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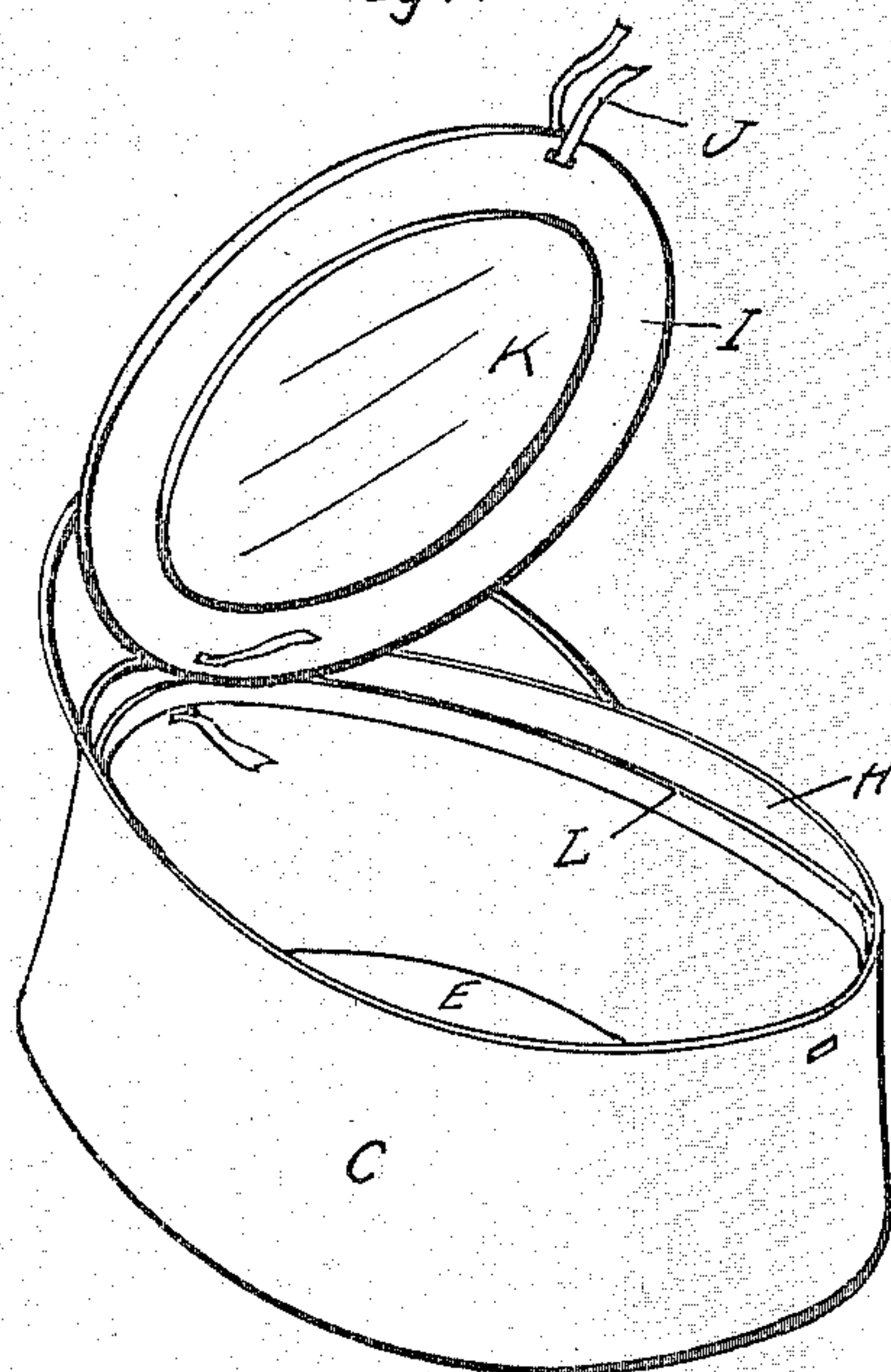
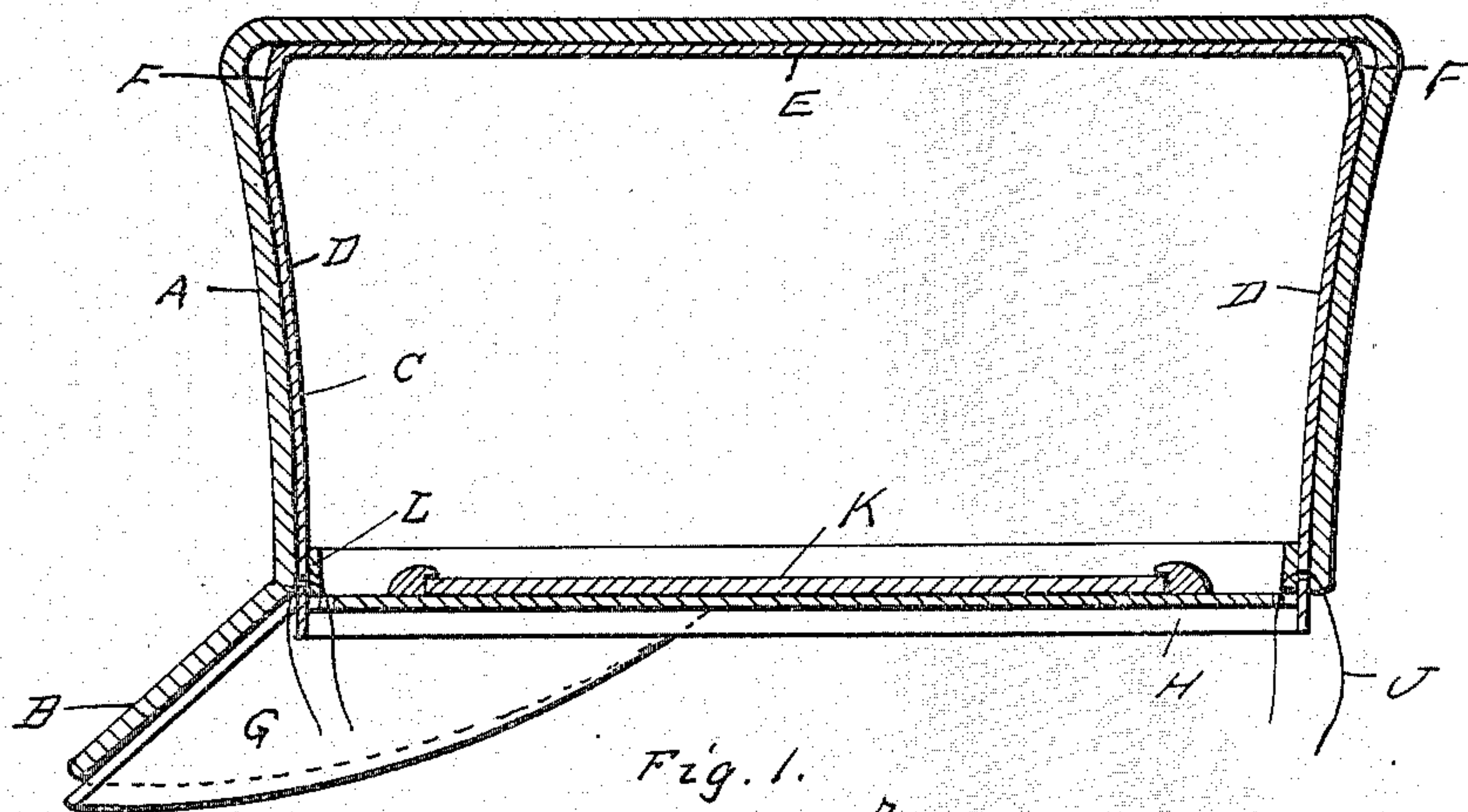
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. FOGG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Biddeford, in the county of York and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Travelers' Hat-Conformers; 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 improvements in travelers' hat-conformers.

