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FIG. 1.

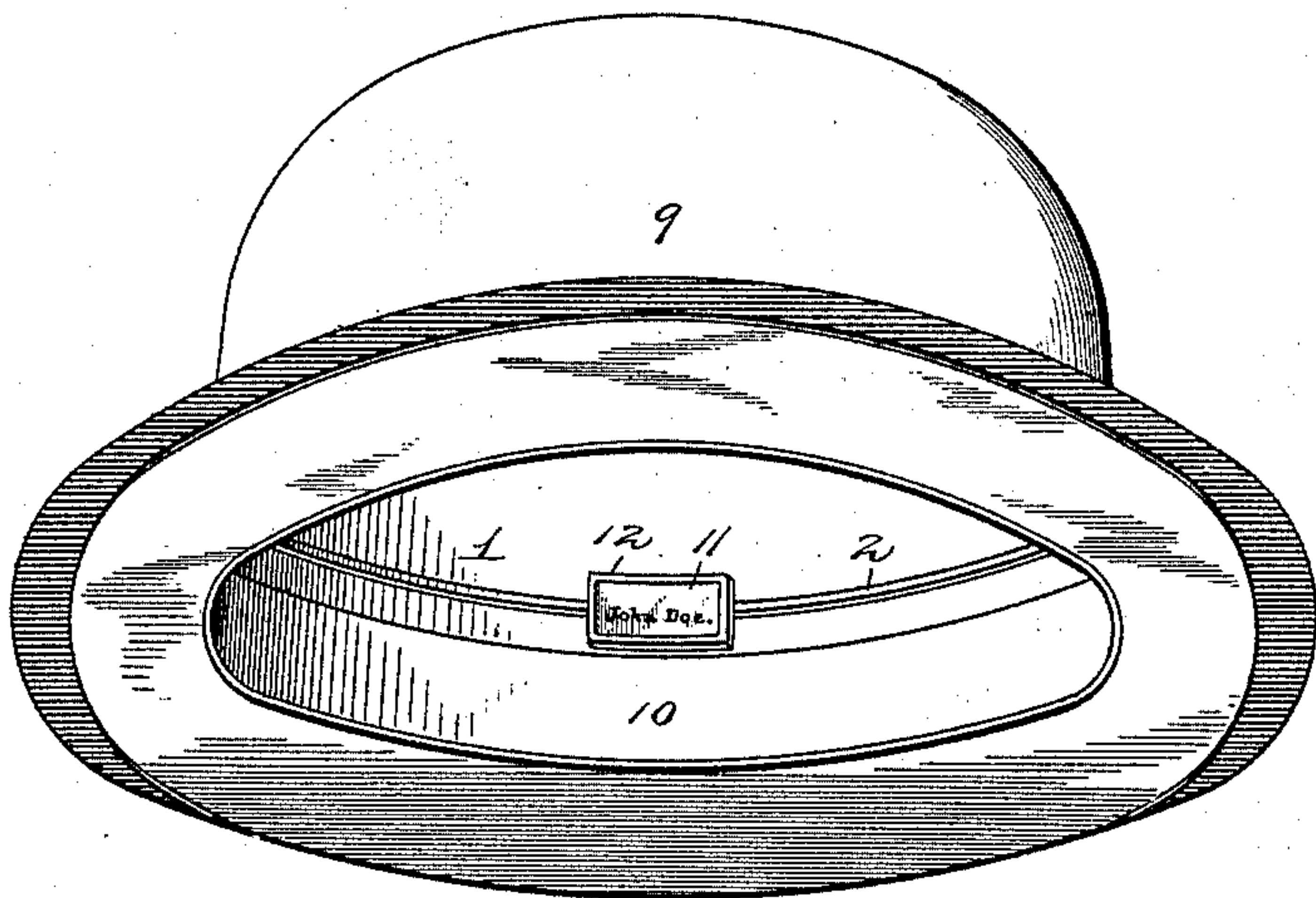


FIG. 2.

