and to this end I reduce it to the desired thickness by splitting or shaving, and thus also divest it of all its natural horny substance and leave it very flexible and elastic, in which condition, after being soaked in water, it is very easily formed or crimped upon a suitable form into any shape or design which may be desired. After being thoroughly dried it will retain its shape, will not easily get stained or become discolored, and when soiled may be cleansed without injury to color or luster. The leather may be made up in its natural color, or be dyed any color or shade desired, and is water-proof. As prepared for these uses it is lighter than almost any other material of which hat-bodies, &c., are made, and yet is much stronger and more solid than such other materials, is easily sewed, and will hold the thread very tenaciously.

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

1. The improvement in the manufacture of hat-bodies and ornaments therefor from leather made of alligator's skin or hide, by being formed or pressed into shape therefrom, and then dried, substantially as described, for the purposes set forth.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a hat-body or ornament therefor formed from leather made of alligator's hide, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of August, 1883.

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