

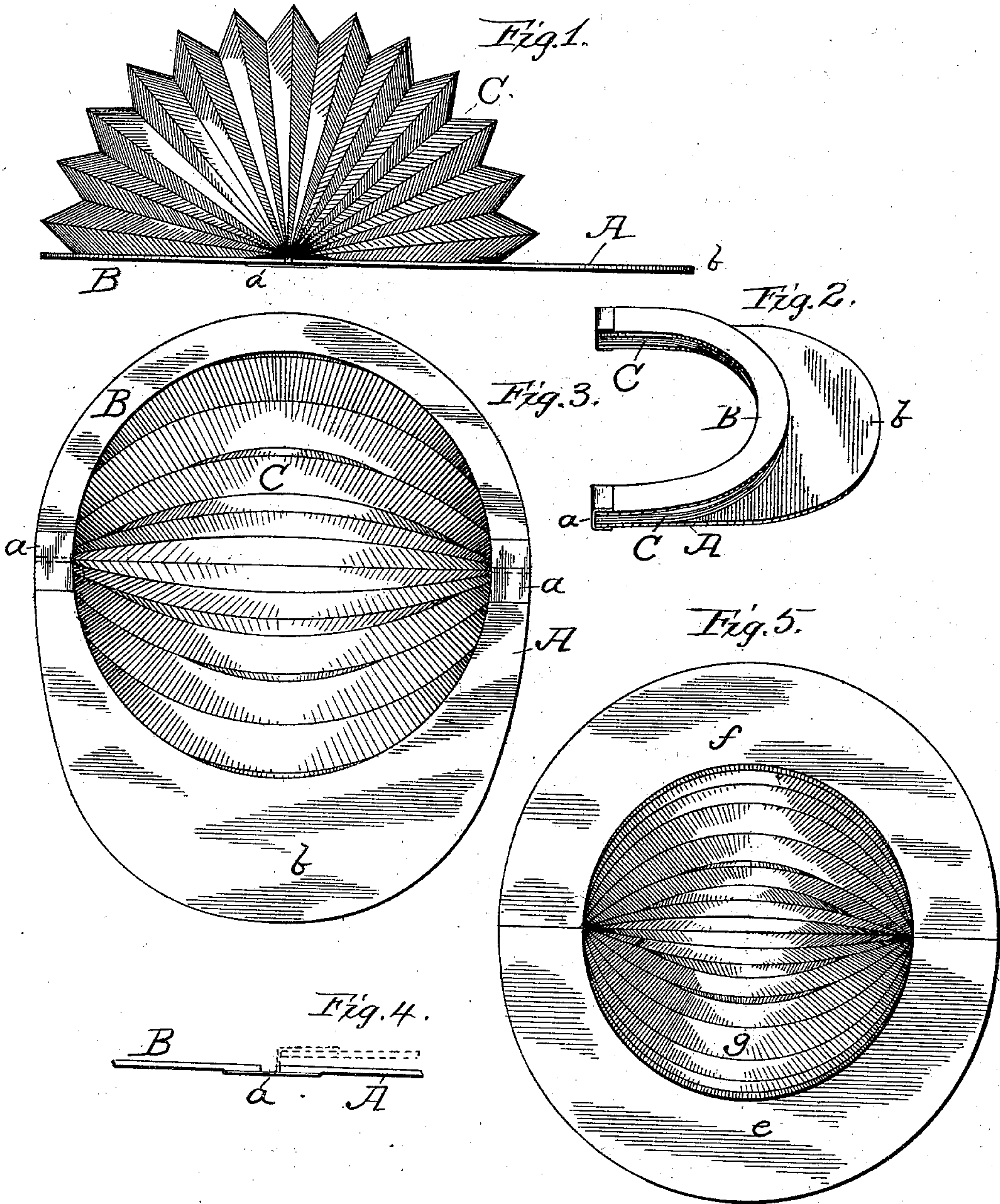
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL H. VON KLEIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hats or Caps, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to provide a hat or cap of unique construction which while capable of extensive adaptation as a practical headgear for warm climates is particularly suitable for use during patriotic and festive occasions and which can be collapsed or folded into the smallest possible compass and carried about the person or packed for transportation without the slightest injury resulting therefrom. This I accomplish by the means hereinafter fully described and as particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a cap constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same closed or folded. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 4 is a detail view illustrating the joint or hinge of the band or rim. Fig. 5 is a plan view of a hat constructed in accordance with my invention.

My invention whether employed in the construction of a hat or cap uses a brim and dispenses entirely with the part known to the art as the "band," although when the nature of the invention is fully understood it will be seen that this feature could be added. In constructing either a hat or cap this brim, which is constructed of some suitable stiff material and projects horizontally from the head of the wearer, is jointed, preferably, at points diametrically opposite each other, so as to divide the brim into two parts or sections, each of which will surround one-half the circumference of the head.

In the drawings the forward section A of the cap therein illustrated and the rear section B are so shaped that their ends approach each other and are hinged together at points next the side of the head, just above and in front of the ears, by means of a suitable strip of cloth *a* or by any other suitable means.

The peak or vizor *b* of the cap is formed by suitably widening the forward section A of the brim in any desirable manner and to any desirable extent midway between its ends. The rear section B, I prefer to make the same width as the ends of the forward section A throughout its length and to curve the inner edge thereof so that it will correspond to the curvature of the inner edge of the said forward section so that together they can surround and conform to the circumference of the head of the wearer.

The crown C of my invention consists of transversely-corrugated or accordion-plaited fabric of suitable length and width, which is concaved longitudinally, so that its end plaits are curved to conform to the curvature of the inner edges of sections A and B, to the flat sides of which they are pasted or otherwise secured in such manner that the ends of the plaits converge toward and end at or adjacent to the hinges of the brim in such manner that when the sections are folded flatwise upon each other the crown will, like the bellows of an accordion, fold together and when said sections A and B of the brim are opened, so as to come in the same horizontal plane, will form a crown, substantially as shown in the drawings.

For patriotic and festive occasions I prefer to make the crown C of paper and to flute the same longitudinally or at right angles to the plaits, so as to facilitate the curving of the paper transversely to conform to the shape of the crown without crumpling the paper. Any suitable fabric can be employed in the construction of the crown of my improved hat or cap, however, whether paper, cloth, straw, or other material, and any suitable stiff material can be used in making the brim, whether pasteboard, felt, wood, straw, or other material.

The only difference in the construction of the cap shown in the first three figures of the drawings and the hat shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings is that the forward and rear sections *e* and *f* of the brim are substantially of the same shape and are made wider, so as to project out from the crown *g*, so as to shade the face.

All changes having in view the substitution of one material for another or mere differences

of design I desire to be considered as coming within the scope of my invention.

What I claim as new is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a hat or
5 cap having a band consisting of a forward section and a rear section, the ends of which are hinged to those of the forward section, and having an accordion-plaited crown secured to said band so that the ends of the plaits converge toward and terminate at the said hinge.
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2. As an article of manufacture, a hat or cap, the crown of which consists of a collapsible accordion-plaited fabric the ends of the

plaits of which are converged at points opposite each other.

3. As an article of manufacture, a hat or cap having a flat rim or band of stiff material provided with joints at points opposite each other, and a crown of accordion-plaited fabric suitably fastened to said band, the ends
20 of which converge toward and are secured at said joints.

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