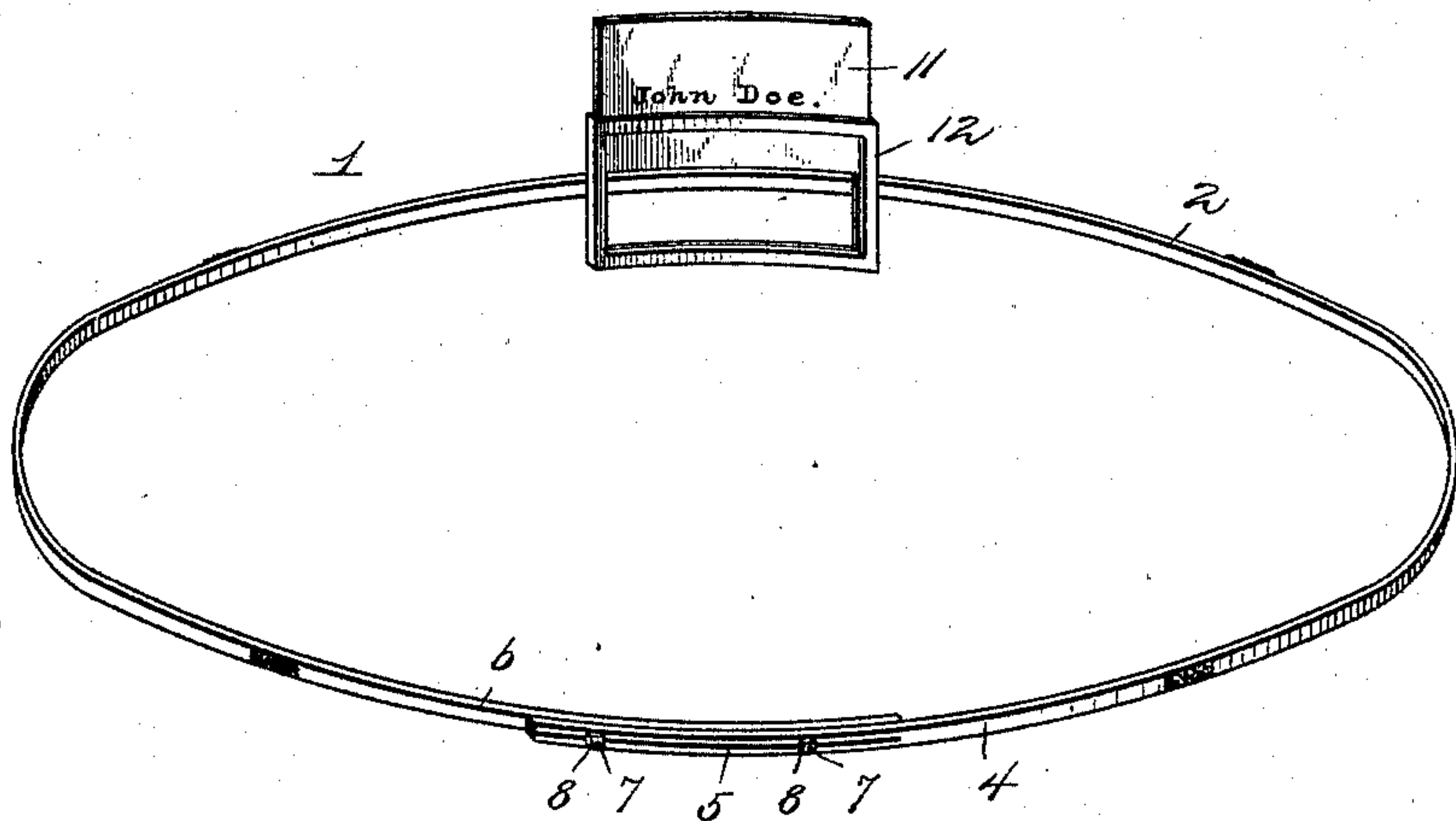
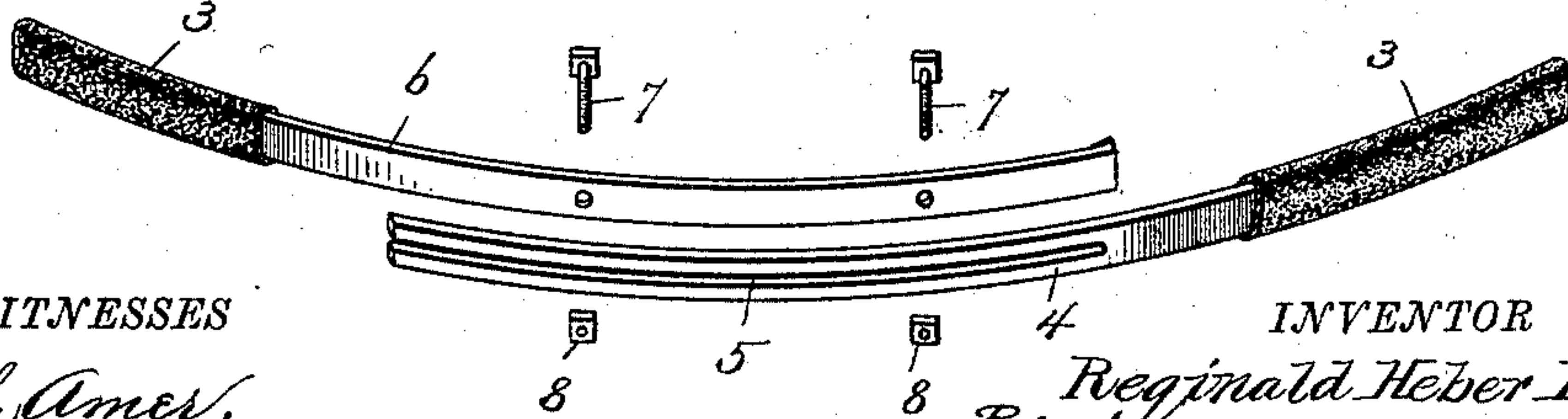