It consists of a rigid form adapted to be inserted within a hat or cap when the same is put or kept within a trunk, so as to retain the shape of the cap or hat and prevent it from being crushed. It has been found necessary for people traveling with a limited amount of baggage, especially as in the case of officers of the army and navy, where it is necessary for them to carry one or more hats of various styles, to pack them in their ordinary trunks. This has always been a cause of annoyance to the persons and injury to the cap from the fact that as the trunk is moved from place to place and its contents jostled within it the cap is likely to be crushed.

My invention is designed to obviate this difficulty and at the same time to provide a receptacle which will not entirely fill up the space within the hat or cap which has been previously used as a receptacle for small or light articles.

In the drawings herewith accompanying and forming a part of this application, Figure 1 is a sectional view of a cap, showing my improved conformer in position in the cap; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the conformer itself.

The same letters of reference refer to like parts in both figures.

In said drawings, A represents a cap which may be of any form, the cap shown in the illustration being such a cap as is adopted by the United States Army. Said cap is provided with a vizor or projection B.

C is my improved conformer, which may be made of any material, preferably of fiber or papier-mâché, the only restriction to the material being that it shall not be of very great

weight and at the same time present sufficient rigidity and strength to prevent any ordinary weight from crushing the same or breaking it. My conformer is provided with sides D and a top piece E. At the point where the sides meet the top piece the angle caused by the meeting of these parts is cut away or beveled, as seen at F, so as to admit of the conformer being easily inserted in and withdrawn from a cap. It is also provided with an extended rim or flange G, running at an angle to the sides, the form shown in the drawings being applicable only to hats provided with a vizor. I do not wish to be limited to this form, as my device can be applied with equal utility to any form or shape of hat provided with the so-called "vizor" or with a rim extending entirely around the bottom of the hat, the only variation necessary being the increasing or decreasing of the angle made by said rim or flange with the sides of the conformer. The conformer, as will be seen at H in the drawings, extends below the lower edges of the cap. This is to prevent the bottom of the cap from being crushed or distorted when being carried in a trunk or bag. My conformer is also provided with a cover or bottom piece I, which is attached to the main body in any desired manner. As shown in the drawings, it is by means of bits of ribbon J, so as to admit of the same being easily removed from the conformer, if so desired. I also provide a mirror K, which may be attached in any suitable manner to the bottom of the conformer. The inner portion of the conformer is provided with a rim or shoulder L, upon which the cover I is adapted to rest. This serves to prevent the cover from being forced beyond the predetermined distance into the hollow or open space in the conformer. By constructing the cover in this manner and having the same fit closely within the conformer it presents additional means of strength by giving an equal thrust to all portions of the conformer and in this way thoroughly prevents the sides of the conformer from collapsing. The conformer being hollow can be used as a receptacle for small articles, such as handkerchiefs and stockings, or as a carrier for toilet articles.

I do not wish to be limited to the exact

form of conformer as shown in the drawings, as slight alterations in form and configuration can be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

5 Having thus described my invention and its use, I claim—

1. In a traveler's hat-conformer, rigid walls, a top piece attached thereto, a cover detachably connected to said walls and adapted
10 to rest upon a shoulder running around the inner sides of said walls and to serve as a strengthener therefor and a flange running at an angle from said walls at or near their lower ends, the altitude of the walls of said
15 conformer being greater than the depth of the hat in which it is inserted.

2. In a traveler's hat-conformer, rigid walls, a top provided with beveled corners on its outer edges, a cover detachably connected to
20 said walls adapted to rest upon a suitable shoulder running around the inner sides of said walls and to serve as a strengthener therefor and a rim running at an angle from

the lower extremity of the walls thereof to conform to the shape of the vizor or rim of a
25 cap, the depth of the conformer being greater than the depth of the cap.

3. In a traveler's hat-conformer, rigid walls, a top provided with beveled corners on its outer edges, a shoulder on the inner sides of
30 the walls and near the lower extremity thereof, a cover detachably hinged to said walls adapted to tightly fit within the same and rest upon the shoulder, a mirror attached to the inner side of said cover and a rim or
35 flange running at an angle to the walls thereof, the height of the walls of the conformer being greater than the depth of the hat in which it is inserted.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, 40
in presence of two witnesses, this 18th day of August, 1999.

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