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REGINALD HEBER INNES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plate-Holders for Hats; 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.

My invention relates to a frame adapted to be inserted within a hat and to carry or hold a card or plate on which the owner's name is inscribed, the object being to provide a simple and cheap construction of holder which is adjustable to fit hats of different sizes.

To this end my invention consists in certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts in a device of the class of the card specified, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an inverted perspective view of a hat, showing my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder removed. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing how the two ends of the holding-band are connected.

Name plates or cards have heretofore been extensively employed in connection with hats and other articles for the purpose of identification, but so far as I am aware have been attached to the hat by pasting, by prongs projecting from the name-plate and passing through the sweat-band, and also by other fastening devices.

My invention contemplates the provision of a name plate or card holding band adapted for use with any name-plate and capable of being adjusted to suit various sizes of hats.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the holder, which comprises a band 2, of thin sheet-steel, curved to conform to the shape or the contour of the hat and covered or sheathed with cloth or rubber 3 in order to prevent the band from slipping around the hat and becoming dislodged and also to prevent injury to the hat by chafing from the steel band. If desired, however, the band may be constructed of aluminium or other

metal, and the surface of the sheathing 3 may be roughened or serrated, as shown in Fig. 2.

The two ends of the holding-band are connected together, so as to render them adjustable, in order that the band may be lengthened or shortened to suit various sizes of hats. In carrying this out one end 4 of the band is provided with a longitudinal slot 5, and the other end 6 has screws 7, the shanks of which are passed through the slot in the end 4 and engaged by nuts or screw-caps 8, whereby the two band ends are clamped together and maintained in the position to which the ends have been adjusted. The limit of adjustments of the holding-band is regulated by the length of the slot 5.

In practice the holding-band 1 is inserted within the hat 9, so as to extend around and press against the crown thereof adjoining the sweat-band 10. The name-plate 11 may be constructed of metal and suitably connected with the holder-band, but preferably is provided with a frame 12 to hold a simple visiting-card. By this construction the holding-band may be readily and conveniently detached from one hat and inserted within and adjusted to fit any other hat, and any suitable name plate or card may be held thereby in the hat for purpose of identification.

My invention provides a simple and effective construction of device which possesses the advantage of being adapted for connection with any hat without mutilating the hat and may be manufactured at a very small cost.

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A name plate or card holding device for hats, comprising a band curved to correspond with the shape of the hat, a card-holding frame carried thereby, means for adjustably connecting the ends of the band together for adjusting the said band longer or shorter, and a rough-surfaced sheathing or covering inclosing the band and adapted to prevent slipping thereof around the hat, substantially as described.

2. A name plate or card holding device for hats, comprising a band of metal curved to

correspond with the shape of the hat and provided in one end with a slot, screws attached to the other end of the band and passing through said slot and confined by nuts or
5 screw-caps, and a sheathing of cloth or rubber covering the metal band and having its surface serrated or roughened, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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